

Form 5500 Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan This form is required to be filed for employee benefit plans under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and sections 6057(b) and 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ▶ Complete all entries in accordance with the instructions to the Form 5500.	OMB Nos. 1210-0110 1210-0089 2023 This Form is Open to Public Inspection
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Part I	Annual Report Identification Information
For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2023 and ending 12/31/2023	
A	This return/report is for: ☐ a multiemployer plan ☐ a multiple-employer plan (Filers checking this box must provide participating employer information in accordance with the form instructions.) ☒ a single-employer plan ☐ a DFE (specify) _____ ☐ the first return/report ☐ the final return/report ☐ an amended return/report ☐ a short plan year return/report (less than 12 months)
C	If the plan is a collectively-bargained plan, check here. ▶ ☒
D	Check box if filing under: ☒ Form 5558 ☐ automatic extension ☐ the DFVC program ☐ special extension (enter description)
E	If this is a retroactively adopted plan permitted by SECURE Act section 201, check here. ▶ ☐

Part II	Basic Plan Information—enter all requested information
1a	Name of plan 403(B) THRIFT PLAN FOR EMPLOYEES OF CHALLENGE INDUSTRIES, INC.
1b	Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 002
1c	Effective date of plan 01/01/2009
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) CHALLENGE INDUSTRIES, INC. 950 DANBY RD STE 179 ITHACA, NY 14850-5793
2b	Employer Identification Number (EIN) 16-0956917
2c	Plan Sponsor's telephone number 607-272-8990
2d	Business code (see instructions)

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	SHANNON ALTHEA PORTER
	Signature of plan administrator	Date	Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator
SIGN HERE	Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature.	10/15/2024	SHANNON ALTHEA PORTER
	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	5 184
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) 73 6a(2) 116 6b 6 6c 88 6d 210 6e 0 6f 210 6g(1) 121 6g(2) 126 6h 0
7 Enter the total number of employers obligated to contribute to the plan (only multiemployer plans complete this item)	7

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

2G 3D 2J 2K 2T

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 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).	OMB No. 1210-0110 2023 This Form is Open to Public Inspection
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C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 CHALLENGE INDUSTRIES, INC.	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 16-0956917	

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.
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1 Coverage Information:

(a) Name of insurance carrier MUTUAL OF AMERICA					
(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
13-1614399	88668	58838	210	01/01/2023	12/31/2023

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	(b) Total amount of fees paid
0	25

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	
ROCHESTER REGIONAL OFFICE	90 LINDEN OAKS SUITE 210 ROCHESTER, NY 14625-2808

(b) Amount of sales and base commissions paid	Fees and other commissions paid		(e) Organization code
	(c) Amount	(d) Purpose	
0	25	INCENTIVE COMPENSATION	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
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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	606657
5 Current value of plan's interest under this contract in separate accounts at year end.....	5	1790939

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. Specify nature of costs ▶	6d	

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	849143
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c Additions: (1) Contributions deposited during the year	7c(1)	15849	
(2) Dividends and credits	7c(2)	0	
(3) Interest credited during the year	7c(3)	9888	
(4) Transferred from separate account.....	7c(4)	2456	
(5) Other (specify below)	7c(5)	0	

▶ **ROLLOVERS, LOANS, FORFEITURES**

(6) Total additions	7c(6)	28193
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d Total of balance and additions (add lines 7b and 7c(6))	7d	877336
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e Deductions:

(1) Disbursed from fund to pay benefits or purchase annuities during year	7e(1)	265523	
(2) Administration charge made by carrier	7e(2)	82	
(3) Transferred to separate account.....	7e(3)	5074	
(4) Other (specify below)	7e(4)	0	

▶ **ROLLOVERS, LOANS, FORFEITURES**

(5) Total deductions	7e(5)	270679
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f Balance at the end of the current year (subtract line 7e(5) from line 7d)	7f	606657
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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** ☐ Health (other than dental or vision)
 b ☐ Dental
 c ☐ Vision
 d ☐ Life insurance
e ☐ Temporary disability (accident and sickness)
 f ☐ Long-term disability
 g ☐ Supplemental unemployment
 h ☐ Prescription drug
i ☐ Stop loss (large deductible)
 j ☐ HMO contract
 k ☐ PPO contract
 l ☐ Indemnity contract
m ☐ 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)	0
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)	0
(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)	0
(2) Dividends or retroactive rate refunds. (These amounts were ☐ paid in cash, or ☐ 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) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Service Provider Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.	OMB No. 1210-0110
		2023
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C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 CHALLENGE INDUSTRIES, INC.	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 16-0956917	

Part I

Service Provider Information (see instructions)

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

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Information on Persons Receiving Only Eligible Indirect Compensation

- a

 Check "Yes" or "No" to indicate whether you are excluding a person from the remainder of this Part because they received only eligible indirect compensation for which the plan received the required disclosures (see instructions for definitions and conditions).. ☒ 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	
DWS	210 WEST 10TH STREET KANSAS CITY, MO 64105

(b) Enter name and EIN or address of person who provided you disclosures on eligible indirect compensation	
FIDELITY INVESTMENTS	82 DEVONSHIRE STREET BOSTON, MA 02109

(b) Enter name and EIN or address of person who provided you disclosures on eligible indirect compensation	
GOLDMAN SACHS	200 WEST STREET NEW YORK, NY 10282

(b) Enter name and EIN or address of person who provided you disclosures on eligible indirect compensation	
MUTUAL OF AMERICA	320 PARK AVE NEW YORK, NY 10022

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

NEUBERGER BERMAN

1290 AVENUE OF THE AMERICAS
NEW YORK, NY 10104

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

INVESCO

11 GREENWAY PLAZA
STE. 2500
HOUSTON, TX 77046

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

T. ROWE PRICE

100 EAST PRATT STREET
BALTIMORE, MD 21202

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

VANGUARD

100 VANGUARD BOULEVARD
MALVERN, PA 19355

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

AMERICAN CENTURY INVESTMENTS

P.O. BOX 419200
4500 MAIN STREET
KANSAS CITY, MO 64141

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

MFS

111 HUNTINGTON AVENUE
BOSTON, MA 02199

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

DELAWARE FUNDS BY MACQUARIE

PO BOX 9876
PROVIDENCE, RI 02940

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

VICTORY CAPITAL MANAGEMENT INC.

15935 LA CANTERA PARKWAY
BUILDING TWO
SAN ANTONIO, TX 78256

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

PIMCO

840 NEWPORT CENTER DRIVE
SUITE 100
NEWPORT BEACH, CA 92660

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

AMERICAN FUNDS

333 SOUTH HOPE STREET
LOS ANGELES, CA 90071-1406

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

CALVERT RESEARCH AND MANAGEMENT

1825 CONNECTICUT AVENUE NW
SUITE 400
WASHINGTON, DC 20009

(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)

MUTUAL OF AMERICA INVESTMENT CORP

320 PARK AVENUE
NEW YORK, NY 10022

(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?
12 15 37 65	RECORD KEEPER	334	Yes ☒ No ☐	Yes ☒ No ☐	0	Yes ☒ No ☐

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

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

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

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			Yes ☐ No ☐	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

Part I Service Provider Information (continued)

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

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

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

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

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

Explanation:

a Name:	b EIN:
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Explanation:

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

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

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

a Plan name**b** Name of
plan sponsor**c** EIN-PN**a** Plan name**b** Name of
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plan sponsor**c** EIN-PN

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

For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2023 and ending 12/31/2023		
A Name of plan 403(B) THRIFT PLAN FOR EMPLOYEES OF CHALLENGE INDUSTRIES, INC.	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ►	002
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 CHALLENGE INDUSTRIES, INC.	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 16-0956917	

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

Assets		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
a Total noninterest-bearing cash	1a		
b Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts):			
(1) Employer contributions	1b(1)	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	0
(8) Participant loans	1c(8)	10983	4392
(9) Value of interest in common/collective trusts	1c(9)	0	0
(10) Value of interest in pooled separate accounts	1c(10)	1571357	1790939
(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)	838160	602265
(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	2420500	2397596
Liabilities			
g Benefit claims payable	1g		
h Operating payables	1h		
i Acquisition indebtedness	1i		
j Other liabilities	1j		
k Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through 1j)	1k	0	0
Net Assets			
l Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f)	1l	2420500	2397596

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)	23493	
(B) Participants	2a(1)(B)	40692	
(C) Others (including rollovers)	2a(1)(C)	4509	
(2) Noncash contributions	2a(2)	0	
(3) Total contributions. Add lines 2a(1)(A) , (B) , (C) , and line 2a(2)	2a(3)		68694
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)	0	
(F) Other	2b(1)(F)	9888	
(G) Total interest. Add lines 2b(1)(A) through (F)	2b(1)(G)		9888
(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)		244321
(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		322903

Expenses

e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers	2e(1)	345473	
(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)		345473
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)		
(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)	334	
(12) Total administrative expenses. Add lines 2i(1) through (11)	2i(12)		334
j Total expenses. Add all expense amounts in column (b) and enter total	2j		345807

Net Income and Reconciliation

k Net income (loss). Subtract line 2j from line 2d	2k		-22904
l Transfers of assets:			
(1) To this plan	2l(1)		0
(2) From this plan	2l(2)		0

Part III Accountant's Opinion

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

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

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

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

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

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

(1) Name: **SCIARABBA WALKER & CO. LLP**

(2) EIN: **16-1071694**

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?	☒		300000
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 403(B) THRIFT PLAN FOR EMPLOYEES OF CHALLENGE INDUSTRIES, INC.	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	002
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 CHALLENGE INDUSTRIES, INC.	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 16-0956917	

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): 13-3590259		
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	0

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

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

Part V Additional Information for Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans

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

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

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

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

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

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

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)

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)

14a	
14b	
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

b The corresponding number for the second preceding plan year

15a	0.00
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

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

16a	
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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403(B) THRIFT PLAN OF CHALLENGE INDUSTRIES, INC.

COMMUNICATION WITH MANAGEMENT AND THOSE CHARGED WITH GOVERNANCE

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023



October 11, 2024

Board of Directors of Challenge Industries, Inc.
and the Plan Administrator of
403(b) Thrift Plan of Challenge Industries, Inc.

To the Board of Directors and Plan Administrator:

We have audited the financial statements of the 403(b) Thrift Plan of Challenge Industries, Inc., 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] for the year ended December 31, 2023 and have issued our report thereon dated October 11, 2024.

As permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C), our audit did not extend to any statements or information related to assets held for investment of the Plan (investment information) by Mutual of America Life Insurance Company, the insurance carrier, which is a bank or similar institution or insurance carrier that is regulated, supervised, and subject to periodic examination by a state or federal agency, that prepared and certified the statements or information regarding assets so held in accordance with 29 CFR 2520.103-5. Our audit did not extend to the certified investment information, except for obtaining and reading the certifications, comparing the certified investment information with the related information presented and disclosed in the financial statements and supplemental schedule, and reading the disclosures related to the certified investment information to assess whether they are in accordance with the presentation and disclosure requirements of 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 GAAP.

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements of the 403(b) Thrift Plan of Challenge Industries, Inc. as of and for the year ended December 31, 2023, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, we considered the 403(b) Thrift Plan of Challenge Industries, Inc.'s system of internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Plan's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Plan's internal control.

A deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A material weakness is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the Plan's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the third paragraph and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

Professional standards require that we provide you with information about our responsibilities under generally accepted auditing standards, as well as certain information related to the planned scope and timing of our audit. We have communicated such information in our engagement letter dated July 12, 2024. Professional standards also require that we communicate to you the following information related to our audit.

This information is intended solely for the use of the Board of Directors of Challenge Industries, Inc. and the Plan administrator of the 403(b) Thrift Plan of Challenge Industries, Inc. and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sciarabba Walker & Co. LLP". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Sciarabba Walker & Co., LLP

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QUALITATIVE ASPECTS OF ACCOUNTING PRACTICES

ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Management is responsible for the selection and use of appropriate accounting policies. The significant accounting policies used by the 403(b) Thrift Plan of Challenge Industries, Inc. are described in Note B to the financial statements. As described in Note I to the financial statements, Accounting Standards Update (ASU) 2016-13, *Financial Instruments – Credit Losses (Topic 326)* and related subsequent updates were adopted during the year ended December 21, 2023. We noted no transactions entered into by the Plan during the year for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus. All significant transactions have been recognized in the financial statements in the proper period.

SIGNIFICANT ESTIMATES

Accounting estimates are an integral part of the financial statements prepared by management and are based on management's knowledge and experience about past and current events and assumptions about future events. Certain accounting estimates are particularly sensitive because of their significance to the financial statements and because of the possibility that future events affecting them may differ significantly from those expected. We believe that there are no particularly sensitive accounting estimates included in the financial statements that require further explanation.

NOTE DISCLOSURES

The financial statement disclosures are neutral, consistent, and clear.

CORRECTED AND UNCORRECTED MISSTATEMENTS

Professional standards require us to accumulate all misstatements identified during the audit, other than those that are clearly trivial, and communicate them to the appropriate level of management. Management has corrected all such misstatements. In addition, none of the misstatements detected as a result of audit procedures and corrected by management were material, either individually or in the aggregate, to the financial statements taken as a whole.

OTHER REQUIRED COMMUNICATIONS

DIFFICULTIES ENCOUNTERED IN PERFORMING THE AUDIT

We encountered no significant difficulties in dealing with management in performing and completing our audit.

FORM 5500 PROCEDURES

We are required to obtain and read a substantially complete draft of Form 5500 prior to dating our auditor's report. The purpose of this procedure is to identify any material inconsistencies between the draft Form 5500 and the Plan's financial statements. We identified no material inconsistencies in performing and completing our audit.

DISAGREEMENTS WITH MANAGEMENT

For purposes of this letter, a disagreement with management is a financial accounting, reporting, or auditing matter, whether or not resolved to our satisfaction, that could be significant to the financial statements or the auditor's report. We are pleased to report that no such disagreements arose during the course of our audit.

MANAGEMENT REPRESENTATIONS

We have requested certain representations from management that are included in the management representation letter dated October 11, 2024.

MANAGEMENT CONSULTATIONS WITH OTHER INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS

In some cases, management may decide to consult with other accountants about auditing and accounting matters, similar to obtaining a "second opinion" on certain situations. If a consultation involves application of an accounting principle to the Plan's financial statements or a determination of the type of auditor's opinion that may be expressed on those statements, our professional standards require the consulting accountant to check with us to determine that the consultant has all the relevant facts. To our knowledge, there were no such consultations with other accountants.

OTHER MATTERS

Our responsibility for the ERISA-required supplemental schedules accompanying the financial statements is to perform adequate procedures to evaluate whether the form and content of the ERISA-required supplemental schedules, other than that agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, is presented in compliance with the DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA, and whether the information in the supplemental schedules related to assets held by and certified to by a qualified institution agrees to, or is derived from, in all material respects, the information prepared and certified by an institution that management determined meets the requirements of ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C).

REPORTABLE FINDINGS

For purposes of this letter, a reportable finding is a matter that includes one or more of the following: (1) noncompliance or suspected noncompliance with laws and regulations, (2) a finding that in our professional judgment is significant and relevant to you regarding your responsibility to oversee the financial reporting process, and (3) an indication of internal control deficiencies identified during the audit that have not been previously communicated to management by other parties and that we determined are sufficiently important to merit management's attention. We identified the following reportable findings:

- Two participants had incorrect information within Mutual of America as compared to their personnel files. This included one instance of the date of hire being incorrect and one instance of the date of termination being incorrect. We recommend reviewing and comparing the participant data received and reported by Mutual of America to the personnel information periodically for accuracy.

- We noted that documentation was unable to be provided for one participant's current contribution rate and another participant's previous contribution rate. We recommend confirming with the participants that their contribution rates in payroll are accurate and adding signed documentation to their personnel files regarding their contribution rates. If the participants disagree with contributions that have been made, we recommend that the plan administrator work with Mutual of America to correct this error under the DOL Voluntary Fiduciary Correction Program (VFCP), and under the IRS Employee Plan Compliance Resolution System (EPCRS).
- One participant who was eligible for the employer match was not receiving a match. We recommend that the plan administrator work with Mutual of America to correct the error under DOL Voluntary Fiduciary Correction Program (VFCP), and under the IRS Employee Plans Compliance Resolution system (EPCRS). We recommend evaluating administrative procedures to ensure that this type of error does not occur in the future.
- During the current year audit, we noted that the Plan implemented automatic enrollment in 2023. Mutual of America informed us that they did not receive the signed amendment resolution. Per discussion with management, the Board is currently working on signing the documentation to amend the Plan retroactively. We recommend confirming with third-party administrators that any amendments to the Plan or other communications are received.
- An updated Summary Plan Description for the Plan was not distributed in 2023. We recommend sending, as soon as possible, any notices that were required to be furnished to participants during 2023 that were not. We recommend documenting the date and method of delivery when required notices are furnished to participants.
- During the current year audit, it was noted that participants were not given written notice of auto-enrollment. We recommend that the provision of notice to participants should be documented.
- No meeting minutes were documented or provided, which would demonstrate compliance with required fiduciary responsibilities. We recommend maintaining minutes for meetings during which the Plan is discussed, including Board Meetings, especially for meetings during which significant decisions are made.
- During the prior year audit, it was noted that two former employees of the Plan Sponsor had not had their access to Mutual of America's website for the Plan revoked. During the current year audit, we noted that these employees still had access during 2023. We recommended ensuring there are policies in place to remove user access for anyone who is terminated from the Plan Sponsor and reviewing the listing of those with user access periodically to ensure those with access are appropriate. We repeat our recommendation.
- Employee contributions were generally remitted within 7 business days after the pay date, but there was one remittance 13 days after the pay date. The DOL regulations require employee contributions to be remitted "to the plan as of the earliest date on which such contributions can be reasonably segregated from the employer's general assets." There is no "safe harbor" rule for plans with more than 100 participants. When examining a plan, the DOL reviews patterns of remittance history to determine the earliest date an employer can reasonably segregate and remit the employee contributions. Therefore, if the Plan was audited, it is possible that the DOL could consider the remittances that took longer to be "late". The DOL can enforce strict penalties

for late employee contribution remittances. We recommend that the plan administrator and trustees review the DOL rule and analyze all payroll remittances for the audit period to determine if any late remittances occurred. Note that late remittances must be reported on the Form 5500. If it is determined that late remittances occurred, we recommend that the plan administrator work with Mutual of America to correct the errors under the DOL Voluntary Fiduciary Correction Program (VFCP).

NEW PRONOUNCEMENTS

SECURE ACT 2.0

On December 23, 2022, Congress passed the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2023 which included SECURE Act 2.0. SECURE Act 2.0 contains over 90 new retirement provisions, with varying effective dates through 2027. Since SECURE Act 2.0 provisions include both required and optional elements, the Plan Administrator should determine which optional provisions to elect and amend the Plan document accordingly.

The general amendment deadline for qualified plans is December 31, 2026. Plans will need to amend or restate their plan documents by this date for any SECURE 2.0 provisions that the Plan has elected.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF
403(B) THRIFT PLAN OF CHALLENGE
INDUSTRIES, INC.

Years Ended December 31, 2023 and 2022

403(B) THRIFT PLAN OF CHALLENGE INDUSTRIES, INC.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Plan Administrator
403(b) Thrift Plan of Challenge Industries, Inc.
Ithaca, New York

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

We have performed audits of the accompanying financial statements of the 403(b) Thrift Plan of Challenge Industries, Inc., an employee benefit plan subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), as permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) (ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit). The financial statements comprise the statements of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, and the related statements of changes in net assets available for benefits for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management, having determined it is permissible in the circumstances, has elected to have the audits of the 403(b) Thrift Plan of Challenge Industries, Inc.'s financial statements performed in accordance with ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. As permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C), our audits need not extend to any statements or information related to assets held for investment of the plan (investment information) by a bank or similar institution or insurance carrier that is regulated, supervised, and subject to periodic examination by a state or federal agency, provided that the statements or information regarding assets so held are prepared and certified to by the bank or similar institution or insurance carrier in accordance with 29 CFR 2520.103-5 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA (qualified institution).

Management has obtained certifications from a qualified institution as of and for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, stating that the certified investment information, as described in Note C to the financial statements, is complete and accurate.

Opinion

In our opinion, based on our audits and on the procedures performed as described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section—

- the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements referred to above, other than those agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

- the information in the financial statements related to assets held by and certified to by a qualified institution agrees to, or is derived from, in all material respects, the information prepared and certified by an institution that management determined meets the requirements of ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C).

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. 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 the 403(b) Thrift Plan of Challenge Industries, Inc. and to meet our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audits. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit opinion.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

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

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the 403(b) Thrift Plan of Challenge Industries, Inc.'s ability to continue as a going concern for one year after the date the financial statements are available to be issued.

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

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

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

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

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the 403(b) Thrift Plan of Challenge Industries, Inc.'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 403(b) Thrift Plan of Challenge Industries, Inc.'s ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

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

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

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

Supplemental Schedule Required by ERISA

The supplemental schedule of Form 5500 Schedule H, Line 4(i) – Schedule of Assets (Held at Year-End) is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements but is supplementary information required by the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information included in the supplemental schedule, other than that agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, has been subjected to 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. For information included in the supplemental schedule that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, we compared such information to the related certified investment information.

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

In our opinion—

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

Sciarabba Walker & Co. LLP

Sciarabba Walker & Co., LLP

Ithaca, New York
October 11, 2024

403(B) THRIFT PLAN OF CHALLENGE INDUSTRIES, INC.
STATEMENTS OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS
DECEMBER 31,

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
ASSETS:		
Investments at fair value	\$ 2,397,596	\$ 2,420,501
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>2,397,596</u>	<u>2,420,501</u>
NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS	<u><u>\$ 2,397,596</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 2,420,501</u></u>

See accompanying notes.

403(B) THRIFT PLAN OF CHALLENGE INDUSTRIES, INC.
STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31,

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
ADDITIONS TO NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTED TO:		
Investment income:		
Investment earnings (loss)	\$ 244,321	\$ (352,631)
Interest income	<u>9,888</u>	<u>2,121</u>
Net investment income	254,209	(350,510)
Contributions:		
Participant salary deferrals	40,692	33,094
Employer contributions	23,493	28,052
Rollover contributions	<u>4,509</u>	<u>-</u>
Total contributions	<u>68,694</u>	<u>61,146</u>
TOTAL ADDITIONS	322,903	(289,364)
DEDUCTIONS FROM NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTED TO:		
Benefits paid directly to participants	345,473	131,074
Administrative expenses	<u>335</u>	<u>970</u>
TOTAL DEDUCTIONS	345,808	132,044
NET CHANGE IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS	(22,905)	(421,408)
NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS:		
Beginning of year	<u>2,420,501</u>	<u>2,841,909</u>
End of year	<u><u>\$ 2,397,596</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 2,420,501</u></u>

See accompanying notes.

403(B) THRIFT PLAN OF CHALLENGE INDUSTRIES, INC.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023 AND 2022

A. DESCRIPTION OF PLAN

The following description of the 403(b) Thrift Plan of Challenge Industries, Inc. (the Plan) provides only general information. Participants should refer to the Plan document for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions.

General: The Plan is a 403(b) defined contribution plan covering substantially all employees of Challenge Industries, Inc. (the Organization). The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). The Organization's Board of Directors oversees governance of the Plan.

Contributions: An employee is eligible to participate in the elective deferral feature of the Plan immediately upon employment. Effective March 1, 2023, the Plan was amended to include an auto-enrollment provision whereby all newly eligible employees are automatically enrolled in the Plan, unless they affirmatively elect not to participate, with a default deferral rate set at 1% of eligible compensation. Contributions are automatically invested in a Qualified Default Investment Alternative (QDIA) until and unless changed by the participant. Participants are allowed to contribute between 0% and 100% of their pretax annual compensation as defined in the Plan and subject to limits determined by the Internal Revenue Service. Catch-up contributions are allowed for participants age 50 and above. Participants may also contribute amounts representing distributions from other qualified defined benefit or defined contribution plans. Participants may direct the investment of their contributions into various investment options offered by the Plan.

The Organization has the option to make employer discretionary matching contributions, which participants are eligible for after one year of 1,000 hours of service. For 2023 and 2022, the Organization elected to match 100% of employee elective deferrals, up to 5% of eligible compensation.

Participant Accounts: All funds held on behalf of a participant under the Plan are invested in one or more investment options in accordance with the terms of those investment options and the participant's directions. Each participant's account is credited with the participant's elective deferral contributions and allocations of (a) the employer matching contributions, (b) Plan earnings (losses), and (c) administrative expenses and loan activity. Allocations are based on participant earnings or account balances, as defined. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the benefit that can be provided from the participant's vested account.

Vesting: Participants are immediately vested in all contributions plus actual earnings thereon.

Forfeited Accounts: Participants are 100% vested in their accounts, there are no forfeited accounts.

Plan Loans: Participants may borrow a minimum of \$1,000 and up to a maximum equal to the lesser of \$50,000 or 50% of the borrower's combined vested account. Loan terms range from one (1) to five (5) years in one-year increments (up to 10 years for the purchase of the participant's primary residence). The loan interest rate for these Plans is variable and may be increased or decreased as of each quarter, if the current loan interest rate differs from the applicable rate by 0.5% or more.

Payment of Benefits: On termination of service, disability, or attainment of age 59½ a participant with an account balance may request that their account be paid to them in one or more of the following forms of payment, as specified in the adoption agreement and to the extent permitted by the participant's individual agreements: (1) lump-sum, (2) partial payments, (3) installment payments over a period not to exceed the life expectancy of the participant or the joint and last survivor life expectancy for the participant and their designated beneficiary, or (4) converted to an income option. Participants who experience a distribution event with account balances under \$1,000 will be paid a lump sum distribution. Hardship withdrawals are also permitted under the Plan.

B. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Accounting: The financial statements of the Plan are prepared using the accrual method of accounting.

Investment contracts held by a defined contribution plan are required to be reported at fair value. However, 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 administrator, based on assumptions and analysis, has concluded that the contract value approximates fair value.

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

Plan Loans: Plan loans are issued as separate contracts by Mutual of America Life Insurance Company and do not represent Plan assets. Loans are collateralized using a participant's Mutual of America Interest Accumulation account balance in an amount equal to the amount borrowed plus a loan reserve of 20% of the loan amount. The funds are not deducted from the participant's account balance; the funds come from Mutual of America's general assets. Principal repayments are applied to reduce the amount secured by assets held in the Interest Accumulation account, and a portion of the interest paid by the participant is retained by Mutual of America as compensation. The interest rate is variable and subject to change at the beginning of each quarter. Plan loan balances outstanding from participants including defaulted Plan loans to Mutual of America Life Insurance Company were \$4,392 and \$10,983 as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively.

Defaulted Plan Loans: If an employee stops making payments as required under the terms of the Plan loan agreement, the loan will go into default. If a loan is uncollectible, a deemed distribution will occur generating a Form 1099-R. The loan will continue to be billed, and additional interest and late fees are assessed. The participant is responsible for paying the additional interest and late fees. A participant who does not pay these additional charges will be responsible for paying taxes on this amount upon foreclosure. While the loan itself is not considered a Plan asset and is reportable only as a disclosure to the Plan's financial statements, the collateral related to the taxable distribution associated with the loan is reportable as a Plan asset. The collateral associated with Plan loan defaults is reported in the balance of the Mutual of America Interest Accumulation account, which was valued at \$722,718 and \$1,005,793 as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively.

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. See Note D for discussion of fair value measurements.

Plan records, including purchases and sales of securities are recorded on a trade-date basis. Investment earnings include the Plan's gains and losses on investments bought and sold as well as held during the year. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis.

Payment of Benefits: Benefits are recorded when paid.

Administrative Expenses: Certain administrative expenses, including annual Plan audit fees, are paid directly by the Organization and excluded from these financial statements. Monthly participant charges, loans fees and other transaction fees are charged directly to participant accounts and are included in the financial statements. Investment-related fees and expenses are included in the net appreciation of the fair value of investments.

Pre-2009 Mutual of America Accounts: The Plan's financial statements include accounts issued to current and former employees of the Organization before January 1, 2009 that no longer receive contributions due to the Organization changing plans. These accounts total \$47,641 and \$46,624 as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively.

C. INVESTMENTS (UNAUDITED)

Unaudited Information Certified by the Plan Recordkeeper

The December 31, 2023 and 2022 Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits, the investment activities included on the Statements of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, and the accompanying notes to the financial statements were prepared in part or entirely from information certified by the recordkeeper, Mutual of America Life Insurance Company, in accordance with 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974. The information certified includes total investments of \$2,397,596 and \$2,420,501 at December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively, and related investment income (loss) of \$254,209 and \$(350,510) for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively.

D. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

The Plan's investments are reported at fair value in the accompanying statement of net assets available for benefits. The methods used to measure fair values may produce an amount 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 measure the fair value of certain financial instruments could result in a different fair value at the reporting date.

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 under FASB ASC 820 are described as follows:

Level 1

Inputs to the valuation methodologies 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 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:

Insurance Company General Account:

The general account investment consists of the Mutual of America Interest Accumulation fund which is carried at amortized cost, or contract value, which is deemed to be fair value. The interest is compounded daily based on the stated interest rate, and the investment is valued daily.

Pooled Separate Accounts:

The separate accounts investments consist solely of investment in mutual funds registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission and are carried at the net asset value at which the mutual fund shares are actively traded.

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:

<i>Assets at Fair Value as of December 31, 2023</i>				
	<i>Level 1</i>	<i>Level 2</i>	<i>Level 3</i>	<i>Total</i>
Insurance Company General Account	\$ 606,657	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 606,657
Pooled Separate Accounts	1,790,939	-	-	1,790,939
Total Investments at Fair Value	\$2,397,596	\$ -	\$ -	\$2,397,596
<i>Assets at Fair Value as of December 31, 2022</i>				
	<i>Level 1</i>	<i>Level 2</i>	<i>Level 3</i>	<i>Total</i>
Insurance Company General Account	\$ 849,143	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 849,143
Pooled Separate Accounts	1,571,358	-	-	1,571,358
Total Investments at Fair Value	\$2,420,501	\$ -	\$ -	\$2,420,501

E. PARTY-IN-INTEREST TRANSACTIONS

Plan investments include annuity contracts managed by Mutual of America Life Insurance Company. Mutual of America Life Insurance Company is the recordkeeper as defined by the Plan. These transactions qualify as exempt party-in-interest transactions. Total administrative fees and compensation (direct and indirect) paid by the Plan to Mutual of America Life Insurance Company and bundled service providers amounted to \$335 and \$970 for the Plan years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively.

F. PLAN TERMINATION

Although it has not expressed any intent to do so, the Organization has the right under the Plan to discontinue its contributions at any time and to terminate the Plan subject to the provisions of ERISA. In the event of Plan termination, participants would be 100% vested in their accounts.

G. TAX STATUS

The Plan obtained its latest opinion letter on March 31, 2017, in which the Internal Revenue Service stated 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 opinion letter. However, the Plan administrator and the Plan's tax counsel believe that the Plan is designed and currently being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the Internal Revenue Code and, therefore, believe that the Plan is qualified.

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require the Plan administrator to evaluate tax positions taken by the Plan and recognize a liability for any uncertain position that more likely than not would not be sustained upon examination by the IRS. The Plan has annual regulatory filing requirements to the Department of Labor (“DOL”) of the Form 5500.

H. 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 investments, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in the values of the investments will occur in the near term and that such changes could materially affect participants’ account balances and the amounts reported in the statements of the net assets available for benefits.

I. ADOPTION OF NEW ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENTS

At the beginning of 2023, the Plan adopted FASB ASU 2016-13, *Financial Instruments – Credit Losses (Topic 326): Measurement of Credit Losses on Financial Instruments*, as amended, which modifies the measurement of expected credit losses on certain financial instruments. The Plan adopted this new guidance utilizing the modified retrospective transition method. The adoption of this standard did not have a material impact on the Plan’s financial statements.

J. PLAN AMENDMENTS

On June 14, 2021, the Board of Directors of the Organization approved a resolution to amend the Plan to include a provision for automatic enrollment of participants into the Plan. Effective March 1, 2023, newly eligible participants are automatically enrolled in the Plan, unless they affirmatively elect not to participate, with a default deferral rate set at 1% of eligible compensation.

K. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

The Plan administrator has evaluated subsequent events through October 11, 2024, the date when the financial statements were available to be issued, and no events required disclosure.

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EIN No.: 16-0956917, Plan No. 002
Form 5500 Schedule H, Line 4(i) - Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year)
Plan Year Ending: 12/31/2023

(a)	(b) Identity of issuer, borrower, lessor, or similar party	(c) Description of investment including maturity date, rate of interest, collateral, par or maturity date	(d) Cost	(e) Current Value
*	Mutual of America Interest Accumulation Account	Insurance Company General Account Contract	\$	606,657
	American Century VP Capital Appreciation Fund	Pooled Separate Account		31,475
	American Funds IS New World Fund	Pooled Separate Account		235
	Calvert VP SRI Balanced Portfolio	Pooled Separate Account		1,556
	DWS Capital Growth VIP	Pooled Separate Account		4,264
	Fidelity Investments® VIP Asset Manager(SM) Portfolio	Pooled Separate Account		555,390
	Fidelity Investments® VIP Contrafund® Portfolio	Pooled Separate Account		21,485
	Fidelity Investments® VIP Equity-Income Portfolio	Pooled Separate Account		29,695
	Fidelity Investments® VIP Mid Cap Portfolio	Pooled Separate Account		47,121
	Goldman Sachs VIT US Equity Insights	Pooled Separate Account		8
	Invesco V.I. Main Street	Pooled Separate Account		2,710
	MFS VIT III Mid Cap Value Portfolio	Pooled Separate Account		1,557
*	Mutual of America Clear Passage 2015 Fund	Pooled Separate Account		66,137
*	Mutual of America Clear Passage 2020 Fund	Pooled Separate Account		2,331
*	Mutual of America Clear Passage 2025 Fund	Pooled Separate Account		57,662
*	Mutual of America Clear Passage 2035 Fund	Pooled Separate Account		67,525
*	Mutual of America Clear Passage 2040 Fund	Pooled Separate Account		37,816
*	Mutual of America Clear Passage 2045 Fund	Pooled Separate Account		36,396
*	Mutual of America Clear Passage 2050 Fund	Pooled Separate Account		57,564
*	Mutual of America Clear Passage 2055 Fund	Pooled Separate Account		267
*	Mutual of America Clear Passage 2060 Fund	Pooled Separate Account		16,818
*	Mutual of America Aggressive Allocation Fund	Pooled Separate Account		13,054
*	Mutual of America All America Fund	Pooled Separate Account		10,479
*	Mutual of America Core Bond Fund	Pooled Separate Account		42,029
*	Mutual of America Conservative Allocation Fund	Pooled Separate Account		73,492
*	Mutual of America Equity Index Fund	Pooled Separate Account		136,249
*	Mutual of America Mid-Cap Equity Index Fund	Pooled Separate Account		146,275
*	Mutual of America Intermediate Bond Fund	Pooled Separate Account		2,005
*	Mutual of America Mid Cap Value Fund	Pooled Separate Account		1,723
*	Mutual of America Retirement Income Fund	Pooled Separate Account		58,430
*	Mutual of America Small Cap Growth Fund	Pooled Separate Account		21,136
*	Mutual of America Small Cap Value Fund	Pooled Separate Account		148
	T. Rowe Price Blue Chip Growth Fund	Pooled Separate Account		90,327
	Vanguard VIF REIT Index Portfolio	Pooled Separate Account		2,492
	Vanguard VIF Diversified Value Portfolio	Pooled Separate Account		82,127
	Vanguard VIF International Portfolio	Pooled Separate Account		72,961
				<u>\$ 2,397,596</u>

* Indicates party-in-interest

