

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

Part II	Basic Plan Information—enter all requested information
1a	Name of plan MID-SOUTH IRON WORKERS DIRECT CONTRIBUTION FUND
1b	Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001
1c	Effective date of plan 06/01/1995
2a	Plan sponsor's name (employer, if for a single-employer plan) Mailing address (include room, apt., suite no. and street, or P.O. Box) City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code (if foreign, see instructions) TRUSTEES - MID-SOUTH IRON WORKERS DIRECT CONTRIBUTION FUND 1600 HIGHWAY 6 SOUTH SUITE 340 SUGAR LAND, TX 77478
2b	Employer Identification Number (EIN) 72-1303411
2c	Plan Sponsor's telephone number 504-831-1544
2d	Business code (see instructions) 238100

Caution: A penalty for the late or incomplete filing of this return/report will be assessed unless reasonable cause is established.

Under penalties of perjury and other penalties set forth in the instructions, I declare that I have examined this return/report, including accompanying schedules, statements and attachments, as well as the electronic version of this return/report, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete.

SIGN HERE	Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature.	10/15/2024	LUKE WAGGENSPACK
	Signature of plan administrator	Date	Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator
SIGN HERE	Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature.	10/15/2024	JOHN GANDY
	Signature of employer/plan sponsor	Date	Enter name of individual signing as employer or plan sponsor
SIGN HERE			
	Signature of DFE	Date	Enter name of individual signing as DFE

3a Plan administrator's name and address ☒ Same as Plan Sponsor	3b Administrator's EIN 3c Administrator's telephone number
4 If the name and/or EIN of the plan sponsor or the plan name has changed since the last return/report filed for this plan, enter the plan sponsor's name, EIN, the plan name and the plan number from the last return/report: a Sponsor's name c Plan Name	4b EIN 4d PN
5 Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year	5 1870
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) 1870 6a(2) 1972 6b 0 6c 0 6d 1972 6e 46 6f 2018 6g(1) 6g(2) 1698 6h
7 Enter the total number of employers obligated to contribute to the plan (only multiemployer plans complete this item)	7 48

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

2F

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

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

a Pension Schedules

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

b General Schedules

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

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

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

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

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

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

Receipt Confirmation Code _____

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

For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2023 and ending 12/31/2023		
A Name of plan MID-SOUTH IRON WORKERS DIRECT CONTRIBUTION FUND	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	001
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 TRUSTEES - MID-SOUTH IRON WORKERS DIRECT CONTRIBUTION FUND	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 72-1303411	

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

1 Information on Persons Receiving Only Eligible Indirect Compensation

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

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

(b) Enter name and EIN or address of person who provided you disclosures on eligible indirect compensation	
BLACKROCK STRATEGIC INCOME OPPORTUN	
23-1793451	

(b) Enter name and EIN or address of person who provided you disclosures on eligible indirect compensation	
VANGUARD TOTAL INTERNATIONAL STOCK	455 DEVON PARK DRIVE WAYNE, PA 19087

(b) Enter name and EIN or address of person who provided you disclosures on eligible indirect compensation	
VANGUARD 500 INDEX FUND ADMIRAL	455 DEVON PARK DRIVE WAYNE, PA 19087

(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)

JOHN HANCOCK RETIREMENT PLAN SERVIC

01-0233346

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
15 50	NONE	104886	Yes ☒ No ☐	Yes ☒ No ☐	0	Yes ☒ No ☐

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

NEEDLES & ASSOCIATES, LLC

51-0435869

(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?
10 50	NONE	17679	Yes ☐ No ☒	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

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

ROBEIN, URANN, SPENCER, ET AL.

77-0999672

(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?
29 50	NONE	5580	Yes ☐ No ☒	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

Part I Service Provider Information (continued)

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

(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
(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
ZENITH AMERICAN SOLUTIONS 52-1590516	14 50	DOESN'T REPLY TO EMAIL.
SEGAL MARCO ADVISORS 13-2646110	27 50	DOESN'T REPLY TO EMAIL.

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

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

Explanation:

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c Position:	
d Address:	e Telephone:

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SCHEDULE H (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Financial Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ► File as an attachment to Form 5500.	OMB No. 1210-0110
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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 MID-SOUTH IRON WORKERS DIRECT CONTRIBUTION FUND	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ►	001
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 TRUSTEES - MID-SOUTH IRON WORKERS DIRECT CONTRIBUTION FUND	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 72-1303411	

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	57133	24702
b Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts):			
(1) Employer contributions	1b(1)	444874	455611
(2) Participant contributions	1b(2)		
(3) Other	1b(3)	1666	4873
c General investments:			
(1) Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit)	1c(1)	1074	169036
(2) U.S. Government securities	1c(2)	20614	17591
(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)	16758773	20275276
(14) Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts)	1c(14)		
(15) Other	1c(15)	220609	207990

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	17504743	21155079
Liabilities			
g Benefit claims payable	1g		
h Operating payables	1h	8464	481
i Acquisition indebtedness	1i		
j Other liabilities	1j	11971	43440
k Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through 1j)	1k	20435	43921
Net Assets			
l Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f)	1l	17484308	21111158

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)	1874173	
(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)		1874173
b Earnings on investments:			
(1) Interest:			
(A) Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit)	2b(1)(A)	1655	
(B) U.S. Government securities	2b(1)(B)	4834	
(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)		6489
(2) Dividends: (A) Preferred stock	2b(2)(A)		
(B) Common stock	2b(2)(B)	585039	
(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)		585039
(3) Rents	2b(3)		
(4) Net gain (loss) on sale of assets: (A) Aggregate proceeds	2b(4)(A)	3657	
(B) Aggregate carrying amount (see instructions)	2b(4)(B)	3491	
(C) Subtract line 2b(4)(B) from line 2b(4)(A) and enter result	2b(4)(C)		166
(5) Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of assets: (A) Real estate	2b(5)(A)		
(B) Other	2b(5)(B)	468	
(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)		2240538
c Other income	2c		5463
d Total income. Add all income amounts in column (b) and enter total	2d		4712336

Expenses

e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers	2e(1)	884621	
(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)		884621
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)	131618	
(3) Recordkeeping fees.....	2i(3)		
(4) IQPA audit fees.....	2i(4)	17679	
(5) Investment advisory and investment management fees	2i(5)	29395	
(6) Bank or trust company trustee/custodial fees	2i(6)	2039	
(7) Actuarial fees	2i(7)		
(8) Legal fees	2i(8)	5580	
(9) Valuation/appraisal fees	2i(9)		
(10) Other trustee fees and expenses	2i(10)	3405	
(11) Other expenses	2i(11)	11149	
(12) Total administrative expenses. Add lines 2i(1) through (11)	2i(12)		200865
j Total expenses. Add all expense amounts in column (b) and enter total	2j		1085486

Net Income and Reconciliation

k Net income (loss). Subtract line 2j from line 2d	2k		3626850
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: **NEEDLES & ASSOCIATES, LLC**

(2) EIN: **51-0435869**

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

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

Part IV Compliance Questions

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

During the plan year:

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

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

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

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

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

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

SCHEDULE R (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Retirement Plan Information This schedule is required to be filed under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.	OMB No. 1210-0110 2023 This Form is Open to Public Inspection.
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For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2023 and ending 12/31/2023		
A Name of plan MID-SOUTH IRON WORKERS DIRECT CONTRIBUTION FUND	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	001
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 TRUSTEES - MID-SOUTH IRON WORKERS DIRECT CONTRIBUTION FUND	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 72-1303411	

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

1	Total value of distributions paid in property other than in cash or the forms of property specified in the instructions.....	1	0
2	Enter the EIN(s) of payor(s) who paid benefits on behalf of the plan to participants or beneficiaries during the year (if more than two, enter EINs of the two payors who paid the greatest dollar amounts of benefits): EIN(s): 52-1590516		
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	95

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

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

Part V Additional Information for Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans

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

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

a Name of contributing employer

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

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

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

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

a The current plan year. Check the box to indicate the counting method used to determine the number of inactive participants: ☐ last contributing employer ☐ alternative ☐ reasonable approximation (see instructions for required attachment)

14a

b The plan year immediately preceding the current plan year. ☐ Check the box if the number reported is a change from what was previously reported (see instructions for required attachment)

14b

c The second preceding plan year. ☐ Check the box if the number reported is a change from what was previously reported (see instructions for required attachment)

14c

- 15** Enter the ratio of the number of participants under the plan on whose behalf no employer had an obligation to make an employer contribution during the current plan year to:

a The corresponding number for the plan year immediately preceding the current plan year

15a

b The corresponding number for the second preceding plan year

15b

- 16** Information with respect to any employers who withdrew from the plan during the preceding plan year:

a Enter the number of employers who withdrew during the preceding plan year

16a

b If line 16a is greater than 0, enter the aggregate amount of withdrawal liability assessed or estimated to be assessed against such withdrawn employers

16b

- 17** If assets and liabilities from another plan have been transferred to or merged with this plan during the plan year, check box and see instructions regarding supplemental information to be included as an attachment..... ☐

Part VI Additional Information for Single-Employer and Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans

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

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FUND***

***FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
December 31, 2023 and 2022***

MID-SOUTH IRON WORKERS DIRECT CONTRIBUTION FUND

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Plan Participants and Board of Trustees
Mid-South Iron Workers Direct Contribution Fund
Metairie, LA

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Mid-South Iron Workers Direct Contribution Fund , an employee benefit plan subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), which comprise the statements of net assets available for benefits and of benefit obligations as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, and the related statements of changes in net assets available for benefits and of changes in benefit obligations for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial status of Mid-South Iron Workers Direct Contribution Fund as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, and the changes in its financial status for the years then ended, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of Mid-South Iron Workers Direct Contribution Fund and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audits. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

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

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

Management is also responsible for maintaining a current plan instrument, including all plan amendments; administering the plan; and determining that the plan's transactions that are presented and disclosed in the financial statements are in conformity with the plan's provisions,

including maintaining sufficient records with respect to each of the participants, to determine the benefits due or which may become due to such participants.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

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

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

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

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

Supplemental Schedules Required by ERISA

Our audits were conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements as a whole. The supplemental schedules of assets (held at end of year) and of reportable transactions, together referred to as "supplemental information," are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the financial statements but are supplementary information required by the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial

statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audits of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards.

In forming our opinion on the supplemental schedules, we evaluated whether the supplemental schedules, including their form and content, are presented in conformity with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.

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

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Needle & Associates, LLC". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Broomfield, CO
October 11, 2024

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

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
<i>Assets</i>		
Cash	<u>\$ 24,702</u>	<u>\$ 57,133</u>
Investments, at fair value		
Money market funds	169,036	1,074
Mutual funds	20,275,276	16,758,773
Government bonds	<u>17,591</u>	<u>20,614</u>
Total investments, at fair value	<u>20,461,903</u>	<u>16,780,461</u>
Investments, at contract value		
Stable value funds	<u>207,990</u>	<u>220,609</u>
Total investments, at contract value	<u>207,990</u>	<u>220,609</u>
Receivables		
Employers' contributions	455,611	444,874
Accrued interest	817	273
Other receivable	<u>-</u>	<u>1,393</u>
Total receivables	<u>456,428</u>	<u>446,540</u>
Other assets		
Prepaid expenses	<u>4,056</u>	<u>-</u>
Total assets	<u>\$ 21,155,079</u>	<u>\$ 17,504,743</u>
 <i>Liabilities</i>		
Accounts payable	\$ 481	\$ 8,464
Due to other funds	<u>43,440</u>	<u>11,971</u>
Total liabilities	<u>\$ 43,921</u>	<u>\$ 20,435</u>
 <i>Net assets available for benefits</i>	<u><u>\$ 21,111,158</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 17,484,308</u></u>

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

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***Statements of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits
Years Ended December 31, 2023 and 2022***

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
<i>Additions</i>		
Contributions		
Employers'	\$ 1,723,992	\$ 1,683,538
Reciprocity in	<u>150,181</u>	<u>132,448</u>
Total contributions	<u>1,874,173</u>	<u>1,815,986</u>
Investment earnings		
Interest	6,490	1,852
Dividends	585,039	902,192
Mutual fund earnings	2,240,538	(3,985,516)
Stable value income	5,454	2,848
Net appreciation (depreciation) in fair value	<u>634</u>	<u>(3,845)</u>
Total investment earnings	<u>2,838,155</u>	<u>(3,082,469)</u>
Other income	<u>9</u>	<u>6,138</u>
Total additions	<u>\$ 4,712,337</u>	<u>\$ (1,260,345)</u>
<i>Deductions</i>		
Benefit payments		
Pension benefits	\$ 884,622	\$ 1,741,880
Operating expenses (Note G)	<u>200,865</u>	<u>267,343</u>
Total deductions	<u>\$ 1,085,487</u>	<u>\$ 2,009,223</u>
Net increase	\$ 3,626,850	\$ (3,269,568)
<i>Net assets available for benefits</i>		
Beginning of year	<u>\$ 17,484,308</u>	<u>\$ 20,753,876</u>
End of year	<u><u>\$ 21,111,158</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 17,484,308</u></u>

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

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Notes to Financial Statements December 31, 2023 and 2022

NOTE A - DESCRIPTION OF PLAN

The following description of Mid-South Iron Workers Direct Contribution Fund (Plan) provides only general information. Participants should refer to the Trust Documents and Plan Documents for a complete description of the Plan's provisions.

- **General**

The Plan is a defined contribution, multiemployer plan that provides additional pension benefits to all persons who work hours of covered employment under collective bargaining agreement of Iron Workers Local No. 623. It is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).

The Plan has contracted with Zenith American Solutions, Inc. to manage daily operations and Whitney Bank as custodian of Plan assets.

During the prior year, the Plan transferred the custody of most of the assets from Whitney bank to John Hancock Trust Company, LLC. John Hancock Retirement Plan services (JHRS) will also maintain all record keeping functions including participant accounts, operating payables, and benefit distributions. Zenith-American Solutions Inc. will continue to receive and transmit the employer contributions to the record keeper.

- **Tax status**

The Plan obtained its latest determination letter on June 14, 2012, in which the Internal Revenue Service states that the Plan, as then designed, was in compliance with the applicable requirements of the Internal Revenue Code. The Plan has been amended since receiving the determination letter. However, the Plan's administrator and the Plan's tax counsel believe the Plan is currently designed and being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the Internal Revenue Code.

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require management to evaluate tax positions taken by the Plan and recognize a tax liability if the Plan has taken an uncertain position that more likely than not would not be sustained upon examination by the Internal Revenue Service. Management has evaluated the Plan's tax positions and concluded that the Plan has taken no uncertain tax positions.

The Plan is subject to routine audits by taxing jurisdictions; however, there are currently no audits for any tax periods in progress.

- **Funding**

The Plan is funded by employers' contributions in accordance with formulas set forth in the applicable collective bargaining agreement(s). Additionally, the Plan has entered into

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NOTE A - DESCRIPTION OF PLAN

reciprocal agreements with other plans, whereby, participants working out of jurisdiction can have pension contributions remitted to the Plan at the rate effective in the jurisdiction in which the hours are worked.

- **Participant accounts**

The Plan maintains individual accounts for each participant which consists of contributions made on his or her behalf by any signatory employer and the income earned on such contributions, less the administrative charge. Effective October 15, 2021, the Plan changed to participant direction for the allocation of assets to the individual accounts. The participants' accounts are reconciled to the Net Assets Available for Benefits determined on the accrual basis of accounting. The participant shall have a non-forfeitable interest and be fully vested at all times in his or her account.

The Plan accepts rollover contributions if the participant establishes to the satisfaction of the Trustees that the amount tendered as a rollover amount represents a qualified distribution to the participant from a qualified plan maintained by the former employer or employers of the participant, and other requirements of the Plan are met. During the year ended December 31, 2023, no rollover contributions were received.

Since the transfer to JHRS, the participants' accounts are maintained on a cash basis. However, the financial statements are reported on an accrual basis thereby creating a reconciling item as follows:

<u>Reconciliation of participant accounts.</u>	
Total Net Assets available for benefits	\$ 21,111,158
Assets not allocated to participants' accounts	(215,385)
Net Accruals- participant accounts are cash	<u>(412,507)</u>
Total Participants' accounts December 31, 2023	<u>\$ 20,483,275</u>

The trustees noted that during the transfer of assets from the prior custodian, there were some government securities and money market funds that were not able to be liquidated and transferred to JHRS and so these remained in the custody of Whitney bank and are not allocated to participants' accounts. In addition, cash accounts in the operating and benefit accounts have not been liquidated and are not allocated to participants' accounts.

- **Pension benefits**

On termination of service due to death, disability or retirement, a participant may receive their account balance by (i) a transfer to another qualified plan, (ii) a transfer to an individual retirement account, or (iii) a lump-sum distribution which is subject to a 20% income tax withholding. For termination of service due to other reasons, a participant may receive the value of the account in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Plan.

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NOTE A - DESCRIPTION OF PLAN

- **Priorities upon termination**

It is the intent of the Trustees to continue the Plan in full force and effect; however, the right to discontinue the Plan is reserved to the Trustees. Termination shall not permit any part of Plan assets to be used for or diverted to purposes other than the exclusive benefit of the participants. In the event the Plan terminates, participants are 100% vested in their accounts.

NOTE B - SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES

- **Basis of accounting**

The accompanying financial statements are prepared on the accrual basis of accounting in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America and presented in a format to coincide with the Form 5500.

- **Use of estimates**

The preparation of financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect reported amounts and disclosures. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

- **Investment valuation and income recognition**

Investments are reported at fair value. Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. The Plan's Board of Trustees determines the Plan's valuation policies utilizing information provided by its investment custodian(s) and investment advisor(s).

Purchases and sales of securities are recorded on a trade-date basis. Interest income is recorded when earned. Dividends are recorded on the ex-dividend date. Net appreciation (depreciation) includes gains and losses on investments bought and sold as well as held during the year.

- **Employers' contributions receivable**

Employers' contributions are recorded as income in the month the hours are worked. Employers' contributions receivable represent contributions applicable to work months prior to December 31, 2023 and 2022, but collected subsequent to those dates. Plan management believes these receivables to be fully collectible. The Board of Trustees has a policy of performing agreed-upon procedures on the payroll records of contributing employers on a regular basis. Delinquencies may arise from these procedures, but due to the uncertainty of collections, no estimates of amounts due will be accrued until settlements are reached. Consequently, no allowance for uncollectible receivables is recorded.

- **Payment of benefits**

Benefit payments to participants are recorded upon distribution.

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NOTE B - SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES

- **Subsequent events**

Management has evaluated subsequent events through October 11, 2024, the date the financial statements were available to be issued. No subsequent events have occurred requiring accrual or disclosure.

NOTE C - FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

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

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

Level 2 Inputs to the valuation methodology include:

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

If the asset or liability has a 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 maximize the use of relevant observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs.

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.

Money market funds and mutual funds: Valued at the closing price reported on the active market on which the individual securities are traded.

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NOTE C - FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS (continued)

U.S. government securities: Valued using pricing models maximizing the use of observable inputs for similar securities.

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

The preceding methods described may produce a fair value calculation that may not be indicative of net realizable value or reflective of future fair values. Furthermore, although the Plan believes its valuation 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 Plan's investments have no unfunded commitment and can be redeemed at will by the Plan.

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

Assets at fair value as of December 31, 2023				
Description	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Money market funds	\$ 169,036	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 169,036
Mutual funds	20,275,276	-	-	20,275,276
Government bonds	-	17,591	-	17,591
Total assets at fair value	<u>\$ 20,444,312</u>	<u>\$ 17,591</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 20,461,903</u>

Assets at fair value as of December 31, 2022				
Description	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Money market funds	\$ 1,074	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,074
Mutual funds	16,758,773	-	-	16,758,773
Government bonds	-	20,614	-	20,614
Total assets at fair value	<u>\$ 16,759,847</u>	<u>\$ 20,614</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 16,780,461</u>

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NOTE D – STABLE VALUE FUND

During the prior year, the Board of trustees moved a substantial amount of their investments onto the John Hancock platform and under the John Hancock Trust company. By this action, one of the investment options available to the Plan participants was the John Hancock Stable Value Fund Class R6. This investment provides for the collective investment of assets of participating tax qualified plans and related trusts, in guaranteed investment contracts and in cash or other readily marketable assets. The investment seeks to preserve capital and provide stability of principal while earning current income that exceeds money market rates over the long term. This investment is comprised of guaranteed investment contracts (GICs), and separate account contracts. Traditional GICs and separate account contracts receive a guaranteed interest rate from the issuer for a specified time. It records the amounts deposited to and withdrawn from Pooled Separate Account No. 131 (which is the underlying investment account in which all contributions are invested and are primarily fixed income securities owned by New York Life Insurance Co). The issuer for each GIC contract guarantees that all qualified participant withdrawals will occur at contract value (principal plus accrued interest). All investment contracts held by Stable Fund at December 31, 2023, are fully benefit-responsive. The average yield earned by the Stable Fund at December 31, 2023, represents the annualized earnings of all investments in the Trust divided by the period-end fair value of all investments in the Trust was 1.53%.

NOTE E - RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES

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

NOTE F - PARTY-IN-INTEREST TRANSACTIONS

Payments for professional services such as administration, consulting, investment management, legal, and auditing are considered reasonable and customary for such services.

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NOTE G - OPERATING EXPENSES

The following is a detailed summary of the Plan's operating expenses for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022:

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Third party administrator fees	\$ 128,816	\$ 154,296
Custodial fees	2,039	2,658
Investment management-advisor	29,395	25,000
Legal fees	5,580	33,635
Audit fees	17,679	33,028
Insurance-bonding premiums	9,051	10,344
Office expenses	2,802	6,886
Meeting- conference expenses	3,405	814
Other expenses	<u>2,098</u>	<u>682</u>
Total operating expenses	<u>\$ 200,865</u>	<u>\$ 267,343</u>

NOTE H - AMENDMENTS

The Board of Trustees approved amendments to the Restated and Amended Plan Document which incorporated the following changes. Participants should always refer to the Summary Plan Description and/or the Trust Documents for further information and all provisions of the Plan.

- Effective January 2022, the Plan's Eighth Amendment amended the automatic distribution on termination of accounts less than \$250.

NOTE I - CHANGES IN CLASSIFICATION AND RECLASSIFICATION

The presentation of certain financial statement amounts of the previous year has been changed to reflect the presentation adopted for the current year.

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Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year)

December 31, 2023

		(c) Description of investment including maturity date, rate of interest, collateral, par, or maturity value				
(a)	(b) Identity of issue, borrower, lessor, or similar party	Maturity Date	Rate of Interest	Par or Maturity Value	(d) Cost	(e) Current value
	Money market fund					
*	Goldman Sachs Financial Square Gov't Fund				\$ 169,036	\$ 169,036
	Total money market fund				\$ 169,036	\$ 169,036
	Stable value Fund					
*	John Hancock Stable Value Fund R6				\$ 207,990	\$ 207,990
	Total Stable value fund				\$ 207,990	\$ 207,990
	Government agency securities					
	BANC OF AMERICA FUNDING C	11/20/2034	5.404		\$ 3,970	\$ 4,401
	BEAR STEARNS ASSET BACKED	03/25/2044	6.627		5,301	6,030
	COUNTRYWIDE HOME EQUITY L	07/15/2035	5.656		423	1,020
	MORGAN STANLEY MOERTGAGE LOAN	11/25/2036	5.520		464	154
	RENAISSANCE HOME EQUITY L	01/25/2037	5.545		17,178	5,986
	Total government agency securities				\$ 27,336	\$ 17,591
	Mutual Funds					
	BlackRock Total Return Fund				\$ 14,381	\$ 13,942
	Amer Target 2010 Fund R6				609,020	587,730
	Amer Target 2015 Fund R6				580,712	514,719
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	Amer Target 2045 Fund R6				2,831,934	2,539,794
	Amer Target 2050 Fund R6				2,196,818	1,999,672
	Amer Target 2055 Fund R6				1,497,799	1,396,861
	Amer Target 2060 Fund R6				1,018,654	972,218
	American Funds 2065 TD Ret R6				285,599	296,166
	Dodge & Cox Stock Fund				39,433	42,415
	Vanguard 500 Index Fd Admiral				124,253	135,562
	Fidelity Mid Cap Index Fund				25,199	23,588
	Harbor SC Value Retirement				27,433	26,516
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	Total assets (held at end of year)				\$ 22,777,081	\$ 20,669,893

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Schedule of Reportable Transactions

December 31, 2023

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	Goldman Sachs FinSq Gov't Fund	1,827,962	-	-	-	1,827,962	1,827,962	-
	Goldman Sachs FinSq Gov't Fund		1,660,000	-	-	1,660,000	1,660,000	-

Form 5500Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue ServiceDepartment of Labor
Employee Benefits Security
Administration

Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan

This form is required to be filed for employee benefit plans under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and sections 6057(b) and 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code).

▶ **Complete all entries in accordance with the instructions to the Form 5500.**OMB Nos. 1210-0110
1210-0089**2023****This Form is Open to Public Inspection****Part I Annual Report Identification Information**For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2023 and ending 12/31/2023

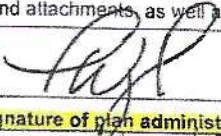
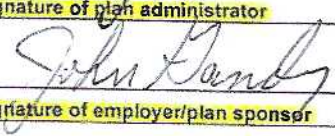
- A** This return/report is for: ☒ a multiemployer plan ☐ a multiple-employer plan (Filers checking this box must provide participating employer information in accordance with the form instructions.)
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- B** This return/report is: ☐ the first return/report ☐ the final return/report
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Part II Basic Plan Information—enter all requested information**1a** Name of plan
Mid-South Iron Workers Direct Contribution Fund**1b** Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001**1c** Effective date of plan
06/01/1995**2a** Plan sponsor's name (employer, if for a single-employer plan)
Mailing address (include room, apt., suite no. and street, or P.O. Box)
City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code (if foreign, see instructions)
Trustees - Mid-South Iron Workers
Direct Contribution Fund**2b** Employer Identification Number (EIN)
72-1303411**2c** Plan Sponsor's telephone number
(504) 831-1544**2d** Business code (see instructions)
2381001600 Highway 6 South
Suite 340
Sugar Land

TX 77478

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		<u>10/8/2024</u>	Luke Waggenpack
	Signature of plan administrator	Date	Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator
SIGN HERE		<u>10/12/24</u>	John Gandy
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