

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 MESSER CONSTRUCTION CO. HOURLY EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT PLAN
1b	Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 002
1c	Effective date of plan 01/01/1993
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) MESSER CONSTRUCTION CO. 643 W COURT STREET CINCINNATI, OH 45203-1511
2b	Employer Identification Number (EIN) 31-0740877
2c	Plan Sponsor's telephone number 513-242-1541
2d	Business code (see instructions) 236200

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.	10/14/2024	MATTHEW BARNEY
	Signature of plan administrator	Date	Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator
SIGN HERE	Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature.	10/14/2024	MATTHEW BARNEY
	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 1200
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) 658 6a(2) 656 6b 17 6c 496 6d 1169 6e 3 6f 1172 6g(1) 1091 6g(2) 1151 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:
 2E 2H 2T 3H

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 _____
- (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 MESSER CONSTRUCTION CO. HOURLY EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT PLAN	B Three-digit plan number (PN) 002
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 MESSER CONSTRUCTION CO.	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 31-0740877

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).....

No

Yes

X
- 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)

EAGLE CAPITAL MGMT

22-3361201

(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?
28 50	INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT	20354	Yes ☐ No ☒	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

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

JPMCB MGMT FEE

13-4994650

(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?
28 50	INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT	54490	Yes ☐ No ☒	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

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

MARINER INSTITUTIONAL LLC

59-3676225

(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?
28 50	INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT	30000	Yes ☐ No ☒	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

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)

PRINCIPAL FINANCIAL GROUP

42-0127290

(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?
15 50	RECORDKEEPER /BOOKKEEPER	71666	Yes ☐ No ☒	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

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

PARMS & COMPANY

01-0548473

(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?
49 50	OTHER SERVICES	23700	Yes ☐ No ☒	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

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

PNC - INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT

25-1211909

(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?
28 50 15	INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT	7441	Yes ☐ No ☒	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

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)

SAWGRASS ASSET MGMT

59-3488505

(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?
28 50	INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT	12144	Yes ☐ No ☒	Yes ☐ No ☐		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 ☐

(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
(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
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Part II Service Providers Who Fail or Refuse to Provide Information

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

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

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

Explanation:

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

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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
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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 MESSER CONSTRUCTION CO. HOURLY EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT PLAN	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ► 002
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 MESSER CONSTRUCTION CO.	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 31-0740877

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

Assets		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
a Total noninterest-bearing cash	1a		
b Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts):			
(1) Employer contributions	1b(1)	370778	534516
(2) Participant contributions	1b(2)		
(3) Other	1b(3)	86106	56077
c General investments:			
(1) Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit)	1c(1)	1599432	1060195
(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)	5508730	6549695
(4) Corporate stocks (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(4)(A)		
(B) Common	1c(4)(B)	6008510	
(5) Partnership/joint venture interests	1c(5)		
(6) Real estate (other than employer real property)	1c(6)		
(7) Loans (other than to participants)	1c(7)		
(8) Participant loans	1c(8)		
(9) Value of interest in common/collective trusts	1c(9)		
(10) Value of interest in pooled separate accounts	1c(10)		
(11) Value of interest in master trust investment accounts	1c(11)		
(12) Value of interest in 103-12 investment entities	1c(12)		
(13) Value of interest in registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds)	1c(13)	26236050	30114088
(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	39809606	38314571
Liabilities			
g Benefit claims payable	1g		
h Operating payables	1h	13117	17554
i Acquisition indebtedness	1i		
j Other liabilities	1j		
k Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through 1j)	1k	13117	17554
Net Assets			
l Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f)	1l	39796489	38297017

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)	3892954	
(B) Participants	2a(1)(B)		
(C) Others (including rollovers)	2a(1)(C)		
(2) Noncash contributions	2a(2)		
(3) Total contributions. Add lines 2a(1)(A) , (B) , (C) , and line 2a(2)	2a(3)		3892954
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)	342558	
(D) Loans (other than to participants)	2b(1)(D)		
(E) Participant loans	2b(1)(E)		
(F) Other	2b(1)(F)		
(G) Total interest. Add lines 2b(1)(A) through (F)	2b(1)(G)		342558
(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)	476407	
(D) Total dividends. Add lines 2b(2)(A) , (B) , and (C)	2b(2)(D)		476407
(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)	4296005	
(C) Total unrealized appreciation of assets. Add lines 2b(5)(A) and (B)	2b(5)(C)		

		(a) Amount	(b) Total
(6) Net investment gain (loss) from common/collective trusts.....	2b(6)		
(7) Net investment gain (loss) from pooled separate accounts.....	2b(7)		
(8) Net investment gain (loss) from master trust investment accounts.....	2b(8)		
(9) Net investment gain (loss) from 103-12 investment entities.....	2b(9)		
(10) Net investment gain (loss) from registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds)	2b(10)		-148948
c Other income	2c		2515
d Total income. Add all income amounts in column (b) and enter total	2d		8861491

Expenses

e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers	2e(1)	4485662	
(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)		4485662
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)	88254	
(3) Recordkeeping fees.....	2i(3)		
(4) IQPA audit fees.....	2i(4)	23700	
(5) Investment advisory and investment management fees	2i(5)	122773	
(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)		234727
j Total expenses. Add all expense amounts in column (b) and enter total	2j		4720389

Net Income and Reconciliation

k Net income (loss). Subtract line 2j from line 2d	2k		4141102
l Transfers of assets:			
(1) To this plan	2l(1)		
(2) From this plan	2l(2)		5640574

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: **PARMS & COMPANY, LLC**

(2) EIN: **01-0548473**

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

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

Part IV Compliance Questions

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

During the plan year:

	Yes	No	Amount
a Was there a failure to transmit to the plan any participant contributions within the time period described in 29 CFR 2510.3-102? Continue to answer "Yes" for any prior year failures until fully corrected. (See instructions and DOL's Voluntary Fiduciary Correction Program.)		☒	
b Were any loans by the plan or fixed income obligations due the plan in default as of the close of the plan year or classified during the year as uncollectible? Disregard participant loans secured by participant's account balance. (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part I if "Yes" is checked.)		☒	
c Were any leases to which the plan was a party in default or classified during the year as uncollectible? (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part II if "Yes" is checked.)		☒	
d Were there any nonexempt transactions with any party-in-interest? (Do not include transactions reported on line 4a. Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part III if "Yes" is checked.)		☒	
e Was this plan covered by a fidelity bond?	☒		500000
f Did the plan have a loss, whether or not reimbursed by the plan's fidelity bond, that was caused by fraud or dishonesty?		☒	
g Did the plan hold any assets whose current value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?		☒	
h Did the plan receive any noncash contributions whose value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?		☒	
i Did the plan have assets held for investment? (Attach schedule(s) of assets if "Yes" is checked, and see instructions for format requirements.)	☒		
j Were any plan transactions or series of transactions in excess of 5% of the current value of plan assets? (Attach schedule of transactions if "Yes" is checked and see instructions for format requirements.)	☒		
k Were all the plan assets either distributed to participants or beneficiaries, transferred to another plan, or brought under the control of the PBGC?		☒	
l Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan?		☒	
m If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.)		☒	
n If 4m was answered "Yes," check the "Yes" box if you either provided the required notice or one of the exceptions to providing the notice applied under 29 CFR 2520.101-3.			

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

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

5b(1) Name of plan(s)	5b(2) EIN(s)	5b(3) PN(s)
MESSER INC. EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN	20-1963972	001

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 MESSER CONSTRUCTION CO. HOURLY EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT PLAN		B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 002
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 MESSER CONSTRUCTION CO.		D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 31-0740877
Part I	Distributions	
All references to distributions relate only to payments of benefits during the plan year.		
1 Total value of distributions paid in property other than in cash or the forms of property specified in the instructions.....		1 0
2 Enter the EIN(s) of payor(s) who paid benefits on behalf of the plan to participants or beneficiaries during the year (if more than two, enter EINs of the two payors who paid the greatest dollar amounts of benefits): EIN(s): 42-0127290		
Profit-sharing plans, ESOPs, and stock bonus plans, skip line 3.		
3 Number of participants (living or deceased) whose benefits were distributed in a single sum, during the plan year		3
Part II	Funding Information (If the plan is not subject to the minimum funding requirements of section 412 of the Internal Revenue Code or ERISA section 302, skip this Part.)	
4 Is the plan administrator making an election under Code section 412(d)(2) or ERISA section 302(d)(2)? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A		
If the plan is a defined benefit plan, go to line 8.		
5 If a waiver of the minimum funding standard for a prior year is being amortized in this plan year, see instructions and enter the date of the ruling letter granting the waiver. Date: Month _____ Day _____ Year _____		
If you completed line 5, complete lines 3, 9, and 10 of Schedule MB and do not complete the remainder of this schedule.		
6 a Enter the minimum required contribution for this plan year (include any prior year accumulated funding deficiency not waived)		6a
b Enter the amount contributed by the employer to the plan for this plan year		6b
c Subtract the amount in line 6b from the amount in line 6a. Enter the result (enter a minus sign to the left of a negative amount)		6c
If you completed line 6c, skip lines 8 and 9.		
7 Will the minimum funding amount reported on line 6c be met by the funding deadline? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A		
8 If a change in actuarial cost method was made for this plan year pursuant to a revenue procedure or other authority providing automatic approval for the change or a class ruling letter, does the plan sponsor or plan administrator agree with the change? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A		
Part III	Amendments	
9 If this is a defined benefit pension plan, were any amendments adopted during this plan year that increased or decreased the value of benefits? If yes, check the appropriate box. If no, check the "No" box. ☐ Increase ☐ Decrease ☐ Both ☐ No		
Part IV	ESOPs (see instructions). If this is not a plan described under section 409(a) or 4975(e)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code, skip this Part.	
10 Were unallocated employer securities or proceeds from the sale of unallocated securities used to repay any exempt loan?..... ☐ Yes ☐ No		
11 a Does the ESOP hold any preferred stock? ☐ Yes ☐ No		
b If the ESOP has an outstanding exempt loan with the employer as lender, is such loan part of a "back-to-back" loan? (See instructions for definition of "back-to-back" loan.) ☐ Yes ☐ No		
12 Does the ESOP hold any stock that is not readily tradable on an established securities market? ☐ Yes ☐ No		
For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the Instructions for Form 5500.		
Schedule R (Form 5500) 2023 v. 230707		

Part V Additional Information for Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans

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

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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 ____/____/____ (MM/DD/YYYY) and the Opinion Letter serial number _____.	

AUDIT REPORT

Messer Construction Co. Hourly Employees' Retirement Plan

EIN: 31-0740877
Plan No: 002

Financial Statements as of and for the
Years Ended December 31, 2023 and 2022,
Supplemental Schedules as of the
Year Ended December 31, 2023, and
Independent Auditors' Report

MESSER CONSTRUCTION CO. HOURLY EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT PLAN

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To Committee Members and Participants of the
Messer Construction Co. Hourly Employees' Retirement Plan

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Messer Construction Co. Hourly Employees' Retirement Plan, an employee benefit plan subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), which comprise the statements of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, and the related statements of changes in net assets available for benefits for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the net assets available for benefits of Messer Construction Co. Hourly Employees' Retirement Plan as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, and the changes in its net assets available for benefits for the years then ended, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. 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 Messer Construction Co. Hourly Employees' Retirement Plan and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audits. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

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

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about Messer Construction Co. Hourly Employees' Retirement 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

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 Messer Construction Co. Hourly Employees' Retirement Plan 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 Messer Construction Co. Hourly Employees' Retirement Plan Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

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

Supplemental Schedules Required by ERISA

Our audits were conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements as a whole. The supplemental schedules listed in the Table of Contents, together referred to as “supplemental information” 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 has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audits of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards.

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

Farms & Company, LLC

Columbus, Ohio
July 29, 2024

MESSER CONSTRUCTION CO. HOURLY EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT PLAN

**STATEMENTS OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2023 AND 2022**

	2023	2022
ASSETS:		
Investments at fair value:	\$ 37,723,978	\$ 39,352,722
Receivables:		
Employer contribution receivable	534,516	370,778
Accrued dividends	<u>56,077</u>	<u>86,106</u>
Total receivables	<u>590,593</u>	<u>456,884</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	38,314,571	39,809,606
LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable	<u>(17,554)</u>	<u>(13,118)</u>
NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS	<u>\$ 38,297,017</u>	<u>\$ 39,796,488</u>

See notes to financial statements.

MESSER CONSTRUCTION CO. HOURLY EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT PLAN

STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023 AND 2022

	2023	2022
ADDITIONS:		
Investment income:		
Net appreciation (depreciation)		
in fair value of investments	\$ 4,149,574	\$ (10,995,471)
Interest and dividends	<u>818,965</u>	<u>849,415</u>
	4,968,539	(10,146,056)
Less: investment expense	<u>(91,806)</u>	<u>(151,756)</u>
	4,876,733	(10,297,812)
Contributions — employer contributions	<u>3,892,954</u>	<u>3,571,498</u>
Total additions	<u>8,769,687</u>	<u>(6,726,314)</u>
DEDUCTIONS:		
Benefits paid to participants	(4,485,662)	(5,020,875)
Plan expenses	<u>(142,922)</u>	<u>(132,971)</u>
Total deductions	<u>(4,628,584)</u>	<u>(5,153,846)</u>
Transfer to Messer Construction Co.		
Employee Stock Ownership Plan (See Note 7)	<u>(5,640,574)</u>	<u>(7,394,285)</u>
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	(1,499,471)	(19,274,445)
NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS:		
Beginning of year	<u>39,796,488</u>	<u>59,070,933</u>
End of year	<u>\$ 38,297,017</u>	<u>\$ 39,796,488</u>

See notes to financial statements.

MESSER CONSTRUCTION CO. HOURLY EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT PLAN

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

AS OF AND FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023 AND 2022

1. DESCRIPTION OF THE PLAN

The following description of the Messer Construction Co. Hourly Employees' Retirement Plan (the "Plan"), is provided for general information purposes only. Participants should refer to the Plan Document for more information.

General — The Plan, effective January 1, 1993, and amended and restated January 1, 2016, is a defined contribution plan covering eligible hourly employees of the Messer Construction Co. (the "Company") who meet stipulated service requirements. An appointed committee controls and manages the operations and administration of the Plan. The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).

Contributions — The Company's contribution to the Plan is determined by the Board of Directors. Participant contributions are not permitted.

Participant Accounts — Each participant's account is credited with an allocation of the Company's contribution and Plan earnings. Plan expenses are allocated to each participant's account based on each participant's relative share of assets. Allocations are based on participant earnings or account balances, as defined, or the requirements of the prevailing wage laws.

Investments — Investment decisions are made by the trustees within the provisions of the trust agreement and based on consultation with an investment advisor independent of the Company. The Plan invests primarily in money market funds, mutual funds, certificates of deposits, U.S. government securities, common stocks, and corporate bonds in accordance with the Plan's Investment Policy Statement.

Vesting — Participants are immediately vested in their account balances.

Payment of Benefits — Upon retirement or termination of service, as defined, a participant is entitled to receive their vested balance in a lump-sum distribution. At December 31, 2023 and 2022 there were no amounts allocated to accounts of persons who have elected to withdraw from the Plan, but have not yet been paid.

2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Accounting — The accompanying financial statements are prepared 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 GAAP requires Plan management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities and changes therein, and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Risks and Uncertainties — The Plan utilizes various investment instruments. Investment securities, in general, are exposed to various risks, such as interest rate, credit, and overall market volatility. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities, it is reasonably possible that changes in the values of investment securities will occur in the near term and that such change could materially differ from the amounts reported in the financial statements.

MESSER CONSTRUCTION CO. HOURLY EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT PLAN

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

AS OF AND FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023 AND 2022

3. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Investment Valuation and Income Recognition — The Plan's investments are stated at fair value. Fair value is the price that would be received upon sale of an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. See Note 3 for discussion on fair value measurements. Purchases and sales 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.

Management fees and operating expenses charged to the Plan for investments in the diversified portfolio are deducted from income and are not separately reflected. Consequently, management fees and operating expenses are reflected as a reduction of investment return for such investments.

Asset Valuation Techniques — Valuation technologies maximize the use of relevant observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs. The following is a description of the valuation methodologies used for assets measured at fair value. There have been no changes in the methodologies used at December 31, 2023 and 2022.

Common Stocks — Valued at the closing price reported on the active market on which the individual securities are traded.

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 and to transact at that price. The mutual funds held by the Plan are deemed to be actively traded.

Corporate Bonds — Valued using pricing models maximizing the use of observable inputs for similar securities. This includes basing value on yields currently available on comparable securities of issuers with similar credit ratings. When quoted prices are not available for identical or similar bonds, the bond is valued under a discounted cash flows approach that maximizes observable inputs, such as current yields of similar instruments, but includes adjustments for certain risks that may not be observable, such as credit and liquidity risks or a broker quote, if available.

U.S. Government Securities — Valued using pricing models maximizing the use of observable inputs for similar securities.

Cash Equivalents — Held primarily in short-term money market commingled funds, which are valued at cost plus accrued interest.

Collective Trust Fund — Valued using pricing models maximizing the use of observable inputs consistent with practices prevailing within real estate appraisal and real estate investment management industries. Collective trust investments that are measured at fair value using the net asset value per share as practical expedient have not been classified in the fair value hierarchy.

Items Measured at Net Asset Value — In accordance with ASU No. 2009-12, the Plan includes disclosures to address the category, fair value, redemption frequency, and redemption notice period for those assets whose fair value is estimated using the net asset value per share as of December 31, 2023 and 2022. The mutual funds (investments other than Collective Trust Fund) do not have a finite life, unfunded commitments, or significant restrictions on redemptions.

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2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Investment	Fair Value Estimated Using Net Asset Value December 31, 2023			
	Fair Value*	Redemption Frequency	Other Redemption Restrictions	Redemption Notice Period
JPMCB Strategic Property Fund	\$ 4,476,907	Quarterly	None	45 days prior
Total	<u>\$ 4,476,907</u>			

Investment	Fair Value Estimated Using Net Asset Value December 31, 2022			
	Fair Value*	Redemption Frequency	Other Redemption Restrictions	Redemption Notice Period
JPMCB Strategic Property Fund	\$ 5,517,847	Quarterly	None	45 days prior
Total	<u>\$ 5,517,847</u>			

The use of net asset value as a fair value is deemed appropriate, as these funds do not have a finite life, unfunded commitments, or significant restrictions on redemptions.

Administrative Expenses — The Plan has elected to pay its direct administrative expenses. The Plan also pays investment related expenses inclusive of investment manager fees. Indirect administrative expenses are covered by the Plan Sponsor.

Subsequent Events — The Plan has evaluated subsequent events through July 29, 2024, the date that these financial statements were available for issuance, to determine if either recognition or disclosure of significant events or transactions is required.

4. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

ASC 820, *Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures*, provides a framework for measuring fair value. In accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, the Plan classifies its investments into Level 1, which refers to securities valued using quoted prices from active markets for identical assets; Level 2, which refers to securities not traded on an active market but for which observable market inputs are readily available; and Level 3, which refers to securities valued based on significant unobservable inputs. Assets are classified in their entirety based on the lowest level of input that is significant to the fair value measurement. The Plan's policy is to recognize significant transfers between levels at the end of the reporting period. The following tables set forth by level within the fair value hierarchy a summary of the Plan's investments measured at fair value on a recurring basis at December 31, 2023 and 2022.

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

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3. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS (continued)

We evaluate the significance of transfers between levels based upon the nature of the financial instrument and size of the transfer relative to total net assets available for benefits. For the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, there were no transfers between levels. The table below includes the major categorization for debt and equity securities on the basis of the nature and risk of the investments at December 31, 2023:

Fair Value Measurements at December 31, 2023, Using				
	Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1)	Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)	Total
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,060,195	-	-	\$ 1,060,195
Corporate bonds		1,749,532	-	1,749,532
U.S. government securities		4,800,163	-	4,800,163
Corporate common stocks:		-	-	-
Mutual fixed income funds	2,485,498	-	-	2,485,498
Mutual equity funds	23,151,683	-	-	23,151,683
Investments at fair value	<u>\$ 26,697,376</u>	<u>6,549,695</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>\$ 33,247,071</u>
Collective trust fund*	-			4,476,907
Total Investments				<u>\$ 37,723,978</u>

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3. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS (continued)

The table below includes the major categorization for debt and equity securities on the basis of the nature and risk of the investments at December 31, 2022:

Fair Value Measurements at December 31, 2022, Using				
	Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1)	Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)	Total
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,599,432	-	-	\$ 1,599,432
Corporate bonds	-	2,192,577	-	2,192,577
U.S. government securities	-	3,316,153	-	3,316,153
Corporate common stocks:	6,008,508	-	-	6,008,508
Mutual fixed income funds	4,288,078	-	-	4,288,078
Mutual equity funds	16,430,127	-	-	16,430,127
Investments at fair value	<u>\$ 28,326,145</u>	<u>5,508,730</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>\$ 33,834,875</u>
Collective trust fund*	-			5,517,847
Total Investments				<u>\$ 39,352,722</u>

* In accordance with ASU 2015-07, certain investments that are measured at fair value using the net asset value per share as practical expedient 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 total investments of the Master Trust.

During the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, the Plan's investments (including gains and losses on investments bought and sold, as well as changes in position during the year), appreciated by \$4,149,574 and depreciated by \$10,995,471, respectively.

5. EXEMPT PARTY-IN-INTEREST TRANSACTIONS

The Plan has certain investments in shares of a money market fund managed by BlackRock of which PNC has an ownership in. PNC is the custodian, as defined by the Plan and, therefore, these transactions qualify as party-in-interest transactions.

6. PLAN TERMINATION

Although it has not expressed any intention 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 the provisions set forth in ERISA.

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7. FEDERAL INCOME TAX STATUS

The Internal Revenue Service has determined and informed the Company by a letter dated March 15, 2018, that the Plan and related trust are designed in accordance with applicable regulations of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC). The Company and Plan management believe that the Plan is currently designed and operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC and the Plan and related trust continue to be tax-exempt. Therefore, no provision for income taxes has been included in the Plan's financial statements.

GAAP requires Plan management to evaluate tax positions taken by the Plan and recognize a tax liability (or asset) if the Plan has taken an uncertain position that more likely than not would not be sustained upon examination by the IRS. The Plan 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.

8. TRANSFERS TO EMPLOYEE STOCK OPTION PLAN

During plan year 2020, the Plan was amended to allow an elective transfer during the annual HERP-to-ESOP election period. During that period, certain eligible participants may elect to transfer to the ESOP an amount no more than 50% of their vested account in the Plan and not less than \$25,000. During plan years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, participant elective transfers to the ESOP totaled \$5,640,573 and \$7,394,285, respectively.

SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULES

MESSER CONSTRUCTION CO. HOURLY EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT PLAN

Employer ID No: 31-0740877

Plan No: 002

**FORM 5500, SHCEDULE H, PART IV, LINE 4i - SCHEDULE OF ASSETS (HELD AT END OF YEAR)
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2023**

Identity of Issuer, Borrower, or Similar Party	Description of Investment Including Maturity Date, Rate of Interest, Par, or Maturity Value	Current Value	Cost
Cash and Cash Equivalents			
PNC Bank	1.970% PNC Bank Checking Account	173,831	173,831
Federated HERMES Government	ERISA & DISC IRA FD#07	886,364	886,364
	Subtotal	1,060,195	1,060,195
Mutual Equity Funds:			
American Euro pacific Growth Fund	Class-R6 60988.515	1,739,441	1,465,082
Harbor Intl Small Cap-Retire		1,689,368	1,548,982
WCM Focused Intl Growth Ins	143660.073	1,669,598	1,041,957
Vanguard Index TR	Fund #855	18,053,277	15,311,063
	Subtotal	23,151,683	19,367,084
US Government Securities:			
<u>Treasury Bonds:</u>			
USA Treasury Notes	1.750% Due 08/15/2041 Rating AAA	542,467	552,506
USA Treasury Notes	3.750% Due 5/31/2030 Rating AAA	892,017	875,333
USA Treasury Notes	4.375% Due 8/31/2028	275,781	271,243
	Subtotal	1,710,264	1,699,082
<u>Agency Bonds:</u>			
Federal Home Loan Mtg Corp	4.000% Due 08/01/2024 Rating N/A	479	490
Federal Home Loan Mtg Corp	3.500% Due 05/01/2046 Rating N/A	28,364	32,049
Federal Home Loan Mtg Corp	4.000% Due 05/01/2024 Rating N/A	262	268
Federal Home Loan Mtg Corp	5.000% Due 08/01/2039 Rating N/A	24,061	24,598
Federal Home Loan Mtg Corp	3.000% Due 7/1/2052 Rating N/A	99,956	99,577
Federal Home Loan Mtg	3.000% Due 11/1/2034 Rating N/A	58,987	57,983
Federal Farm Credit Bank	5.500% Due 11/1/2053 Rating N/A	347,196	343,637
Federal Farm Credit Bank	2.000% Due 11/01/2034	81,104	88,490
Federal Farm Credit Bank	1.540% Due 11/30/2026 Rating AAA	36,939	40,016
Federal Farm Credit Bank	3.500% Due 5/1/2052 Rating N/A	280,782	273,784
Federal Natl Mtg Assn	4.000% Due 4/1/2026 Rating N/A	4,850	5,124
Federal Natl Mtg Assn	3.500% Due 6/1/2042 Rating N/A	34,596	38,457
Federal Natl Mtg Assn	3.500% Due 7/1/2042 Rating N/A	10,319	11,631
Federal Natl Mtg Assn	3.000% Due 10/1/2046 Rating N/A	52,684	60,104
Federal Natl Mtg Assn	3.500% Due 12/1/2047 Rating N/A	66,971	72,439
Federal Natl Mtg Assn	3.000% Due 6/1/2048 Rating N/A	113,061	109,266
Federal Natl Mtg Assn	3.000% Due 3/1/2052 Rating N/A	174,290	176,248
Federal Natl Mtg Assn	3.000% Due 4/1/2052 Rating N/A	279,183	296,624
Federal Natl Mtg Assn	3.500% Due 4/1/2052 Rating N/A	147,593	143,807
Federal Natl Mtg Assn	3.500% Due 6/1/2052 Rating N/A	67,453	66,206
Federal Natl Mtg Assn	3.500% Due 6/1/2052 Rating N/A	59,286	57,547
Federal Natl Mtg Assn	5.000% Due 4/1/2053 Rating N/A	200,114	194,555
Federal Natl Mtg Assn	3.500% Due 1/1/2048 Rating N/A	72,044	77,258

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Identity of Issuer, Borrower, or Similar Party	Description of Investment Including Maturity Date, Rate of Interest, Par, or Maturity Value	Current Value	Cost
Federal Natl Mtg Assn	5.000% Due 5/1/2038 Rating N/A	6,426	6,521
Federal Natl Mtg Assn	5.000% Due 2/1/2039 Rating N/A	2,756	2,774
Federal Natl Mtg Assn	4.500% Due 5/1/2039 Rating N/A	8,812	9,011
Federal Natl Mtg Assn	3.000% Due 1/1/2029 Rating N/A	9,189	9,875
Federal Natl Mtg Assn	3.500% Due 6/1/2046 Rating N/A	51,531	58,232
Federal Natl Mtg Assn	3.500% Due 4/1/2029 Rating N/A	85,937	90,545
Federal Natl Mtg Assn	2.500% Due 12/1/2034 Rating N/A	77,587	84,121
Federal Natl Mtg Assn	2.500% Due 10/1/2051 Rating N/A	85,401	104,244
Federal Natl Mtg Assn	2.500% Due 12/1/2051 Rating N/A	142,281	167,781
Federal Natl Mtg Assn	5.500% Due 8/1/2053 Rating N/A	280,718	277,142
Federal Natl Mtg Assn	5.000% Due 1/1/2054 Rating N/A	89,038	88,945
Federal Natl Mtg Assn	4.500% Due 8/1/2040 Rating N/A	9,648	9,952
	Subtotal	3,089,899	3,179,298

Mutual Fixed Income Funds:

PIMCO Diversified Income Fund	Fund #106	2,485,498	2,766,751
	Subtotal	2,485,498	2,766,751

Corporate Bonds:

	Due	Current Value	Cost
American Express	VAR% 3/4/2025		-
AT&T	4.300% 2/15/2030	117,505	112,054
Amgen Inc	1.650% 8/15/2028	141,488	144,088
Baltimore Gas & Electric	2.400% 8/15/2026	47,180	51,807
Bank of America Corp	VAR% 6/14/2028	39,659	44,805
Citigroup Inc	VAR% 6/9/2027	107,001	97,662
Comcast Corp	4.250% 10/15/2030	137,981	128,922
Commonwealth Edison Co	3.700% 8/15/2028	67,663	73,632
Con Edison Company of NY Inc	3.350% 4/1/2030	55,944	63,720
Duke Energy	4.950% 11/15/2033	96,759	93,968
Goldman Sachs Group Inc	VAR% 5/1/2029	77,386	74,401
IBM Corp	3.500% 5/15/2029	76,275	84,252
JP Morgan Chase & Co	VAR% 6/1/2029	84,232	89,786
Morgan Stanley	VAR% 7/20/2027	18,268	20,000
Morgan Stanley	VAR% 1/21/2028	55,691	60,022
Morgan Stanley	VAR% 5/4/2027	46,070	50,000
Nstar Electric Co	3.950% 4/1/2030	38,150	39,358
RTX Corp	6.100% 3/15/2034	43,410	39,925
United Health Group	4.000% 2/15/2030	62,786	59,912
Verizon	2.100% 3/22/2028	63,322	70,193
Virginia Electric & Power	3.500% 3/15/2027	48,326	49,807
Virginia Electric & Power	3.750% 4/1/2033	70,796	69,800
WEC Energy Group Inc	2.200% 12/15/2028	80,057	89,785
Wells Fargo & Company	VAR% 7/25/2029	173,582	169,407

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Identity of Issuer, Borrower, or Similar Party	Description of Investment Including Maturity Date, Rate of Interest, Par, or Maturity Value	Current Value	Cost
	Subtotal	1,749,532	1,777,304
Other Assets			
JPMCB Strategic Property Fund	20-70-002-3839662	4,476,907	4,354,725
	Subtotal	4,476,907	4,354,725
	Grand Total	37,723,978	34,204,443

MESSER CONSTRUCTION CO. HOURLY EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT PLAN

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SCHEDULE OF REPORTABLE TRANSACTIONS

FORM 5500, SCHEDULE H, LINE 4j

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

Identity of Party	Description of Assets	Purchase Price	Selling Price	Cost of Assets	Current Value of Asset on Transaction Date	Net Gain (Loss)
Single Transaction						
Fidelity	Fidelity Small Cap Index Fund	-	1,835,034	2,181,024	1,835,034	-
MFS	MFS Growth Fund	-	6,448,968	7,094,708	6,448,968	(645,740)
Federatd Hermes	Federated Hermes Governmental Obligation Fund	-	3,739,206	3,739,206	3,739,206	-
Federatd Hermes	Federated Hermes Governmental Obligation Fund	8,143,501	-	8,143,501	8,143,501	-
Federatd Hermes	Federated Hermes Governmental Obligation Fund	8,081,583	-	8,081,583	8,081,583	-
Federatd Hermes	Federated Hermes Governmental Obligation Fund	3,308,168	-	3,308,168	3,308,168	-
Vanguard	Vanguard Index Total Stock Market Return Fund	6,449,000	-	6,449,000	6,449,000	-
Vanguard	Vanguard Index Total Stock Market Return Fund	5,372,000	-	5,372,000	5,372,000	-
Vanguard	Vanguard Index Total Stock Market Return Fund	3,740,000	-	3,740,000	3,740,000	-
Vanguard	Vanguard Index Total Stock Market Return Fund	2,674,784	-	2,674,784	2,674,784	-
Series of Transactions						
USA Treasury	USA Treasury Notes 2.750 % Due 5/31/2029					
	Purchases - 7 transactions	1,103,381		1,103,381	1,103,381	-
	Sales - 9 transactions	-	1,373,487	1,391,640	1,391,640	(18,153)
USA Treasury	USA Treasury Notes 3.750 % Due 5/31/2030					
	Purchases - 10 transactions	1,474,850		1,474,850	1,474,850	-
	Sales - 9 transactions	-	590,282	599,516	599,516	(9,234)
Federatd Hermes	Federated Hermes Governmental Obligation Fund					
	Purchases - 30 transactions	14,794,154		14,794,154	14,794,154	-
	Sales - 19 transactions	-	15,406,874	15,406,871	15,406,871	-
Vanguard	Vanguard Index Total Stock Market Return Fund					
	Purchases - 9 transactions	18,512,302		18,512,302	18,512,302	-
	Sales - 5 transactions	-	3,306,839	3,201,238	15,406,871	105,599

AUDIT REPORT

Messer Construction Co. Hourly Employees' Retirement Plan

EIN: 31-0740877
Plan No: 002

Financial Statements as of and for the
Years Ended December 31, 2023 and 2022,
Supplemental Schedules as of the
Year Ended December 31, 2023, and
Independent Auditors' Report

MESSER CONSTRUCTION CO. HOURLY EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT PLAN

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To Committee Members and Participants of the
Messer Construction Co. Hourly Employees' Retirement Plan

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Messer Construction Co. Hourly Employees' Retirement Plan, an employee benefit plan subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), which comprise the statements of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, and the related statements of changes in net assets available for benefits for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the net assets available for benefits of Messer Construction Co. Hourly Employees' Retirement Plan as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, and the changes in its net assets available for benefits for the years then ended, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. 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 Messer Construction Co. Hourly Employees' Retirement Plan and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audits. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

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

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about Messer Construction Co. Hourly Employees' Retirement 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

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 Messer Construction Co. Hourly Employees' Retirement Plan 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 Messer Construction Co. Hourly Employees' Retirement Plan Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

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

Supplemental Schedules Required by ERISA

Our audits were conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements as a whole. The supplemental schedules listed in the Table of Contents, together referred to as “supplemental information” 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 has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audits of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards.

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

Farms & Company, LLC

Columbus, Ohio
July 29, 2024

MESSER CONSTRUCTION CO. HOURLY EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT PLAN

**STATEMENTS OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2023 AND 2022**

	2023	2022
ASSETS:		
Investments at fair value:	\$ 37,723,978	\$ 39,352,722
Receivables:		
Employer contribution receivable	534,516	370,778
Accrued dividends	<u>56,077</u>	<u>86,106</u>
Total receivables	<u>590,593</u>	<u>456,884</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	38,314,571	39,809,606
LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable	<u>(17,554)</u>	<u>(13,118)</u>
NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS	<u>\$ 38,297,017</u>	<u>\$ 39,796,488</u>

See notes to financial statements.

MESSER CONSTRUCTION CO. HOURLY EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT PLAN

STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023 AND 2022

	2023	2022
ADDITIONS:		
Investment income:		
Net appreciation (depreciation)		
in fair value of investments	\$ 4,149,574	\$ (10,995,471)
Interest and dividends	<u>818,965</u>	<u>849,415</u>
	4,968,539	(10,146,056)
Less: investment expense	<u>(91,806)</u>	<u>(151,756)</u>
	4,876,733	(10,297,812)
Contributions — employer contributions	<u>3,892,954</u>	<u>3,571,498</u>
Total additions	<u>8,769,687</u>	<u>(6,726,314)</u>
DEDUCTIONS:		
Benefits paid to participants	(4,485,662)	(5,020,875)
Plan expenses	<u>(142,922)</u>	<u>(132,971)</u>
Total deductions	<u>(4,628,584)</u>	<u>(5,153,846)</u>
Transfer to Messer Construction Co.		
Employee Stock Ownership Plan (See Note 7)	<u>(5,640,574)</u>	<u>(7,394,285)</u>
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	(1,499,471)	(19,274,445)
NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS:		
Beginning of year	<u>39,796,488</u>	<u>59,070,933</u>
End of year	<u>\$ 38,297,017</u>	<u>\$ 39,796,488</u>

See notes to financial statements.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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1. DESCRIPTION OF THE PLAN

The following description of the Messer Construction Co. Hourly Employees' Retirement Plan (the "Plan"), is provided for general information purposes only. Participants should refer to the Plan Document for more information.

General — The Plan, effective January 1, 1993, and amended and restated January 1, 2016, is a defined contribution plan covering eligible hourly employees of the Messer Construction Co. (the "Company") who meet stipulated service requirements. An appointed committee controls and manages the operations and administration of the Plan. The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).

Contributions — The Company's contribution to the Plan is determined by the Board of Directors. Participant contributions are not permitted.

Participant Accounts — Each participant's account is credited with an allocation of the Company's contribution and Plan earnings. Plan expenses are allocated to each participant's account based on each participant's relative share of assets. Allocations are based on participant earnings or account balances, as defined, or the requirements of the prevailing wage laws.

Investments — Investment decisions are made by the trustees within the provisions of the trust agreement and based on consultation with an investment advisor independent of the Company. The Plan invests primarily in money market funds, mutual funds, certificates of deposits, U.S. government securities, common stocks, and corporate bonds in accordance with the Plan's Investment Policy Statement.

Vesting — Participants are immediately vested in their account balances.

Payment of Benefits — Upon retirement or termination of service, as defined, a participant is entitled to receive their vested balance in a lump-sum distribution. At December 31, 2023 and 2022 there were no amounts allocated to accounts of persons who have elected to withdraw from the Plan, but have not yet been paid.

2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Accounting — The accompanying financial statements are prepared 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 GAAP requires Plan management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities and changes therein, and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Risks and Uncertainties — The Plan utilizes various investment instruments. Investment securities, in general, are exposed to various risks, such as interest rate, credit, and overall market volatility. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities, it is reasonably possible that changes in the values of investment securities will occur in the near term and that such change could materially differ from the amounts reported in the financial statements.

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3. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Investment Valuation and Income Recognition — The Plan's investments are stated at fair value. Fair value is the price that would be received upon sale of an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. See Note 3 for discussion on fair value measurements. Purchases and sales 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.

Management fees and operating expenses charged to the Plan for investments in the diversified portfolio are deducted from income and are not separately reflected. Consequently, management fees and operating expenses are reflected as a reduction of investment return for such investments.

Asset Valuation Techniques — Valuation technologies maximize the use of relevant observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs. The following is a description of the valuation methodologies used for assets measured at fair value. There have been no changes in the methodologies used at December 31, 2023 and 2022.

Common Stocks — Valued at the closing price reported on the active market on which the individual securities are traded.

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 and to transact at that price. The mutual funds held by the Plan are deemed to be actively traded.

Corporate Bonds — Valued using pricing models maximizing the use of observable inputs for similar securities. This includes basing value on yields currently available on comparable securities of issuers with similar credit ratings. When quoted prices are not available for identical or similar bonds, the bond is valued under a discounted cash flows approach that maximizes observable inputs, such as current yields of similar instruments, but includes adjustments for certain risks that may not be observable, such as credit and liquidity risks or a broker quote, if available.

U.S. Government Securities — Valued using pricing models maximizing the use of observable inputs for similar securities.

Cash Equivalents — Held primarily in short-term money market commingled funds, which are valued at cost plus accrued interest.

Collective Trust Fund — Valued using pricing models maximizing the use of observable inputs consistent with practices prevailing within real estate appraisal and real estate investment management industries. Collective trust investments that are measured at fair value using the net asset value per share as practical expedient have not been classified in the fair value hierarchy.

Items Measured at Net Asset Value — In accordance with ASU No. 2009-12, the Plan includes disclosures to address the category, fair value, redemption frequency, and redemption notice period for those assets whose fair value is estimated using the net asset value per share as of December 31, 2023 and 2022. The mutual funds (investments other than Collective Trust Fund) do not have a finite life, unfunded commitments, or significant restrictions on redemptions.

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2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Investment	Fair Value Estimated Using Net Asset Value December 31, 2023			
	Fair Value*	Redemption Frequency	Other Redemption Restrictions	Redemption Notice Period
JPMCB Strategic Property Fund	\$ 4,476,907	Quarterly	None	45 days prior
Total	<u>\$ 4,476,907</u>			

Investment	Fair Value Estimated Using Net Asset Value December 31, 2022			
	Fair Value*	Redemption Frequency	Other Redemption Restrictions	Redemption Notice Period
JPMCB Strategic Property Fund	\$ 5,517,847	Quarterly	None	45 days prior
Total	<u>\$ 5,517,847</u>			

The use of net asset value as a fair value is deemed appropriate, as these funds do not have a finite life, unfunded commitments, or significant restrictions on redemptions.

Administrative Expenses — The Plan has elected to pay its direct administrative expenses. The Plan also pays investment related expenses inclusive of investment manager fees. Indirect administrative expenses are covered by the Plan Sponsor.

Subsequent Events — The Plan has evaluated subsequent events through July 29, 2024, the date that these financial statements were available for issuance, to determine if either recognition or disclosure of significant events or transactions is required.

4. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

ASC 820, *Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures*, provides a framework for measuring fair value. In accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, the Plan classifies its investments into Level 1, which refers to securities valued using quoted prices from active markets for identical assets; Level 2, which refers to securities not traded on an active market but for which observable market inputs are readily available; and Level 3, which refers to securities valued based on significant unobservable inputs. Assets are classified in their entirety based on the lowest level of input that is significant to the fair value measurement. The Plan's policy is to recognize significant transfers between levels at the end of the reporting period. The following tables set forth by level within the fair value hierarchy a summary of the Plan's investments measured at fair value on a recurring basis at December 31, 2023 and 2022.

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

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3. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS (continued)

We evaluate the significance of transfers between levels based upon the nature of the financial instrument and size of the transfer relative to total net assets available for benefits. For the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, there were no transfers between levels. The table below includes the major categorization for debt and equity securities on the basis of the nature and risk of the investments at December 31, 2023:

Fair Value Measurements at December 31, 2023, Using				
	Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1)	Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)	Total
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,060,195	-	-	\$ 1,060,195
Corporate bonds		1,749,532	-	1,749,532
U.S. government securities		4,800,163	-	4,800,163
Corporate common stocks:		-	-	-
Mutual fixed income funds	2,485,498	-	-	2,485,498
Mutual equity funds	23,151,683	-	-	23,151,683
Investments at fair value	<u>\$ 26,697,376</u>	<u>6,549,695</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>\$ 33,247,071</u>
Collective trust fund*	-			4,476,907
Total Investments				<u>\$ 37,723,978</u>

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3. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS (continued)

The table below includes the major categorization for debt and equity securities on the basis of the nature and risk of the investments at December 31, 2022:

Fair Value Measurements at December 31, 2022, Using				
	Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1)	Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)	Total
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,599,432	-	-	\$ 1,599,432
Corporate bonds	-	2,192,577	-	2,192,577
U.S. government securities	-	3,316,153	-	3,316,153
Corporate common stocks:	6,008,508	-	-	6,008,508
Mutual fixed income funds	4,288,078	-	-	4,288,078
Mutual equity funds	16,430,127	-	-	16,430,127
Investments at fair value	<u>\$ 28,326,145</u>	<u>5,508,730</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>\$ 33,834,875</u>
Collective trust fund*	-			5,517,847
Total Investments				<u>\$ 39,352,722</u>

* In accordance with ASU 2015-07, certain investments that are measured at fair value using the net asset value per share as practical expedient 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 total investments of the Master Trust.

During the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, the Plan's investments (including gains and losses on investments bought and sold, as well as changes in position during the year), appreciated by \$4,149,574 and depreciated by \$10,995,471, respectively.

5. EXEMPT PARTY-IN-INTEREST TRANSACTIONS

The Plan has certain investments in shares of a money market fund managed by BlackRock of which PNC has an ownership in. PNC is the custodian, as defined by the Plan and, therefore, these transactions qualify as party-in-interest transactions.

6. PLAN TERMINATION

Although it has not expressed any intention 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 the provisions set forth in ERISA.

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7. FEDERAL INCOME TAX STATUS

The Internal Revenue Service has determined and informed the Company by a letter dated March 15, 2018, that the Plan and related trust are designed in accordance with applicable regulations of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC). The Company and Plan management believe that the Plan is currently designed and operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC and the Plan and related trust continue to be tax-exempt. Therefore, no provision for income taxes has been included in the Plan's financial statements.

GAAP requires Plan management to evaluate tax positions taken by the Plan and recognize a tax liability (or asset) if the Plan has taken an uncertain position that more likely than not would not be sustained upon examination by the IRS. The Plan 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.

8. TRANSFERS TO EMPLOYEE STOCK OPTION PLAN

During plan year 2020, the Plan was amended to allow an elective transfer during the annual HERP-to-ESOP election period. During that period, certain eligible participants may elect to transfer to the ESOP an amount no more than 50% of their vested account in the Plan and not less than \$25,000. During plan years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, participant elective transfers to the ESOP totaled \$5,640,573 and \$7,394,285, respectively.

SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULES

MESSER CONSTRUCTION CO. HOURLY EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT PLAN

Employer ID No: 31-0740877

Plan No: 002

**FORM 5500, SHCHEDULE H, PART IV, LINE 4i - SCHEDULE OF ASSETS (HELD AT END OF YEAR)
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2023**

Identity of Issuer, Borrower, or Similar Party	Description of Investment Including Maturity Date, Rate of Interest, Par, or Maturity Value	Current Value	Cost
Cash and Cash Equivalents			
PNC Bank	1.970% PNC Bank Checking Account	173,831	173,831
Federated HERMES Government	ERISA & DISC IRA FD#07	886,364	886,364
	Subtotal	1,060,195	1,060,195
Mutual Equity Funds:			
American Euro pacific Growth Fund	Class-R6 60988.515	1,739,441	1,465,082
Harbor Intl Small Cap-Retire		1,689,368	1,548,982
WCM Focused Intl Growth Ins	143660.073	1,669,598	1,041,957
Vanguard Index TR	Fund #855	18,053,277	15,311,063
	Subtotal	23,151,683	19,367,084
US Government Securities:			
<u>Treasury Bonds:</u>			
USA Treasury Notes	1.750% Due 08/15/2041 Rating AAA	542,467	552,506
USA Treasury Notes	3.750% Due 5/31/2030 Rating AAA	892,017	875,333
USA Treasury Notes	4.375% Due 8/31/2028	275,781	271,243
	Subtotal	1,710,264	1,699,082
<u>Agency Bonds:</u>			
Federal Home Loan Mtg Corp	4.000% Due 08/01/2024 Rating N/A	479	490
Federal Home Loan Mtg Corp	3.500% Due 05/01/2046 Rating N/A	28,364	32,049
Federal Home Loan Mtg Corp	4.000% Due 05/01/2024 Rating N/A	262	268
Federal Home Loan Mtg Corp	5.000% Due 08/01/2039 Rating N/A	24,061	24,598
Federal Home Loan Mtg Corp	3.000% Due 7/1/2052 Rating N/A	99,956	99,577
Federal Home Loan Mtg	3.000% Due 11/1/2034 Rating N/A	58,987	57,983
Federal Farm Credit Bank	5.500% Due 11/1/2053 Rating N/A	347,196	343,637
Federal Farm Credit Bank	2.000% Due 11/01/2034	81,104	88,490
Federal Farm Credit Bank	1.540% Due 11/30/2026 Rating AAA	36,939	40,016
Federal Farm Credit Bank	3.500% Due 5/1/2052 Rating N/A	280,782	273,784
Federal Natl Mtg Assn	4.000% Due 4/1/2026 Rating N/A	4,850	5,124
Federal Natl Mtg Assn	3.500% Due 6/1/2042 Rating N/A	34,596	38,457
Federal Natl Mtg Assn	3.500% Due 7/1/2042 Rating N/A	10,319	11,631
Federal Natl Mtg Assn	3.000% Due 10/1/2046 Rating N/A	52,684	60,104
Federal Natl Mtg Assn	3.500% Due 12/1/2047 Rating N/A	66,971	72,439
Federal Natl Mtg Assn	3.000% Due 6/1/2048 Rating N/A	113,061	109,266
Federal Natl Mtg Assn	3.000% Due 3/1/2052 Rating N/A	174,290	176,248
Federal Natl Mtg Assn	3.000% Due 4/1/2052 Rating N/A	279,183	296,624
Federal Natl Mtg Assn	3.500% Due 4/1/2052 Rating N/A	147,593	143,807
Federal Natl Mtg Assn	3.500% Due 6/1/2052 Rating N/A	67,453	66,206
Federal Natl Mtg Assn	3.500% Due 6/1/2052 Rating N/A	59,286	57,547
Federal Natl Mtg Assn	5.000% Due 4/1/2053 Rating N/A	200,114	194,555
Federal Natl Mtg Assn	3.500% Due 1/1/2048 Rating N/A	72,044	77,258

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Federal Natl Mtg Assn	5.000% Due 5/1/2038 Rating N/A	6,426	6,521
Federal Natl Mtg Assn	5.000% Due 2/1/2039 Rating N/A	2,756	2,774
Federal Natl Mtg Assn	4.500% Due 5/1/2039 Rating N/A	8,812	9,011
Federal Natl Mtg Assn	3.000% Due 1/1/2029 Rating N/A	9,189	9,875
Federal Natl Mtg Assn	3.500% Due 6/1/2046 Rating N/A	51,531	58,232
Federal Natl Mtg Assn	3.500% Due 4/1/2029 Rating N/A	85,937	90,545
Federal Natl Mtg Assn	2.500% Due 12/1/2034 Rating N/A	77,587	84,121
Federal Natl Mtg Assn	2.500% Due 10/1/2051 Rating N/A	85,401	104,244
Federal Natl Mtg Assn	2.500% Due 12/1/2051 Rating N/A	142,281	167,781
Federal Natl Mtg Assn	5.500% Due 8/1/2053 Rating N/A	280,718	277,142
Federal Natl Mtg Assn	5.000% Due 1/1/2054 Rating N/A	89,038	88,945
Federal Natl Mtg Assn	4.500% Due 8/1/2040 Rating N/A	9,648	9,952
	Subtotal	3,089,899	3,179,298

Mutual Fixed Income Funds:

PIMCO Diversified Income Fund	Fund #106	2,485,498	2,766,751
	Subtotal	2,485,498	2,766,751

Corporate Bonds:

	Due	Current Value	Cost
American Express	VAR% 3/4/2025		-
AT&T	4.300% 2/15/2030	117,505	112,054
Amgen Inc	1.650% 8/15/2028	141,488	144,088
Baltimore Gas & Electric	2.400% 8/15/2026	47,180	51,807
Bank of America Corp	VAR% 6/14/2028	39,659	44,805
Citigroup Inc	VAR% 6/9/2027	107,001	97,662
Comcast Corp	4.250% 10/15/2030	137,981	128,922
Commonwealth Edison Co	3.700% 8/15/2028	67,663	73,632
Con Edison Company of NY Inc	3.350% 4/1/2030	55,944	63,720
Duke Energy	4.950% 11/15/2033	96,759	93,968
Goldman Sachs Group Inc	VAR% 5/1/2029	77,386	74,401
IBM Corp	3.500% 5/15/2029	76,275	84,252
JP Morgan Chase & Co	VAR% 6/1/2029	84,232	89,786
Morgan Stanley	VAR% 7/20/2027	18,268	20,000
Morgan Stanley	VAR% 1/21/2028	55,691	60,022
Morgan Stanley	VAR% 5/4/2027	46,070	50,000
Nstar Electric Co	3.950% 4/1/2030	38,150	39,358
RTX Corp	6.100% 3/15/2034	43,410	39,925
United Health Group	4.000% 2/15/2030	62,786	59,912
Verizon	2.100% 3/22/2028	63,322	70,193
Virginia Electric & Power	3.500% 3/15/2027	48,326	49,807
Virginia Electric & Power	3.750% 4/1/2033	70,796	69,800
WEC Energy Group Inc	2.200% 12/15/2028	80,057	89,785
Wells Fargo & Company	VAR% 7/25/2029	173,582	169,407

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Identity of Issuer, Borrower, or Similar Party	Description of Investment Including Maturity Date, Rate of Interest, Par, or Maturity Value	Current Value	Cost
	Subtotal	1,749,532	1,777,304
Other Assets			
JPMCB Strategic Property Fund	20-70-002-3839662	4,476,907	4,354,725
	Subtotal	4,476,907	4,354,725
	Grand Total	37,723,978	34,204,443

MESSER CONSTRUCTION CO. HOURLY EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT PLAN

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SCHEDULE OF REPORTABLE TRANSACTIONS

FORM 5500, SCHEDULE H, LINE 4j

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

Identity of Party	Description of Assets	Purchase Price	Selling Price	Cost of Assets	Current Value of Asset on Transaction Date	Net Gain (Loss)
Single Transaction						
Fidelity	Fidelity Small Cap Index Fund	-	1,835,034	2,181,024	1,835,034	-
MFS	MFS Growth Fund	-	6,448,968	7,094,708	6,448,968	(645,740)
Federatd Hermes	Federated Hermes Governmental Obligation Fund	-	3,739,206	3,739,206	3,739,206	-
Federatd Hermes	Federated Hermes Governmental Obligation Fund	8,143,501	-	8,143,501	8,143,501	-
Federatd Hermes	Federated Hermes Governmental Obligation Fund	8,081,583	-	8,081,583	8,081,583	-
Federatd Hermes	Federated Hermes Governmental Obligation Fund	3,308,168	-	3,308,168	3,308,168	-
Vanguard	Vanguard Index Total Stock Market Return Fund	6,449,000	-	6,449,000	6,449,000	-
Vanguard	Vanguard Index Total Stock Market Return Fund	5,372,000	-	5,372,000	5,372,000	-
Vanguard	Vanguard Index Total Stock Market Return Fund	3,740,000	-	3,740,000	3,740,000	-
Vanguard	Vanguard Index Total Stock Market Return Fund	2,674,784	-	2,674,784	2,674,784	-
Series of Transactions						
USA Treasury	USA Treasury Notes 2.750 % Due 5/31/2029					
	Purchases - 7 transactions	1,103,381		1,103,381	1,103,381	-
	Sales - 9 transactions	-	1,373,487	1,391,640	1,391,640	(18,153)
USA Treasury	USA Treasury Notes 3.750 % Due 5/31/2030					
	Purchases - 10 transactions	1,474,850		1,474,850	1,474,850	-
	Sales - 9 transactions	-	590,282	599,516	599,516	(9,234)
Federatd Hermes	Federated Hermes Governmental Obligation Fund					
	Purchases - 30 transactions	14,794,154		14,794,154	14,794,154	-
	Sales - 19 transactions	-	15,406,874	15,406,871	15,406,871	-
Vanguard	Vanguard Index Total Stock Market Return Fund					
	Purchases - 9 transactions	18,512,302		18,512,302	18,512,302	-
	Sales - 5 transactions	-	3,306,839	3,201,238	15,406,871	105,599

AUDIT REPORT

Messer Construction Co. Hourly Employees' Retirement Plan

EIN: 31-0740877
Plan No: 002

Financial Statements as of and for the
Years Ended December 31, 2023 and 2022,
Supplemental Schedules as of the
Year Ended December 31, 2023, and
Independent Auditors' Report

MESSER CONSTRUCTION CO. HOURLY EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT PLAN

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To Committee Members and Participants of the
Messer Construction Co. Hourly Employees' Retirement Plan

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Messer Construction Co. Hourly Employees' Retirement Plan, an employee benefit plan subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), which comprise the statements of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, and the related statements of changes in net assets available for benefits for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the net assets available for benefits of Messer Construction Co. Hourly Employees' Retirement Plan as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, and the changes in its net assets available for benefits for the years then ended, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. 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 Messer Construction Co. Hourly Employees' Retirement Plan and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audits. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

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

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about Messer Construction Co. Hourly Employees' Retirement 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

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 Messer Construction Co. Hourly Employees' Retirement Plan 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 Messer Construction Co. Hourly Employees' Retirement Plan Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

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

Supplemental Schedules Required by ERISA

Our audits were conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements as a whole. The supplemental schedules listed in the Table of Contents, together referred to as “supplemental information” 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 has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audits of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards.

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

Farms & Company, LLC

Columbus, Ohio
July 29, 2024

MESSER CONSTRUCTION CO. HOURLY EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT PLAN

**STATEMENTS OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2023 AND 2022**

	2023	2022
ASSETS:		
Investments at fair value:	\$ 37,723,978	\$ 39,352,722
Receivables:		
Employer contribution receivable	534,516	370,778
Accrued dividends	<u>56,077</u>	<u>86,106</u>
Total receivables	<u>590,593</u>	<u>456,884</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	38,314,571	39,809,606
LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable	<u>(17,554)</u>	<u>(13,118)</u>
NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS	<u>\$ 38,297,017</u>	<u>\$ 39,796,488</u>

See notes to financial statements.

MESSER CONSTRUCTION CO. HOURLY EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT PLAN

STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023 AND 2022

	2023	2022
ADDITIONS:		
Investment income:		
Net appreciation (depreciation)		
in fair value of investments	\$ 4,149,574	\$ (10,995,471)
Interest and dividends	<u>818,965</u>	<u>849,415</u>
	4,968,539	(10,146,056)
Less: investment expense	<u>(91,806)</u>	<u>(151,756)</u>
	4,876,733	(10,297,812)
Contributions — employer contributions	<u>3,892,954</u>	<u>3,571,498</u>
Total additions	<u>8,769,687</u>	<u>(6,726,314)</u>
DEDUCTIONS:		
Benefits paid to participants	(4,485,662)	(5,020,875)
Plan expenses	<u>(142,922)</u>	<u>(132,971)</u>
Total deductions	<u>(4,628,584)</u>	<u>(5,153,846)</u>
Transfer to Messer Construction Co.		
Employee Stock Ownership Plan (See Note 7)	<u>(5,640,574)</u>	<u>(7,394,285)</u>
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	(1,499,471)	(19,274,445)
NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS:		
Beginning of year	<u>39,796,488</u>	<u>59,070,933</u>
End of year	<u>\$ 38,297,017</u>	<u>\$ 39,796,488</u>

See notes to financial statements.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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1. DESCRIPTION OF THE PLAN

The following description of the Messer Construction Co. Hourly Employees' Retirement Plan (the "Plan"), is provided for general information purposes only. Participants should refer to the Plan Document for more information.

General — The Plan, effective January 1, 1993, and amended and restated January 1, 2016, is a defined contribution plan covering eligible hourly employees of the Messer Construction Co. (the "Company") who meet stipulated service requirements. An appointed committee controls and manages the operations and administration of the Plan. The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).

Contributions — The Company's contribution to the Plan is determined by the Board of Directors. Participant contributions are not permitted.

Participant Accounts — Each participant's account is credited with an allocation of the Company's contribution and Plan earnings. Plan expenses are allocated to each participant's account based on each participant's relative share of assets. Allocations are based on participant earnings or account balances, as defined, or the requirements of the prevailing wage laws.

Investments — Investment decisions are made by the trustees within the provisions of the trust agreement and based on consultation with an investment advisor independent of the Company. The Plan invests primarily in money market funds, mutual funds, certificates of deposits, U.S. government securities, common stocks, and corporate bonds in accordance with the Plan's Investment Policy Statement.

Vesting — Participants are immediately vested in their account balances.

Payment of Benefits — Upon retirement or termination of service, as defined, a participant is entitled to receive their vested balance in a lump-sum distribution. At December 31, 2023 and 2022 there were no amounts allocated to accounts of persons who have elected to withdraw from the Plan, but have not yet been paid.

2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Accounting — The accompanying financial statements are prepared 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 GAAP requires Plan management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities and changes therein, and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Risks and Uncertainties — The Plan utilizes various investment instruments. Investment securities, in general, are exposed to various risks, such as interest rate, credit, and overall market volatility. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities, it is reasonably possible that changes in the values of investment securities will occur in the near term and that such change could materially differ from the amounts reported in the financial statements.

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3. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Investment Valuation and Income Recognition — The Plan's investments are stated at fair value. Fair value is the price that would be received upon sale of an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. See Note 3 for discussion on fair value measurements. Purchases and sales 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.

Management fees and operating expenses charged to the Plan for investments in the diversified portfolio are deducted from income and are not separately reflected. Consequently, management fees and operating expenses are reflected as a reduction of investment return for such investments.

Asset Valuation Techniques — Valuation technologies maximize the use of relevant observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs. The following is a description of the valuation methodologies used for assets measured at fair value. There have been no changes in the methodologies used at December 31, 2023 and 2022.

Common Stocks — Valued at the closing price reported on the active market on which the individual securities are traded.

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 and to transact at that price. The mutual funds held by the Plan are deemed to be actively traded.

Corporate Bonds — Valued using pricing models maximizing the use of observable inputs for similar securities. This includes basing value on yields currently available on comparable securities of issuers with similar credit ratings. When quoted prices are not available for identical or similar bonds, the bond is valued under a discounted cash flows approach that maximizes observable inputs, such as current yields of similar instruments, but includes adjustments for certain risks that may not be observable, such as credit and liquidity risks or a broker quote, if available.

U.S. Government Securities — Valued using pricing models maximizing the use of observable inputs for similar securities.

Cash Equivalents — Held primarily in short-term money market commingled funds, which are valued at cost plus accrued interest.

Collective Trust Fund — Valued using pricing models maximizing the use of observable inputs consistent with practices prevailing within real estate appraisal and real estate investment management industries. Collective trust investments that are measured at fair value using the net asset value per share as practical expedient have not been classified in the fair value hierarchy.

Items Measured at Net Asset Value — In accordance with ASU No. 2009-12, the Plan includes disclosures to address the category, fair value, redemption frequency, and redemption notice period for those assets whose fair value is estimated using the net asset value per share as of December 31, 2023 and 2022. The mutual funds (investments other than Collective Trust Fund) do not have a finite life, unfunded commitments, or significant restrictions on redemptions.

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2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Investment	Fair Value Estimated Using Net Asset Value December 31, 2023			
	Fair Value*	Redemption Frequency	Other Redemption Restrictions	Redemption Notice Period
JPMCB Strategic Property Fund	\$ 4,476,907	Quarterly	None	45 days prior
Total	<u>\$ 4,476,907</u>			

Investment	Fair Value Estimated Using Net Asset Value December 31, 2022			
	Fair Value*	Redemption Frequency	Other Redemption Restrictions	Redemption Notice Period
JPMCB Strategic Property Fund	\$ 5,517,847	Quarterly	None	45 days prior
Total	<u>\$ 5,517,847</u>			

The use of net asset value as a fair value is deemed appropriate, as these funds do not have a finite life, unfunded commitments, or significant restrictions on redemptions.

Administrative Expenses — The Plan has elected to pay its direct administrative expenses. The Plan also pays investment related expenses inclusive of investment manager fees. Indirect administrative expenses are covered by the Plan Sponsor.

Subsequent Events — The Plan has evaluated subsequent events through July 29, 2024, the date that these financial statements were available for issuance, to determine if either recognition or disclosure of significant events or transactions is required.

4. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

ASC 820, *Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures*, provides a framework for measuring fair value. In accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, the Plan classifies its investments into Level 1, which refers to securities valued using quoted prices from active markets for identical assets; Level 2, which refers to securities not traded on an active market but for which observable market inputs are readily available; and Level 3, which refers to securities valued based on significant unobservable inputs. Assets are classified in their entirety based on the lowest level of input that is significant to the fair value measurement. The Plan's policy is to recognize significant transfers between levels at the end of the reporting period. The following tables set forth by level within the fair value hierarchy a summary of the Plan's investments measured at fair value on a recurring basis at December 31, 2023 and 2022.

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

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3. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS (continued)

We evaluate the significance of transfers between levels based upon the nature of the financial instrument and size of the transfer relative to total net assets available for benefits. For the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, there were no transfers between levels. The table below includes the major categorization for debt and equity securities on the basis of the nature and risk of the investments at December 31, 2023:

Fair Value Measurements at December 31, 2023, Using				
	Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1)	Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)	Total
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,060,195	-	-	\$ 1,060,195
Corporate bonds		1,749,532	-	1,749,532
U.S. government securities		4,800,163	-	4,800,163
Corporate common stocks:		-	-	-
Mutual fixed income funds	2,485,498	-	-	2,485,498
Mutual equity funds	23,151,683	-	-	23,151,683
Investments at fair value	<u>\$ 26,697,376</u>	<u>6,549,695</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>\$ 33,247,071</u>
Collective trust fund*	-			4,476,907
Total Investments				<u>\$ 37,723,978</u>

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3. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS (continued)

The table below includes the major categorization for debt and equity securities on the basis of the nature and risk of the investments at December 31, 2022:

	Fair Value Measurements at December 31, 2022, Using			Total
	Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1)	Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,599,432	-	-	\$ 1,599,432
Corporate bonds	-	2,192,577	-	2,192,577
U.S. government securities	-	3,316,153	-	3,316,153
Corporate common stocks:	6,008,508	-	-	6,008,508
Mutual fixed income funds	4,288,078	-	-	4,288,078
Mutual equity funds	16,430,127	-	-	16,430,127
Investments at fair value	<u>\$ 28,326,145</u>	<u>5,508,730</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>\$ 33,834,875</u>
Collective trust fund*	-			5,517,847
Total Investments				<u>\$ 39,352,722</u>

* In accordance with ASU 2015-07, certain investments that are measured at fair value using the net asset value per share as practical expedient 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 total investments of the Master Trust.

During the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, the Plan's investments (including gains and losses on investments bought and sold, as well as changes in position during the year), appreciated by \$4,149,574 and depreciated by \$10,995,471, respectively.

5. EXEMPT PARTY-IN-INTEREST TRANSACTIONS

The Plan has certain investments in shares of a money market fund managed by BlackRock of which PNC has an ownership in. PNC is the custodian, as defined by the Plan and, therefore, these transactions qualify as party-in-interest transactions.

6. PLAN TERMINATION

Although it has not expressed any intention 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 the provisions set forth in ERISA.

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7. FEDERAL INCOME TAX STATUS

The Internal Revenue Service has determined and informed the Company by a letter dated March 15, 2018, that the Plan and related trust are designed in accordance with applicable regulations of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC). The Company and Plan management believe that the Plan is currently designed and operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC and the Plan and related trust continue to be tax-exempt. Therefore, no provision for income taxes has been included in the Plan's financial statements.

GAAP requires Plan management to evaluate tax positions taken by the Plan and recognize a tax liability (or asset) if the Plan has taken an uncertain position that more likely than not would not be sustained upon examination by the IRS. The Plan 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.

8. TRANSFERS TO EMPLOYEE STOCK OPTION PLAN

During plan year 2020, the Plan was amended to allow an elective transfer during the annual HERP-to-ESOP election period. During that period, certain eligible participants may elect to transfer to the ESOP an amount no more than 50% of their vested account in the Plan and not less than \$25,000. During plan years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, participant elective transfers to the ESOP totaled \$5,640,573 and \$7,394,285, respectively.

SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULES

MESSER CONSTRUCTION CO. HOURLY EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT PLAN

Employer ID No: 31-0740877

Plan No: 002

**FORM 5500, SHCEDULE H, PART IV, LINE 4i - SCHEDULE OF ASSETS (HELD AT END OF YEAR)
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2023**

Identity of Issuer, Borrower, or Similar Party	Description of Investment Including Maturity Date, Rate of Interest, Par, or Maturity Value	Current Value	Cost
Cash and Cash Equivalents			
PNC Bank	1.970% PNC Bank Checking Account	173,831	173,831
Federated HERMES Government	ERISA & DISC IRA FD#07	886,364	886,364
	Subtotal	1,060,195	1,060,195
Mutual Equity Funds:			
American Euro pacific Growth Fund	Class-R6 60988.515	1,739,441	1,465,082
Harbor Intl Small Cap-Retire		1,689,368	1,548,982
WCM Focused Intl Growth Ins	143660.073	1,669,598	1,041,957
Vanguard Index TR	Fund #855	18,053,277	15,311,063
	Subtotal	23,151,683	19,367,084
US Government Securities:			
<u>Treasury Bonds:</u>			
USA Treasury Notes	1.750% Due 08/15/2041 Rating AAA	542,467	552,506
USA Treasury Notes	3.750% Due 5/31/2030 Rating AAA	892,017	875,333
USA Treasury Notes	4.375% Due 8/31/2028	275,781	271,243
	Subtotal	1,710,264	1,699,082
<u>Agency Bonds:</u>			
Federal Home Loan Mtg Corp	4.000% Due 08/01/2024 Rating N/A	479	490
Federal Home Loan Mtg Corp	3.500% Due 05/01/2046 Rating N/A	28,364	32,049
Federal Home Loan Mtg Corp	4.000% Due 05/01/2024 Rating N/A	262	268
Federal Home Loan Mtg Corp	5.000% Due 08/01/2039 Rating N/A	24,061	24,598
Federal Home Loan Mtg Corp	3.000% Due 7/1/2052 Rating N/A	99,956	99,577
Federal Home Loan Mtg	3.000% Due 11/1/2034 Rating N/A	58,987	57,983
Federal Farm Credit Bank	5.500% Due 11/1/2053 Rating N/A	347,196	343,637
Federal Farm Credit Bank	2.000% Due 11/01/2034	81,104	88,490
Federal Farm Credit Bank	1.540% Due 11/30/2026 Rating AAA	36,939	40,016
Federal Farm Credit Bank	3.500% Due 5/1/2052 Rating N/A	280,782	273,784
Federal Natl Mtg Assn	4.000% Due 4/1/2026 Rating N/A	4,850	5,124
Federal Natl Mtg Assn	3.500% Due 6/1/2042 Rating N/A	34,596	38,457
Federal Natl Mtg Assn	3.500% Due 7/1/2042 Rating N/A	10,319	11,631
Federal Natl Mtg Assn	3.000% Due 10/1/2046 Rating N/A	52,684	60,104
Federal Natl Mtg Assn	3.500% Due 12/1/2047 Rating N/A	66,971	72,439
Federal Natl Mtg Assn	3.000% Due 6/1/2048 Rating N/A	113,061	109,266
Federal Natl Mtg Assn	3.000% Due 3/1/2052 Rating N/A	174,290	176,248
Federal Natl Mtg Assn	3.000% Due 4/1/2052 Rating N/A	279,183	296,624
Federal Natl Mtg Assn	3.500% Due 4/1/2052 Rating N/A	147,593	143,807
Federal Natl Mtg Assn	3.500% Due 6/1/2052 Rating N/A	67,453	66,206
Federal Natl Mtg Assn	3.500% Due 6/1/2052 Rating N/A	59,286	57,547
Federal Natl Mtg Assn	5.000% Due 4/1/2053 Rating N/A	200,114	194,555
Federal Natl Mtg Assn	3.500% Due 1/1/2048 Rating N/A	72,044	77,258

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Identity of Issuer, Borrower, or Similar Party	Description of Investment Including Maturity Date, Rate of Interest, Par, or Maturity Value	Current Value	Cost
Federal Natl Mtg Assn	5.000% Due 5/1/2038 Rating N/A	6,426	6,521
Federal Natl Mtg Assn	5.000% Due 2/1/2039 Rating N/A	2,756	2,774
Federal Natl Mtg Assn	4.500% Due 5/1/2039 Rating N/A	8,812	9,011
Federal Natl Mtg Assn	3.000% Due 1/1/2029 Rating N/A	9,189	9,875
Federal Natl Mtg Assn	3.500% Due 6/1/2046 Rating N/A	51,531	58,232
Federal Natl Mtg Assn	3.500% Due 4/1/2029 Rating N/A	85,937	90,545
Federal Natl Mtg Assn	2.500% Due 12/1/2034 Rating N/A	77,587	84,121
Federal Natl Mtg Assn	2.500% Due 10/1/2051 Rating N/A	85,401	104,244
Federal Natl Mtg Assn	2.500% Due 12/1/2051 Rating N/A	142,281	167,781
Federal Natl Mtg Assn	5.500% Due 8/1/2053 Rating N/A	280,718	277,142
Federal Natl Mtg Assn	5.000% Due 1/1/2054 Rating N/A	89,038	88,945
Federal Natl Mtg Assn	4.500% Due 8/1/2040 Rating N/A	9,648	9,952
	Subtotal	3,089,899	3,179,298

Mutual Fixed Income Funds:

PIMCO Diversified Income Fund	Fund #106	2,485,498	2,766,751
	Subtotal	2,485,498	2,766,751

Corporate Bonds:

	Due	Current Value	Cost
American Express	VAR% 3/4/2025		-
AT&T	4.300% 2/15/2030	117,505	112,054
Amgen Inc	1.650% 8/15/2028	141,488	144,088
Baltimore Gas & Electric	2.400% 8/15/2026	47,180	51,807
Bank of America Corp	VAR% 6/14/2028	39,659	44,805
Citigroup Inc	VAR% 6/9/2027	107,001	97,662
Comcast Corp	4.250% 10/15/2030	137,981	128,922
Commonwealth Edison Co	3.700% 8/15/2028	67,663	73,632
Con Edison Company of NY Inc	3.350% 4/1/2030	55,944	63,720
Duke Energy	4.950% 11/15/2033	96,759	93,968
Goldman Sachs Group Inc	VAR% 5/1/2029	77,386	74,401
IBM Corp	3.500% 5/15/2029	76,275	84,252
JP Morgan Chase & Co	VAR% 6/1/2029	84,232	89,786
Morgan Stanley	VAR% 7/20/2027	18,268	20,000
Morgan Stanley	VAR% 1/21/2028	55,691	60,022
Morgan Stanley	VAR% 5/4/2027	46,070	50,000
Nstar Electric Co	3.950% 4/1/2030	38,150	39,358
RTX Corp	6.100% 3/15/2034	43,410	39,925
United Health Group	4.000% 2/15/2030	62,786	59,912
Verizon	2.100% 3/22/2028	63,322	70,193
Virginia Electric & Power	3.500% 3/15/2027	48,326	49,807
Virginia Electric & Power	3.750% 4/1/2033	70,796	69,800
WEC Energy Group Inc	2.200% 12/15/2028	80,057	89,785
Wells Fargo & Company	VAR% 7/25/2029	173,582	169,407

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Identity of Issuer, Borrower, or Similar Party	Description of Investment Including Maturity Date, Rate of Interest, Par, or Maturity Value	Current Value	Cost
	Subtotal	1,749,532	1,777,304
Other Assets			
JPMCB Strategic Property Fund	20-70-002-3839662	4,476,907	4,354,725
	Subtotal	4,476,907	4,354,725
	Grand Total	37,723,978	34,204,443

MESSER CONSTRUCTION CO. HOURLY EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT PLAN

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SCHEDULE OF REPORTABLE TRANSACTIONS

FORM 5500, SCHEDULE H, LINE 4j

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

Identity of Party	Description of Assets	Purchase Price	Selling Price	Cost of Assets	Current Value of Asset on Transaction Date	Net Gain (Loss)
Single Transaction						
Fidelity	Fidelity Small Cap Index Fund	-	1,835,034	2,181,024	1,835,034	-
MFS	MFS Growth Fund	-	6,448,968	7,094,708	6,448,968	(645,740)
Federatd Hermes	Federated Hermes Governmental Obligation Fund	-	3,739,206	3,739,206	3,739,206	-
Federatd Hermes	Federated Hermes Governmental Obligation Fund	8,143,501	-	8,143,501	8,143,501	-
Federatd Hermes	Federated Hermes Governmental Obligation Fund	8,081,583	-	8,081,583	8,081,583	-
Federatd Hermes	Federated Hermes Governmental Obligation Fund	3,308,168	-	3,308,168	3,308,168	-
Vanguard	Vanguard Index Total Stock Market Return Fund	6,449,000	-	6,449,000	6,449,000	-
Vanguard	Vanguard Index Total Stock Market Return Fund	5,372,000	-	5,372,000	5,372,000	-
Vanguard	Vanguard Index Total Stock Market Return Fund	3,740,000	-	3,740,000	3,740,000	-
Vanguard	Vanguard Index Total Stock Market Return Fund	2,674,784	-	2,674,784	2,674,784	-
Series of Transactions						
USA Treasury	USA Treasury Notes 2.750 % Due 5/31/2029					
	Purchases - 7 transactions	1,103,381		1,103,381	1,103,381	-
	Sales - 9 transactions	-	1,373,487	1,391,640	1,391,640	(18,153)
USA Treasury	USA Treasury Notes 3.750 % Due 5/31/2030					
	Purchases - 10 transactions	1,474,850		1,474,850	1,474,850	-
	Sales - 9 transactions	-	590,282	599,516	599,516	(9,234)
Federatd Hermes	Federated Hermes Governmental Obligation Fund					
	Purchases - 30 transactions	14,794,154		14,794,154	14,794,154	-
	Sales - 19 transactions	-	15,406,874	15,406,871	15,406,871	-
Vanguard	Vanguard Index Total Stock Market Return Fund					
	Purchases - 9 transactions	18,512,302		18,512,302	18,512,302	-
	Sales - 5 transactions	-	3,306,839	3,201,238	15,406,871	105,599