

Form 5500

Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan

OMB Nos. 1210-0110 1210-0089

2023

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Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration

Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

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.

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, a single-employer plan, a DFE, the first return/report, the final return/report, an amended return/report, a short plan year return/report.
B This return/report is: the first return/report, the final return/report, an amended return/report, a short plan year return/report.
C If the plan is a collectively-bargained plan, check here.
D Check box if filing under: Form 5558, automatic extension, special extension, the DFVC program.
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: J.J. NICHTING 401(K) PLAN
1b Three-digit plan number (PN): 002
1c Effective date of plan: 12/01/1994
2a Plan sponsor's name (employer, if for a single-employer plan): J.J. NICHTING COMPANY, INC.
2b Employer Identification Number (EIN): 42-0869043
2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number: 319-469-4461
2d Business code (see instructions): 453990

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.

Table with 4 columns: SIGN HERE, Signature of plan administrator, Date, Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator. Includes rows for employer/plan sponsor and DFE.

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3a Plan administrator's name and address <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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	135
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)	112
	6a(2)	0
	6b	0
	6c	0
	6d	0
	6e	0
	6f	0
	6g(1)	132
6g(2)	0	
6h	11	
7 Enter the total number of employers obligated to contribute to the plan (only multiemployer plans complete this item).....	7	

8a If the plan provides pension benefits, enter the applicable pension feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions:
 2E 2F 2G 2J 2K 2S 2T 3D

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

9a Plan funding arrangement (check all that apply)	9b Plan benefit arrangement (check all that apply)
(1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Insurance	(1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Insurance
(2) <input type="checkbox"/> Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts	(2) <input type="checkbox"/> Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts
(3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trust	(3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trust
(4) <input type="checkbox"/> General assets of the sponsor	(4) <input type="checkbox"/> General assets of the sponsor

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 1
 - (4) **C** (Service Provider Information)
 - (5) **D** (DFE/Participating Plan Information)
 - (6) **G** (Financial Transaction Schedules)

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

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

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

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

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

Receipt Confirmation Code _____

**SCHEDULE A
(Form 5500)**

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Department of Labor
Employee Benefits Security Administration

Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

Insurance Information

This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).

▶ **File as an attachment to Form 5500.**

▶ Insurance companies are required to provide the information pursuant to ERISA section 103(a)(2).

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A Name of plan J.J. NICHTING 401(K) PLAN		B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 002
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 J.J. NICHTING COMPANY, INC.		D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 42-0869043

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

1 Coverage Information:

(a) Name of insurance carrier
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(b) EIN	(c) NAIC code	(d) Contract or identification number	(e) Approximate number of persons covered at end of policy or contract year	Policy or contract year	
				(f) From	(g) To
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2 Insurance fee and commission information. Enter the total fees and total commissions paid. List in line 3 the agents, brokers, and other persons in descending order of the amount paid.

(a) Total amount of commissions paid 4113	(b) Total amount of fees paid 58
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3 Persons receiving commissions and fees. (Complete as many entries as needed to report all persons).

(a) Name and address of the agent, broker, or other person to whom commissions or fees were paid
SENTRY INSURANCE **1800 NORTH POINT DRIVE**
STEVENS POINT, WI 54481

(b) Amount of sales and base commissions paid	Fees and other commissions paid		(e) Organization code
	(c) Amount	(d) Purpose	
4113	58	INCENTIVES	3

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

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

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Part II Investment and Annuity Contract Information
 Where individual contracts are provided, the entire group of such individual contracts with each carrier may be treated as a unit for purposes of this report.

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

6 Contracts With Allocated Funds:

a State the basis of premium rates ▶

b Premiums paid to carrier **6b**

c Premiums due but unpaid at the end of the year..... **6c**

d If the carrier, service, or other organization incurred any specific costs in connection with the acquisition or retention of the contract or policy, enter amount. **6d**
 Specify nature of costs ▶

e Type of contract: (1) individual policies (2) group deferred annuity
 (3) other (specify) ▶

f If contract purchased, in whole or in part, to distribute benefits from a terminating plan, check here ▶

7 Contracts With Unallocated Funds (Do not include portions of these contracts maintained in separate accounts)

a Type of contract: (1) deposit administration (2) immediate participation guarantee
 (3) guaranteed investment (4) other ▶

b Balance at the end of the previous year	7b	1140644
c Additions: (1) Contributions deposited during the year	7c(1)	24009
	7c(2)	
	7c(3)	14213
	7c(4)	11155
	7c(5)	
(6) Total additions	7c(6)	49377
d Total of balance and additions (add lines 7b and 7c(6))	7d	1190021
e Deductions:		
	7e(1)	84590
	7e(2)	217
	7e(3)	1103656
	7e(4)	1558
(5) Total deductions	7e(5)	1190021
f Balance at the end of the current year (subtract line 7e(5) from line 7d)	7f	0

▶ INVESTMENT ADVISORY FEE ASSETS TRANSFERRED TO NEW PLAN

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

- 8** Benefit and contract type (check all applicable boxes)
- | | | | |
|--|--|---|--|
| a <input type="checkbox"/> Health (other than dental or vision) | b <input type="checkbox"/> Dental | c <input type="checkbox"/> Vision | d <input type="checkbox"/> Life insurance |
| e <input type="checkbox"/> Temporary disability (accident and sickness) | f <input type="checkbox"/> Long-term disability | g <input type="checkbox"/> Supplemental unemployment | h <input type="checkbox"/> Prescription drug |
| i <input type="checkbox"/> Stop loss (large deductible) | j <input type="checkbox"/> HMO contract | k <input type="checkbox"/> PPO contract | l <input type="checkbox"/> Indemnity contract |
| m <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) ▶ | | | |

9 Experience-rated contracts:

a Premiums: (1) Amount received	9a(1)	
(2) Increase (decrease) in amount due but unpaid.....	9a(2)	
(3) Increase (decrease) in unearned premium reserve	9a(3)	
(4) Earned ((1) + (2) - (3)).....		9a(4)
b Benefit charges (1) Claims paid.....	9b(1)	
(2) Increase (decrease) in claim reserves	9b(2)	
(3) Incurred claims (add (1) and (2)).....		9b(3)
(4) Claims charged		9b(4)
c Remainder of premium: (1) Retention charges (on an accrual basis) --		
(A) Commissions	9c(1)(A)	
(B) Administrative service or other fees	9c(1)(B)	
(C) Other specific acquisition costs	9c(1)(C)	
(D) Other expenses	9c(1)(D)	
(E) Taxes	9c(1)(E)	
(F) Charges for risks or other contingencies.....	9c(1)(F)	
(G) Other retention charges.....	9c(1)(G)	
(H) Total retention		9c(1)(H)
(2) Dividends or retroactive rate refunds. (These amounts were <input type="checkbox"/> paid in cash, or <input type="checkbox"/> credited.).....		9c(2)
d Status of policyholder reserves at end of year: (1) Amount held to provide benefits after retirement		9d(1)
(2) Claim reserves		9d(2)
(3) Other reserves.....		9d(3)
e Dividends or retroactive rate refunds due. (Do not include amount entered in line 9c(2).)		9e
10 Nonexperience-rated contracts:		
a Total premiums or subscription charges paid to carrier.....		10a
b If the carrier, service, or other organization incurred any specific costs in connection with the acquisition or retention of the contract or policy, other than reported in Part I, line 2 above, report amount		10b
Specify nature of costs.		

Part IV Provision of Information

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

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

SCHEDULE C (Form 5500) <small>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</small> <small>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</small> <small>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</small>	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.	<small>OMB No. 1210-0110</small> 2023 This Form is Open to Public Inspection.
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A Name of plan J.J. NICHTING 401(K) PLAN	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	002
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 J.J. NICHTING COMPANY, INC.	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 42-0869043	

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.

1 Information on Persons Receiving Only Eligible Indirect Compensation

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

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

(b) Enter name and EIN or address of person who provided you disclosures on eligible indirect compensation

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

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

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(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
64	RECORDKEEPER	1334	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	0	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

(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 <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

(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 <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

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

Part II Service Providers Who Fail or Refuse to Provide Information

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

(a) Enter name and EIN or address of service provider (see instructions)	(b) Nature of Service Code(s)	(c) Describe the information that the service provider failed or refused to provide

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Part III Termination Information on Accountants and Enrolled Actuaries (see instructions)
(complete as many entries as needed)

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

Explanation:

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

Explanation:

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c Position:	
d Address:	e Telephone:

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

Explanation:

SCHEDULE D (Form 5500) <small>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</small> <small>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</small>	DFE/Participating Plan Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.	OMB No. 1210-0110 <hr/> 2023 This Form is Open to Public Inspection.
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A Name of plan <u>J.J. NICHTING 401(K) PLAN</u>	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	<u>002</u>
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C Plan or DFE sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <u>J.J. NICHTING COMPANY, INC.</u>	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>42-0869043</u>
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Part I	Information on interests in MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs (to be completed by plans and DFEs) (Complete as many entries as needed to report all interests in DFEs)
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: 80/SHORT-TERM INVESTMENT ACCOUNT II

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): SENTRY LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

c EIN-PN <u>39-6040276-089</u>	d Entity code <u>P</u>	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>0</u>
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: AB/MID-CAP GROWTH ACCOUNT II

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): SENTRY LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

c EIN-PN <u>39-6040276-032</u>	d Entity code <u>P</u>	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>59633</u>
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: AI/MID-CAP INDEX ACCOUNT II

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): SENTRY LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

c EIN-PN <u>39-6040276-051</u>	d Entity code <u>P</u>	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>5862</u>
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: AJ/MID-CAP VALUE INDEX ACCOUNT

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): SENTRY LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

c EIN-PN <u>39-6040276-052</u>	d Entity code <u>P</u>	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>435257</u>
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: AK/REIT INDEX ACCOUNT

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): SENTRY LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

c EIN-PN <u>39-6040276-053</u>	d Entity code <u>P</u>	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>0</u>
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: AL/SMALL CAP VALUE INDEX ACCOUNT

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): SENTRY LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

c EIN-PN <u>39-6040276-054</u>	d Entity code <u>P</u>	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>1087</u>
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: AN/EMERGING MARKETS INDEX ACCOUNT

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): SENTRY LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

c EIN-PN <u>39-6040276-071</u>	d Entity code <u>P</u>	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>8012</u>
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: AO/FOREIGN LARGE INDEX ACCOUNT		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): SENTRY LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY		
c EIN-PN 39-6040276-076	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 13032
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: AP/SMALL CAP BLEND ACCOUNT III		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): SENTRY LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY		
c EIN-PN 39-6040276-077	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 0
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: CB/HIGH YIELD BOND ACCOUNT		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): SENTRY LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY		
c EIN-PN 39-6040276-057	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 78
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: CC/SMALL-MID CAP GROWTH ACCOUNT		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): SENTRY LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY		
c EIN-PN 39-6040276-058	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 7021
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: GC/TIPS ACCOUNT		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): SENTRY LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY		
c EIN-PN 39-6040276-066	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 79
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: H0/AGGRESSIVE GROWTH ACCOUNT		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): SENTRY LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY		
c EIN-PN 39-6040276-008	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 10611
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: HA/LARGE CAP BLEND ACCOUNT IV		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): SENTRY LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY		
c EIN-PN 39-6040276-084	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 51197
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: HB/FOREIGN LARGE BLEND ACCOUNT		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): SENTRY LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY		
c EIN-PN 39-6040276-085	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 56583
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: HC/INTERMEDIATE TERM BOND ACCOUNT I		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): SENTRY LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY		
c EIN-PN 39-6040276-086	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 243
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: HD/GLOBAL REAL ESTATE ACCOUNT		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): SENTRY LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY		
c EIN-PN 39-6040276-087	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 91610

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: IO/INTERNATIONAL GROWTH ACCOUNT		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): SENTRY LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY		
c EIN-PN 39-6040276-009	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 0
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: IA/2010 TARGET RETIREMENT ACCOUNT I		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): SENTRY LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY		
c EIN-PN 39-6040276-101	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 529442
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: IB/2015 TARGET RETIREMENT ACCOUNT I		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): SENTRY LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY		
c EIN-PN 39-6040276-102	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 246529
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: IC/2020 TARGET RETIREMENT ACCOUNT I		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): SENTRY LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY		
c EIN-PN 39-6040276-103	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 50643
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: ID/2025 TARGET RETIREMENT ACCOUNT I		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): SENTRY LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY		
c EIN-PN 39-6040276-104	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 786488
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: IE/2030 TARGET RETIREMENT ACCOUNT I		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): SENTRY LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY		
c EIN-PN 39-6040276-105	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 444179
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: IF/2035 TARGET RETIREMENT ACCOUNT I		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): SENTRY LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY		
c EIN-PN 39-6040276-106	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 548968
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: IG/2040 TARGET RETIREMENT ACCOUNT I		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): SENTRY LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY		
c EIN-PN 39-6040276-107	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 220613
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: IH/2045 TARGET RETIREMENT ACCOUNT I		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): SENTRY LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY		
c EIN-PN 39-6040276-108	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 731457
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: II/2050 TARGET RETIREMENT ACCOUNT I		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): SENTRY LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY		
c EIN-PN 39-6040276-109	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 172316

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: IJ/2055 TARGET RETIREMENT ACCOUNT I		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): SENTRY LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY		
c EIN-PN 39-6040276-110	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 595329
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: IK/2060 TARGET RETIREMENT ACCOUNT I		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): SENTRY LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY		
c EIN-PN 39-6040276-111	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 529512
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: IL/2065 TARGET RETIREMENT ACCOUNT I		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): SENTRY LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY		
c EIN-PN 39-6040276-129	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 54265
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: M0/SMALL CAP BLEND ACCOUNT I		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): SENTRY LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY		
c EIN-PN 39-6040276-013	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 113470
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: MB/LARGE CAP VALUE ACCOUNT		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): SENTRY LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY		
c EIN-PN 39-6040276-075	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 9
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: P0/SMALL CAP INDEX ACCOUNT		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): SENTRY LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY		
c EIN-PN 39-6040276-016	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 402409
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: R0/TOTAL STOCK INDEX ACCOUNT		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): SENTRY LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY		
c EIN-PN 39-6040276-018	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 52403
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: S0/LARGE CAP INDEX ACCOUNT		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): SENTRY LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY		
c EIN-PN 39-6040276-019	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 871567
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: SE/LARGE CAP DIVIDENDS ACCOUNT		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): SENTRY LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY		
c EIN-PN 39-6040276-070	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 0
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: W0/TOTAL BOND INDEX ACCOUNT		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): SENTRY LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY		
c EIN-PN 39-6040276-023	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 82

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: **X0/BALANCED ALLOCATION ACCOUNT**

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): **SENTRY LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY**

c EIN-PN 39-6040276-024	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 1444
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: **YM/INTERMEDIATE-TERM BOND ACCOUNT I**

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): **SENTRY LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY**

c EIN-PN 39-6040276-074	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 0
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):

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

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):

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

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):

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

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):

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

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):

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

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

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):

c EIN-PN	d Entity code	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)
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Part II Information on Participating Plans (to be completed by DFEs, other than DCGs)

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

a Plan name

b Name of plan sponsor

c EIN-PN

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SCHEDULE H (Form 5500) <small>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</small> <small>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</small> <small>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</small>	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.	<small>OMB No. 1210-0110</small> 2023 This Form is Open to Public Inspection
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For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2023 and ending 12/31/2023	
A Name of plan J.J. NICHTING 401(K) PLAN	B Three-digit plan number (PN) 002
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 J.J. NICHTING COMPANY, INC.	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 42-0869043

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.

		(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)	0	0
(2) Participant contributions	1b(2)	0	0
(3) Other	1b(3)		
c General investments:			
(1) Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit)	1c(1)	0	0
(2) U.S. Government securities	1c(2)	0	0
(3) Corporate debt instruments (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(3)(A)	0	0
(B) All other	1c(3)(B)	0	0
(4) Corporate stocks (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(4)(A)	0	0
(B) Common	1c(4)(B)	0	0
(5) Partnership/joint venture interests	1c(5)	0	0
(6) Real estate (other than employer real property)	1c(6)	0	0
(7) Loans (other than to participants)	1c(7)	0	21498
(8) Participant loans	1c(8)	0	0
(9) Value of interest in common/collective trusts	1c(9)	0	0
(10) Value of interest in pooled separate accounts	1c(10)	5975423	7091430
(11) Value of interest in master trust investment accounts	1c(11)	0	0
(12) Value of interest in 103-12 investment entities	1c(12)	0	0
(13) Value of interest in registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds)	1c(13)	0	0
(14) Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts)	1c(14)	1140644	1551
(15) Other	1c(15)	0	0

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	7116067	7114479
Liabilities			
g Benefit claims payable	1g		
h Operating payables	1h		
i Acquisition indebtedness	1i		
j Other liabilities	1j		7114479
k Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through 1j)	1k	0	7114479
Net Assets			
l Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f)	1l	7116067	0

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)	273332	
(B) Participants	2a(1)(B)	468865	
(C) Others (including rollovers)	2a(1)(C)	48110	
(2) Noncash contributions	2a(2)	0	
(3) Total contributions. Add lines 2a(1)(A), (B), (C), and line 2a(2)	2a(3)		790307
b Earnings on investments:			
(1) Interest:			
(A) Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit)	2b(1)(A)	0	
(B) U.S. Government securities	2b(1)(B)	0	
(C) Corporate debt instruments	2b(1)(C)	0	
(D) Loans (other than to participants)	2b(1)(D)	0	
(E) Participant loans	2b(1)(E)	1752	
(F) Other	2b(1)(F)	14213	
(G) Total interest. Add lines 2b(1)(A) through (F)	2b(1)(G)		15965
(2) Dividends: (A) Preferred stock	2b(2)(A)	0	
(B) Common stock	2b(2)(B)	0	
(C) Registered investment company shares (e.g. mutual funds)	2b(2)(C)	0	
(D) Total dividends. Add lines 2b(2)(A), (B), and (C)	2b(2)(D)		0
(3) Rents	2b(3)		
(4) Net gain (loss) on sale of assets: (A) Aggregate proceeds	2b(4)(A)	0	
(B) Aggregate carrying amount (see instructions)	2b(4)(B)	0	
(C) Subtract line 2b(4)(B) from line 2b(4)(A) and enter result	2b(4)(C)		
(5) Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of assets: (A) Real estate	2b(5)(A)		
(B) Other	2b(5)(B)	0	
(C) Total unrealized appreciation of assets. Add lines 2b(5)(A) and (B)	2b(5)(C)		

		(a) Amount	(b) Total
(6) Net investment gain (loss) from common/collective trusts.....	2b(6)		0
(7) Net investment gain (loss) from pooled separate accounts.....	2b(7)		1003476
(8) Net investment gain (loss) from master trust investment accounts.....	2b(8)		0
(9) Net investment gain (loss) from 103-12 investment entities.....	2b(9)		0
(10) Net investment gain (loss) from registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds).....	2b(10)		0
c Other income.....	2c		0
d Total income. Add all income amounts in column (b) and enter total.....	2d		1809748

Expenses

e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers.....	2e(1)	1847878	
(2) To insurance carriers for the provision of benefits.....	2e(2)	0	
(3) Other.....	2e(3)	0	
(4) Total benefit payments. Add lines 2e(1) through (3)	2e(4)		1847878
f Corrective distributions (see instructions).....	2f		0
g Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions).....	2g		0
h Interest expense.....	2h		
i Administrative expenses:			
(1) Salaries and allowances.....	2i(1)		
(2) Contract administrator fees.....	2i(2)		
(3) Recordkeeping fees.....	2i(3)	1334	
(4) IQPA audit fees.....	2i(4)		
(5) Investment advisory and investment management fees.....	2i(5)	318	
(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)		1652
j Total expenses. Add all expense amounts in column (b) and enter total.....	2j		1849530

Net Income and Reconciliation

k Net income (loss). Subtract line 2j from line 2d	2k		-39782
l Transfers of assets:			
(1) To this plan.....	2l(1)		
(2) From this plan.....	2l(2)		7076285

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: LUTZ & COMPANY, PC

(2) EIN: 47-0625816

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.)		X	
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.)		X	
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.)		X	
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.)		X	
e Was this plan covered by a fidelity bond?	X		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?		X	
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?		X	
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?		X	
i Did the plan have assets held for investment? (Attach schedule(s) of assets if "Yes" is checked, and see instructions for format requirements.)	X		
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.)		X	
k Were all the plan assets either distributed to participants or beneficiaries, transferred to another plan, or brought under the control of the PBGC?	X		
l Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan?		X	
m If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.)	X		
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.	X		

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)
LUTZ FINANCIAL POOLED EMPLOYER PLAN	27-2037969	012

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) <small>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</small> <small>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</small> <small>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</small>	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.	<small>OMB No. 1210-0110</small> 2023 This Form is Open to Public Inspection.
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For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2023 and ending 12/31/2023

A Name of plan <u>J.J. NICHTING 401(K) PLAN</u>	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	<u>002</u>
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <u>J.J. NICHTING COMPANY, INC.</u>	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>42-0869043</u>	

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

1 Total value of distributions paid in property other than in cash or the forms of property specified in the instructions.....	1	
2 Enter the EIN(s) of payor(s) who paid benefits on behalf of the plan to participants or beneficiaries during the year (if more than two, enter EINs of the two payors who paid the greatest dollar amounts of benefits): EIN(s): <u>39-6040276</u>		
Profit-sharing plans, ESOPs, and stock bonus plans, skip line 3.		
3 Number of participants (living or deceased) whose benefits were distributed in a single sum, during the plan year	3	

Part II	Funding Information (If the plan is not subject to the minimum funding requirements of section 412 of the Internal Revenue Code or ERISA section 302, skip this Part.)
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4 Is the plan administrator making an election under Code section 412(d)(2) or ERISA section 302(d)(2)?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> 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?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> 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?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A

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

Part V Additional Information for Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans

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

a Name of contributing employer _____

b EIN _____ **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer _____

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer _____

b EIN _____ **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer _____

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer _____

b EIN _____ **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer _____

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer _____

b EIN _____ **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer _____

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer _____

b EIN _____ **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer _____

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer _____

b EIN _____ **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer _____

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

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

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

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

14 Enter the number of deferred vested and retired participants (inactive participants), as of the beginning of the plan year, whose contributing employer is no longer making contributions to the plan for:

a The current plan year. Check the box to indicate the counting method used to determine the number of inactive participants: <input type="checkbox"/> last contributing employer <input type="checkbox"/> alternative <input type="checkbox"/> reasonable approximation (see instructions for required attachment)	14a	
b The plan year immediately preceding the current plan year. <input type="checkbox"/> 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. <input type="checkbox"/> 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

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

21a Does the plan satisfy the coverage and nondiscrimination tests of Code sections 410(b) and 401(a)(4) by combining this plan with any other plans under the permissive aggregation rules? Yes No

21b If this is a Code section 401(k) plan, check all boxes that apply to indicate how the plan is intended to satisfy the nondiscrimination requirements for employee deferrals and employer matching contributions (as applicable) under Code sections 401(k)(3) and 401(m)(2).
 Design-based safe harbor method
 "Prior year" ADP test
 "Current year" ADP test
 N/A

22 If the plan sponsor is an adopter of a pre-approved plan that received a favorable IRS Opinion Letter, enter the date of the Opinion Letter 06 / 30 / 2020 (MM/DD/YYYY) and the Opinion Letter serial number Q702610A.

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Financial Statements and Independent Auditors' Report

December 31, 2023 and 2022



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Note: Schedules required by the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 that have not been included herein are not applicable.

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

Plan Committee
J.J. Nichting 401(k) Plan
Pilot Grove, IA

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

We have performed audit of the financial statements of J.J. Nichting 401(k) Plan (the Plan), an employee benefit plan subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), as permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) (ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit). The financial statements comprise the statement of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2023, the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

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

Management has obtained a certification from a qualified institution as of December 31, 2023, and for the year then ended, stating that the certified investment information, as described in Note 3 to the financial statements, is complete and accurate.

Opinion

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

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

Basis for Opinion

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

Emphasis of Matter – Plan Merger

As discussed in Note 1 to the financial statements, the Company voted to merge the Plan effective December 11, 2023. All plan assets were transferred to a pooled employer plan. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

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

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

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

Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

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

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, we:

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

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

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

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

Other Matter – Supplementary Information Required by ERISA

The supplementary information as of December 31, 2023, is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements but is supplementary information required by the DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information included in the supplementary information, other than that agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, has been subjected to auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with GAAS. For information included in the supplementary information that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, we compared such information to the related certified investment information.

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

In our opinion:

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

Other Matter - 2022 Net Assets Available for Benefits

The accompanying statement of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2022 was not audited, reviewed or compiled by us and, accordingly, we do not express an opinion or any form of assurance on it.

Lutz & Company, P.C.

October 14, 2024

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Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits

December 31, 2023 and 2022

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
ASSETS		
Investments at Fair Value	\$ 7,091,430	\$ 5,975,423
Investments at Contract Value	1,551	1,140,644
Total Investments	7,092,981	7,116,067
Receivables		
Notes Receivable from Participants	21,498	-
Total Receivables	21,498	-
LIABILITIES		
Transfer Payable to Pooled Employer Plan	(7,114,479)	-
NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS	\$ -	\$ 7,116,067

See Notes to Financial Statements.

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Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits

Year Ended December 31, 2023

ADDITIONS TO NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTED TO

Investment Income	
Net Appreciation in Fair Value of Investments	\$ 1,041,670
Interest and Dividends from Investments	14,212
Total Investment Income	1,055,882
Interest Income on Notes Receivable from Participants	1,752
Contributions	
Employer	273,332
Participant	468,865
Rollover	48,110
Total Contributions	790,307
Total Additions	1,847,941

DEDUCTIONS FROM NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTED TO

Benefits Paid Directly to Participants	1,847,878
Administrative Expenses	1,651
Total Deductions	1,849,529

NET DECREASE (1,588)

Net Assets Available for Benefits, Beginning of Year 7,116,067

Transfer to Pooled Employer Plan (7,114,479)

NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS, END OF YEAR \$ -

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1. Plan Description

The following description of the J.J. Nichting 401(k) Plan (the Plan) provides only general information. Participants should refer to the Plan agreement for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions.

General

The Plan is a defined contribution plan subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). The Plan was established December 1, 1994 to provide retirement benefits for non-union employees of J.J. Nichting Company, Inc. (the Company).

Employees are eligible to make pre-tax and designated after-tax Roth salary deferral contributions and are eligible to receive Company safe harbor and discretionary matching contributions after attaining age 19 and completing one hour of service. Eligible employees become participants on the first day of the month following the date on which entry requirements are satisfied.

Effective December 11, 2023, the Plan merged into a pooled employer plan. The final payroll contribution for 2023 was sent to the pooled employer plan, and the full transfer of assets occurred in January 2024.

Contributions

Participants may make voluntary pre-tax and Roth after-tax salary deferral contributions up to the maximum dollar limits allowable by law. Participants may also contribute amounts representing distributions from other qualified plans. All employees are automatically enrolled with a 6% deferral contribution once they become eligible for the Plan. At any time, a participant may elect not to contribute, may increase or decrease their deferral rate, or may elect out of the automatic deferral. The Company will contribute a safe harbor contribution equal to 100% of participant elective deferrals, up to 4% of eligible compensation. Additionally, the Company may elect to make discretionary matching contributions not to exceed 6% of eligible compensation. All participants who are eligible to make deferral contributions and who are projected to attain age 50 before the close of the calendar year are eligible to make catch-up contributions. Contributions are subject to certain limitations.

Participant Accounts

Each participant's account is credited with the participant's contribution and allocations of a) the Company's safe harbor contributions, b) the Company's discretionary matching contributions and c) Plan earnings or losses. The Company's discretionary matching contributions are allocated among participants based upon each participant's elected salary deferral. The Company's safe harbor contributions are allocated among participants based upon eligible compensation of the participants. Plan earnings or losses are allocated on the basis of actual results of the investments selected by each participant. Investments are maintained in individual member accounts managed by Sentry Life Insurance Company (Sentry).

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Vesting

Participants are vested immediately in their contributions plus earnings thereon. Vesting in the Company's contributions credited to participants' accounts are based on years of continuous service. For Company discretionary matching contributions, participants are 20% vested after two years of credited service and vesting increases 20% per year until a participant is 100% vested after six years of credited service. Participants are vested in Company safe harbor contributions after two years of credited service.

Notes Receivable from Participants

Participants may borrow from their fund accounts a minimum of \$1,000 up to a maximum equal to the lesser of \$50,000 or 50% of their vested account balance. The notes are secured by the balance in the participant's account and bear interest at 1% over the Prime Rate as published in the Wall Street Journal. The term of the note is limited to five years (fifteen years if used to purchase a principal residence) and all principal and interest payments must be made through payroll deductions.

Payment of Benefits

Upon termination, retirement, disability, or death, the participant or beneficiary may elect to receive a lump sum payment, installment payments, or an annuity equal to the value of the vested funds allocated to the participant's account. Participants may elect to receive a lump sum payment for qualified hardships. Upon attainment of age 59 ½, a participant may withdraw all or a portion of the contribution made to the Plan in which they are 100% vested. The Plan requires that distribution payments between \$1,000 and \$5,000 be directly rolled over to an individual retirement account designated by the plan administrator in the event the participant does not elect a payout option. Distributions under \$1,000 will be paid to the participant in the event the participant does not elect a payout option. Benefits are recorded when paid.

Forfeitures

Upon a participant's termination of employment before normal retirement, disability, or death, the portion of their Company safe harbor or Company discretionary matching contributions not then vested shall be forfeited. The forfeited portion of any participant's account may be used to reduce future Company contributions. At December 31, 2023, forfeited non-vested accounts totaled \$0. During 2023, \$9,738 of forfeited amounts were used to reduce Company contributions or pay plan expenses.

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2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

A summary of the significant accounting policies consistently applied in the preparation of the accompanying financial statements is set forth below.

Basis of Presentation

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared on the accrual basis and in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Presentation of Participant-Directed Funds

The Plan's presentation of participant-directed investments is in accordance with the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) 962, *Plan Accounting – Defined Contribution Pension Plans*.

Use of Estimates

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

Investment Valuation and Income Recognition

Investments, except for fully benefit-responsive investment contracts, are reported at fair value. Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. The Plan determines the valuation policies utilizing information provided by the investment advisors and custodians. See Note 5 for further discussion of fair value measurements.

Fully benefit-responsive investment contracts are reported at contract value. Contract value is the relevant measurement attribute for that portion of the net assets available for benefits of a defined contribution plan attributable to fully benefit-responsive investment contracts because contract value is the amount participants would receive if they were to initiate permitted transactions under the terms of the Plan. The Plan invests in investment contracts through a guaranteed interest account under Sentry. Purchases and sales of investments are recorded on a trade-date basis. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. Net appreciation includes the Plan's gains and losses on investment bought and sold during the year.

Notes Receivable from Participants

Notes receivable from participants are measured at their unpaid principal balance plus any accrued but unpaid interest. Delinquent notes are reclassified as distributions based upon the terms of the Plan document.

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Expenses

Certain expenses of maintaining the Plan are paid directly by the Company and are excluded from these financial statements. Other fees specifically incurred by or attributable to individual participants are paid from the applicable participant's account and included in administrative expenses. Investment related expenses are included in net appreciation in fair value of investments.

Risks and Uncertainties

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

Subsequent Events

Subsequent events are events or transactions that occur after the statement of net assets available for benefits date, but before the financial statements are available to be issued and may require potential recognition or disclosure in the financial statements. Management has considered such events or transactions through October 14, 2024. See "General" section of Note 1 for a description of a subsequent event.

3. Information Certified by Sentry

The plan administrator has elected the method of compliance as permitted by 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's (DOL) Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Accordingly, as permitted under such election, the plan administrator instructed the Plan's independent auditors not to perform any auditing procedures with respect to the following information certified by Sentry, except for comparing such information certified by the trustee to information included in the Plan's financial statements and supplementary information.

The following table presents the value of the participant-direct Plan assets that were certified by Sentry at December 31, 2023:

Investments at Fair Value	\$ 7,091,430
Investments at Contract Value	<u>1,551</u>
	<u>\$ 7,092,981</u>
Notes Receivable from Participants	<u>\$ 21,498</u>

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Sentry also certified to the completeness and accuracy of the following related to the aforementioned Plan assets for the year ended December 31, 2023:

Net Appreciation in Fair Value of Investments	\$ 1,041,670
Interest and Dividends from Investments	<u>14,212</u>
Total Investment Income	<u>\$ 1,055,882</u>
Interest Income on Notes Receivable from Participants	<u>\$ 1,752</u>

4. Fair Value Measurements

FASB ASC 820, *Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures*, provides the framework for measuring fair value. That framework provides a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (level 1 measurements) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (level 3 measurements). The three levels of the fair value hierarchy under FASB ASC 820 are described as follows:

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

Level 2 Inputs to the valuation methodology include:

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

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

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

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

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

Pooled Separate Accounts: Valued at the unit value, which approximates net asset value (NAV) of its underlying investments. The accounts include investments in fixed securities, mutual funds, common stocks, or real estate which have observable level 1 or level 2 pricing inputs, including quoted prices for similar assets in active or non-active markets. FASB ASC 820, Fair Value Measurement, allows NAV per

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share to serve as a practical expedient to estimate the fair value as long as certain requirements are met. It is the Plan's assessment that these accounts meet those requirements. It is the Plan's assessment that these accounts meet those requirements since the participants can redeem the trusts at NAV as of the measurement date on a daily basis and there are no unfunded commitments.

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

The following table presents by level, within the fair value hierarchy, the Plan's investments at fair value at December 31, 2023.

	<u>Level 1</u>	<u>Level 2</u>	<u>Level 3</u>	<u>Total</u>
Pooled Separate Accounts*	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,091,430
Total Investments at Fair Value	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,091,430

The following table presents by level, within the fair value hierarchy, the Plan's investments at fair value at December 31, 2022.

	<u>Level 1</u>	<u>Level 2</u>	<u>Level 3</u>	<u>Total</u>
Pooled Separate Accounts*	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,975,423
Total Investments at Fair Value	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,975,423

*Investments measured at fair value using NAV per share (or its equivalent) as a practical expedient have not been classified in their fair value hierarchy above. The fair value amounts presented in the hierarchy tables for such investments are intended to permit reconciliation of the fair value hierarchy to the investments at fair value line item presented in the statements of net assets available for benefits.

5. Investment Contract with Insurance Company

The Plan is under an investment contract with Sentry. Sentry maintains the contributions in a guaranteed interest account. The account is credited with earnings on the underlying investments and charged for an withdrawals and administrative expenses charged by Sentry.

As the guaranteed investment account under Sentry is fully benefit-responsive, contract value is the relevant measurement attribute for that portion of the net assets available for benefits attributable to the guaranteed investment account. Contract value, as reported to the Plan by Sentry, represents contributions made under the contract, plus earnings, less participant withdrawals and administrative expenses.

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Participants could ordinarily direct the withdrawal or transfer of all or a portion of their investment at contract value.

The Plan's ability to receive amounts due in accordance with fully benefit-responsive contracts is dependent on the third-party issuer's ability to meet its financial obligations. The issuer's ability to meet its contractual obligations may be affected by future economic developments. No events were probable of occurring that might limit the ability of the Plan to transact at contract value with the contract issuers and that also would limit the ability of the Plan to transact at contract value with the participants.

6. Plan Termination

The Company has the right under the Plan to discontinue their contributions at any time and to terminate the Plan at any time subject to the provisions of ERISA. In the event of Plan termination, participants will become 100% vested. Distribution to participants of the account balances would be made as soon as practicable after the termination date.

7. Tax Status

The Plan is qualified as a profit-sharing plan under Section 401(a) of the Internal Revenue Code and is exempt from federal income taxation under Section 501(a) of the Internal Revenue Code.

The plan administrator believes that the Plan is currently designed and being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the Internal Revenue Code. Therefore, no provision for income taxes has been included in the financial statements.

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require plan management to evaluate tax positions taken by the Plan and recognize a tax liability (or asset) if the Plan has taken an uncertain position that more likely than not would not be sustained upon examination by the applicable taxing authority. The plan administrator has analyzed the tax positions taken by the Plan and has concluded that 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 prior to 2020.

8. Related Party Transactions

Certain Plan investments are assets managed by Sentry or its subsidiaries. Additionally, the Plan incurred expenses for annual trustee, investment and administrative services with Sentry during the year ended December 31, 2023. Sentry is the trustee, as defined by the Plan and therefore, these transactions qualify as party-in-interest transactions.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

J.J. Nichting 401(k) Plan

Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year) – Schedule H – Item 4i

December 31, 2023

Employer Identification Number 42-0869043
Plan Number 002

	<u>Description of Investment</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Current Value</u>
<u>Sentry Life Insurance Company</u>			
	S0/LARGE CAP INDEX ACCOUNT	**	\$ 871,570
	ID/2025 TARGET RETIREMENT ACCOUNT IV	**	786,488
	IH/2045 TARGET RETIREMENT ACCOUNT IV	**	731,457
	IJ/2055 TARGET RETIREMENT ACCOUNT IV	**	595,329
	IF/2035 TARGET RETIREMENT ACCOUNT IV	**	548,968
	IK/2060 TARGET RETIREMENT ACCOUNT IV	**	529,512
	IA/2010 TARGET RETIREMENT ACCOUNT IV	**	529,441
	IE/2030 TARGET RETIREMENT ACCOUNT IV	**	444,179
	AJ/MID-CAP VALUE INDEX ACCOUNT	**	435,257
	P0/SMALL CAP INDEX ACCOUNT	**	402,409
	IB/2015 TARGET RETIREMENT ACCOUNT IV	**	246,529
	IG/2040 TARGET RETIREMENT ACCOUNT IV	**	220,613
	II/2050 TARGET RETIREMENT ACCOUNT IV	**	172,316
	M0/SMALL CAP BLEND ACCOUNT I	**	113,470
	HD/GLOBAL REAL ESTATE ACCOUNT	**	91,609
	AB/MID-CAP GROWTH ACCOUNT II	**	59,633
	HB/FOREIGN LARGE BLEND ACCOUNT	**	56,583
	IL/2065 TARGET RETIREMENT ACCOUNT IV	**	54,265
	R0/TOTAL STOCK INDEX ACCOUNT	**	52,403
	HA/LARGE CAP BLEND ACCOUNT IV	**	51,197
	IC/2020 TARGET RETIREMENT ACCOUNT IV	**	50,643
	AO/FOREIGN LARGE INDEX ACCOUNT	**	13,032
	H0/AGGRESSIVE GROWTH ACCOUNT	**	10,611
	AN/EMERGING MARKETS INDEX ACCOUNT	**	8,012
	CC/SMALL-MID CAP GROWTH ACCOUNT	**	7,021
	AI/MID-CAP INDEX ACCOUNT II	**	5,862
	X0/BALANCED ALLOCATION ACCOUNT	**	1,444
	AL/SMALL CAP VALUE INDEX ACCOUNT	**	1,086
	HC/INTERMEDIATE TERM BOND ACCOUNT III	**	243
	W0/TOTAL BOND INDEX ACCOUNT	**	82
	GC/TIPS ACCOUNT	**	79
	CB/HIGH YIELD BOND ACCOUNT	**	78
	MB/LARGE CAP VALUE ACCOUNT	**	9
*	Guaranteed Interest Account	**	
	Guaranteed Investment	**	
	Contract, 1.80% Interest Rate		1,551
*	Notes Receivable from Participants	**	
	Interest Rate 8.75%		21,498
Total Investment Assets			\$ 7,114,479

*Indicates party-in-interest

**Cost information is not required for participant-directed investments.

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April 2024

PATRICK MCCRABB
J J NICHTING COMPANY INC
PO BOX 14
PILOT GROVE, IA 52648

J.J. Nichting 401(k) Plan (011044001)
Disclosure of Eligible Indirect Compensation

Source of Eligible Indirect Compensation	Dollar Amount or Formula
Sentry Insurance:	
Wrap Fees on Separate Accounts	0.50% of total assets invested in Separate Accounts
Sub-transfer Agent Fees	T. Rowe Price Shares currently 0.15% annualized (except for Large Cap Value Account which has no fee) Janus Global Allocation Growth Fund currently 0.15% annualized

This information is being provided as part of the disclosure requirements for Schedule C of the Form 5500. The amounts displayed above may be an estimate of the actual compensation associated with your plan. Compensation reported on this disclosure is for the administrative support of your plan.

John Hyland
President - Sentry Life Insurance Company

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.**

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1210-0089

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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 single-employer plan
 - a multiple-employer plan (Filers checking this box must provide participating employer information in accordance with the form instructions.)
 - a DFE (specify) _____
- B** This return/report is:
 - 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
 - special extension (enter description)
 - the DFVC program
- 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 J.J. Nichting 401(k) Plan	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 80%;">1b Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶</td> <td style="width: 20%; text-align: center;">002</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">1c Effective date of plan 12/01/1994</td> </tr> </table>	1b Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	002	1c Effective date of plan 12/01/1994			
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1c Effective date of plan 12/01/1994							
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) J.J. Nichting Company, Inc. 1342 Pilot Grove Road Pilot Grove IA 52648	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td colspan="2">2b Employer Identification Number (EIN) 42-0869043</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number (319) 469-4461</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">2d Business code (see instructions) 453990</td> </tr> </table>	2b Employer Identification Number (EIN) 42-0869043		2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number (319) 469-4461		2d Business code (see instructions) 453990	
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2d Business code (see instructions) 453990							

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		10/14/24	Melissa Coram
	Signature of plan administrator	Date	Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator
SIGN HERE			
	Signature of employer/plan sponsor	Date	Enter name of individual signing as employer or plan sponsor
SIGN HERE			
	Signature of DFE	Date	Enter name of individual signing as DFE

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3a Plan administrator's name and address <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Same as Plan Sponsor	3b Administrator's EIN 3c Administrator's telephone number <div style="background-color: #cccccc; height: 40px; width: 100%;"></div>																						
4 If the name and/or EIN of the plan sponsor or the plan name has changed since the last return/report filed for this plan, enter the plan sponsor's name, EIN, the plan name and the plan number from the last return/report: a Sponsor's name c Plan Name	4b EIN 4d PN																						
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8a If the plan provides pension benefits, enter the applicable pension feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions:
 2E 2F 2G 2J 2K 2S 2T 3D

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

9a Plan funding arrangement (check all that apply) (1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Insurance (2) <input type="checkbox"/> Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts (3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trust (4) <input type="checkbox"/> General assets of the sponsor	9b Plan benefit arrangement (check all that apply) (1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Insurance (2) <input type="checkbox"/> Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts (3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trust (4) <input type="checkbox"/> 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)

<p>a Pension Schedules</p> <p>(1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> R (Retirement Plan Information)</p> <p>(2) <input type="checkbox"/> MB (Multiemployer Defined Benefit Plan and Certain Money Purchase Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary</p> <p>(3) <input type="checkbox"/> SB (Single-Employer Defined Benefit Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary</p> <p>(4) <input type="checkbox"/> DCG (Individual Plan Information) – Number Attached _____</p> <p>(5) <input type="checkbox"/> MEP (Multiple-Employer Retirement Plan Information)</p>	<p>b General Schedules</p> <p>(1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> H (Financial Information)</p> <p>(2) <input type="checkbox"/> I (Financial Information – Small Plan)</p> <p>(3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A (Insurance Information) – Number Attached <u> 1 </u></p> <p>(4) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> C (Service Provider Information)</p> <p>(5) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> D (DFE/Participating Plan Information)</p> <p>(6) <input type="checkbox"/> G (Financial Transaction Schedules)</p>
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Part III Form M-1 Compliance Information (to be completed by welfare benefit plans)

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

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

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

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

Receipt Confirmation Code _____

**SCHEDULE H
(Form 5500)**

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Department of Labor
Employee Benefits Security Administration

Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

Financial Information

This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code).

▶ **File as an attachment to Form 5500.**

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2023

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For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning and ending

A Name of plan	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500	D Employer Identification Number (EIN)	

Part I Asset and Liability Statement

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

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

		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
1d	Employer-related investments:		
(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	
Liabilities			
g	Benefit claims payable.....	1g	
h	Operating payables.....	1h	
i	Acquisition indebtedness.....	1i	
j	Other liabilities.....	1j	
k	Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through 1j).....	1k	
Net Assets			
l	Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f).....	1l	

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.

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

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

Expenses

e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers.....	2e(1)		
(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)		
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)		
(3) Recordkeeping fees	2i(3)		
(4) IQPA audit fees.....	2i(4)		
(5) Investment advisory and investment management fees.....	2i(5)		
(6) Bank or trust company trustee/custodial fees.....	2i(6)		
(7) Actuarial fees.....	2i(7)		
(8) Legal fees.....	2i(8)		
(9) Valuation/appraisal fees.....	2i(9)		
(10) Other trustee fees and expenses.....	2i(10)		
(11) Other expenses.....	2i(11)		
(12) Total administrative expenses. Add lines 2i(1) through (11).....	2i(12)		
j Total expenses. Add all expense amounts in column (b) and enter total.....	2j		

Net Income and Reconciliation

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

Part III Accountant's Opinion

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

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

- (1) Unmodified (2) Qualified (3) Disclaimer (4) Adverse

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

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

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

(1) Name:

(2) EIN:

d The opinion of an independent qualified public accountant is **not attached** because:

- (1) This form is filed for a CCT, PSA, 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.)	4a			
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.)	4b			
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.)	4c			
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.)	4d			
e Was this plan covered by a fidelity bond?	4e			
f Did the plan have a loss, whether or not reimbursed by the plan's fidelity bond, that was caused by fraud or dishonesty?	4f			
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?	4g			
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?	4h			
i Did the plan have assets held for investment? (Attach schedule(s) of assets if "Yes" is checked, and see instructions for format requirements.)	4i			
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.)	4j			
k Were all the plan assets either distributed to participants or beneficiaries, transferred to another plan, or brought under the control of the PBGC?	4k			
l Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan?	4l			
m If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.)	4m			
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.	4n			

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 _____.

Attachment to 2023 Form 5500
Schedule H, line 4i - Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year)

Plan Name J.J. Nichting 401(k) Plan
Plan Sponsor's Name J.J. Nichting Company, Inc.

EIN: 42-0869043
PN: 002

(a)	(b) Identity of issue, borrower, lessor, or similar party	(c) Description of investment including maturity date, rate of interest, collateral, par, or maturity value.	(d) Cost	(e) Current value
*	Sentry Life Insurance Company	GUARANTEED FUND		1,551
*	Sentry Life Insurance Company	MID-CAP GROWTH ACCOUNT II		59,633
*	Sentry Life Insurance Company	MID-CAP INDEX ACCOUNT II		5,862
*	Sentry Life Insurance Company	MID-CAP VALUE INDEX ACCOUNT		435,257
*	Sentry Life Insurance Company	SMALL CAP VALUE INDEX ACCOUNT		1,087
*	Sentry Life Insurance Company	EMERGING MARKETS INDEX ACCOUNT		8,012
*	Sentry Life Insurance Company	FOREIGN LARGE INDEX ACCOUNT		13,032

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Plan Name J.J. Nichting 401(k) Plan
Plan Sponsor's Name J.J. Nichting Company, Inc.

EIN: 42-0869043
PN: 002

(a)	(b) Identity of issue, borrower, lessor, or similar party	(c) Description of investment including maturity date, rate of interest, collateral, par, or maturity value.	(d) Cost	(e) Current value
*	Sentry Life Insurance Company	HIGH YIELD BOND ACCOUNT		78
*	Sentry Life Insurance Company	SMALL-MID CAP GROWTH ACCOUNT		7,021
*	Sentry Life Insurance Company	TIPS ACCOUNT		79
*	Sentry Life Insurance Company	AGGRESSIVE GROWTH ACCOUNT		10,611
*	Sentry Life Insurance Company	LARGE CAP BLEND ACCOUNT IV		51,197
*	Sentry Life Insurance Company	FOREIGN LARGE BLEND ACCOUNT		56,583
*	Sentry Life Insurance Company	INTERMEDIATE TERM BOND ACCOUNT III		243

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Plan Sponsor's Name J.J. Nichting Company, Inc.

EIN: 42-0869043
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*	Sentry Life Insurance Company	GLOBAL REAL ESTATE ACCOUNT		91,610
*	Sentry Life Insurance Company	2010 TARGET RETIREMENT ACCOUNT IV		529,442
*	Sentry Life Insurance Company	2015 TARGET RETIREMENT ACCOUNT IV		246,529
*	Sentry Life Insurance Company	2020 TARGET RETIREMENT ACCOUNT IV		50,643
*	Sentry Life Insurance Company	2025 TARGET RETIREMENT ACCOUNT IV		786,488
*	Sentry Life Insurance Company	2030 TARGET RETIREMENT ACCOUNT IV		444,179
*	Sentry Life Insurance Company	2035 TARGET RETIREMENT ACCOUNT IV		548,968

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Plan Name J.J. Nichting 401(k) Plan
Plan Sponsor's Name J.J. Nichting Company, Inc.

EIN: 42-0869043
PN: 002

(a)	(b) Identity of issue, borrower, lessor, or similar party	(c) Description of investment including maturity date, rate of interest, collateral, par, or maturity value.	(d) Cost	(e) Current value
*	Sentry Life Insurance Company	2040 TARGET RETIREMENT ACCOUNT IV		220,613
*	Sentry Life Insurance Company	2045 TARGET RETIREMENT ACCOUNT IV		731,457
*	Sentry Life Insurance Company	2050 TARGET RETIREMENT ACCOUNT IV		172,316
*	Sentry Life Insurance Company	2055 TARGET RETIREMENT ACCOUNT IV		595,329
*	Sentry Life Insurance Company	2060 TARGET RETIREMENT ACCOUNT IV		529,512
*	Sentry Life Insurance Company	2065 TARGET RETIREMENT ACCOUNT IV		54,265
*	Sentry Life Insurance Company	SMALL CAP BLEND ACCOUNT I		113,470

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Plan Sponsor's Name J.J. Nichting Company, Inc.

EIN: 42-0869043
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(a)	(b) Identity of issue, borrower, lessor, or similar party	(c) Description of investment including maturity date, rate of interest, collateral, par, or maturity value.	(d) Cost	(e) Current value
*	Sentry Life Insurance Company	LARGE CAP VALUE ACCOUNT		9
*	Sentry Life Insurance Company	SMALL CAP INDEX ACCOUNT		402,409
*	Sentry Life Insurance Company	TOTAL STOCK INDEX ACCOUNT		52,403
*	Sentry Life Insurance Company	LARGE CAP INDEX ACCOUNT		871,567
*	Sentry Life Insurance Company	TOTAL BOND INDEX ACCOUNT		82
*	Sentry Life Insurance Company	BALANCED ALLOCATION ACCOUNT		1,444
*	PARTICIPANT LOANS	8.75% to 9.50%		21,498