

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 GENERAL SHALE SMART SAVINGS 401(K) PLAN
1b	Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 006
1c	Effective date of plan 01/01/2001
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) GENERAL SHALE BRICK, INC. P.O. BOX 3547 JOHNSON CITY, TN 37602 3015 BRISTOL HIGHWAY JOHNSON CITY, TN 37602
2b	Employer Identification Number (EIN) 20-0454569
2c	Plan Sponsor's telephone number 423-282-4661
2d	Business code (see instructions) 327900

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	ALISON KESTNER
	Signature of plan administrator	Date	Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator
SIGN HERE			
	Signature of employer/plan sponsor	Date	Enter name of individual signing as employer or plan sponsor
SIGN HERE			
	Signature of DFE	Date	Enter name of individual signing as DFE

3a Plan administrator's name and address ☐ Same as Plan Sponsor EMPLOYEE PLANS BENEFIT COMMITTEE 3015 BRISTOL HIGHWAY, P.O. BOX 3547 JOHNSON CITY, TN 37602	3b Administrator's EIN 62-0990676																						
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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 1463																						
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	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr><td colspan="2" style="height: 20px;"></td></tr> <tr><td style="width: 15%;">6a(1)</td><td style="text-align: right;">1299</td></tr> <tr><td>6a(2)</td><td style="text-align: right;">1308</td></tr> <tr><td>6b</td><td style="text-align: right;">3</td></tr> <tr><td>6c</td><td style="text-align: right;">227</td></tr> <tr><td>6d</td><td style="text-align: right;">1538</td></tr> <tr><td>6e</td><td style="text-align: right;">2</td></tr> <tr><td>6f</td><td style="text-align: right;">1540</td></tr> <tr><td>6g(1)</td><td style="text-align: right;">674</td></tr> <tr><td>6g(2)</td><td style="text-align: right;">1206</td></tr> <tr><td>6h</td><td style="text-align: right;">119</td></tr> </table>			6a(1)	1299	6a(2)	1308	6b	3	6c	227	6d	1538	6e	2	6f	1540	6g(1)	674	6g(2)	1206	6h	119
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7 Enter the total number of employers obligated to contribute to the plan (only multiemployer plans complete this item)	7																						
8a If the plan provides pension benefits, enter the applicable pension feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions: 2E 2F 2G 2J 2K 2S 2T 3H 3D																							

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

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

a Pension Schedules

- (1)** ☒ **R** (Retirement Plan Information)
- (2)** ☐ **MB** (Multiemployer Defined Benefit Plan and Certain Money Purchase Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary
- (3)** ☐ **SB** (Single-Employer Defined Benefit Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary
- (4)** ☐ **DCG** (Individual Plan Information) – Number Attached _____
- (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 0
- (4)** ☒ **C** (Service Provider Information)
- (5)** ☒ **D** (DFE/Participating Plan Information)
- (6)** ☐ **G** (Financial Transaction Schedules)

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

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

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

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

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

Receipt Confirmation Code _____

SCHEDULE C (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Service Provider Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.	OMB No. 1210-0110
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A Name of plan GENERAL SHALE SMART SAVINGS 401(K) PLAN	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	006
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 GENERAL SHALE BRICK, INC.	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 20-0454569	

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

1 Information on Persons Receiving Only Eligible Indirect Compensation

- a Check "Yes" or "No" to indicate whether you are excluding a person from the remainder of this Part because they received only eligible indirect compensation for which the plan received the required disclosures (see instructions for definitions and conditions).. ☒ Yes ☐ No
- b If you answered line 1a "Yes," enter the name and EIN or address of each person providing the required disclosures for the service providers who received only eligible indirect compensation. Complete as many entries as needed (see instructions).

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

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

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(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
37 60 64 65	RECORDKEEPER	89987	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)

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

Part I Service Provider Information (continued)

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

(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
FIDELITY INVESTMENTS INSTITUTIONAL	60	0
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
ABF LG CAP VAL INV - SS&C GIDS, IN 2000 CROWN COLONY DRIVE, QUINCY, 14785 PRESTON ROAD, SUITE 1000 DALLAS, TX 75254	0.40%	
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
FIDELITY INVESTMENTS INSTITUTIONAL	60	0
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
DODGE & COX INCOME I - SS&C GIDS, 2000 CROWN COLONY DRIVE QUINCY, MA 02169	0.08%	
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
FIDELITY INVESTMENTS INSTITUTIONAL	60	0
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
HARBOR CAP APP INST - HARBOR SERVI 34-1953399	0.10%	

Part I Service Provider Information (continued)

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FIDELITY INVESTMENTS INSTITUTIONAL	60	0
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TRP MID CAP GROWTH - T. ROWE PRICE 52-2269240	0.15%	
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
FIDELITY INVESTMENTS INSTITUTIONAL	60	0
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
VI SM-CAP VAL Y - FIS INVESTOR SER FAITH INVESTOR SERVICES, LLC 14785 PRESTON ROAD, SUITE 1000 DALLAS, TX 75254	0.25%	
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
FIDELITY INVESTMENTS INSTITUTIONAL	60	0
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
VRTS Z TECHNOLOGY A - VIRTUS FUND 4400 COMPUTER DRIVE WESTBOROUGH, MA 01581	0.50%	

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.

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FIDELITY INVESTMENTS INSTITUTIONAL	60	0
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
WASATCH CORE GTH INV - UMB FUND SE 39-1657495	0.40%	
(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.	
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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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SCHEDULE D (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration	DFE/Participating Plan Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.	OMB No. 1210-0110 2023 This Form is Open to Public Inspection.
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A Name of plan GENERAL SHALE SMART SAVINGS 401(K) PLAN		B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 006
C Plan or DFE sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 GENERAL SHALE BRICK, INC.		D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 20-0454569

Part I	Information on interests in MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs (to be completed by plans and DFEs) (Complete as many entries as needed to report all interests in DFEs)
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: TRP STABLE VALUE A		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): T. ROWE PRICE TRUST COMPANY		
c EIN-PN 52-1309931-001	d Entity code C	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 2628728
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: MIP CL 1		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): FIDELITY MANAGEMENT TRUST COMPANY		
c EIN-PN 04-3022712-024	d Entity code C	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 2134608
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):		
c EIN-PN	d Entity code	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):		
c EIN-PN	d Entity code	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:		
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c EIN-PN	d Entity code	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)
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b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):		
c EIN-PN	d Entity code	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)

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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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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	0	0
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)	0	0
c General investments:			
(1) Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit)	1c(1)	87977	83289
(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)	195911	995443
(9) Value of interest in common/collective trusts	1c(9)	2293231	4763336
(10) Value of interest in pooled separate accounts	1c(10)	0	0
(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)	13952173	33589217
(14) Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts)	1c(14)	0	0
(15) Other	1c(15)	0	0

1d Employer-related investments:		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
(1) Employer securities	1d(1)	0	0
(2) Employer real property	1d(2)	0	0
e Buildings and other property used in plan operation	1e	0	0
f Total assets (add all amounts in lines 1a through 1e)	1f	16529292	39431285
Liabilities			
g Benefit claims payable	1g	0	0
h Operating payables	1h	0	0
i Acquisition indebtedness	1i	0	0
j Other liabilities	1j	0	0
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	16529292	39431285

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)	1951768	
(B) Participants	2a(1)(B)	2190564	
(C) Others (including rollovers)	2a(1)(C)	163116	
(2) Noncash contributions	2a(2)	0	
(3) Total contributions. Add lines 2a(1)(A) , (B) , (C) , and line 2a(2)	2a(3)		4305448
b Earnings on investments:			
(1) Interest:			
(A) Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit)	2b(1)(A)	3920	
(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)	66969	
(F) Other	2b(1)(F)	0	
(G) Total interest. Add lines 2b(1)(A) through (F)	2b(1)(G)		70889
(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)	1076225	
(D) Total dividends. Add lines 2b(2)(A) , (B) , and (C)	2b(2)(D)		1076225
(3) Rents	2b(3)		0
(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)	0	
(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)		-33745
(7) Net investment gain (loss) from pooled separate accounts.....	2b(7)		0
(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)		4286420
c Other income	2c		0
d Total income. Add all income amounts in column (b) and enter total	2d		9705237

Expenses

e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers	2e(1)	4305818	
(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)		4305818
f Corrective distributions (see instructions)	2f		0
g Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions)	2g		32794
h Interest expense	2h		0
i Administrative expenses:			
(1) Salaries and allowances	2i(1)	0	
(2) Contract administrator fees.....	2i(2)	0	
(3) Recordkeeping fees.....	2i(3)	89987	
(4) IQPA audit fees.....	2i(4)	0	
(5) Investment advisory and investment management fees	2i(5)	4201	
(6) Bank or trust company trustee/custodial fees	2i(6)	0	
(7) Actuarial fees	2i(7)	0	
(8) Legal fees	2i(8)	0	
(9) Valuation/appraisal fees	2i(9)	0	
(10) Other trustee fees and expenses	2i(10)	0	
(11) Other expenses	2i(11)	0	
(12) Total administrative expenses. Add lines 2i(1) through (11)	2i(12)		94188
j Total expenses. Add all expense amounts in column (b) and enter total	2j		4432800

Net Income and Reconciliation

k Net income (loss). Subtract line 2j from line 2d	2k		5272437
l Transfers of assets:			
(1) To this plan	2l(1)		17666424
(2) From this plan	2l(2)		36868

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: **BLACKBURN, CHILDERS & STEAGALL, PLC**

(2) EIN: **62-0647474**

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.)	☒	☐	210469
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?	☒	☐	2000000
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)
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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 GENERAL SHALE SMART SAVINGS 401(K) PLAN	B Three-digit plan number (PN) 006	
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 GENERAL SHALE BRICK, INC.	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 20-0454569	

Part I	Distributions
All references to distributions relate only to payments of benefits during the plan year.	
1 Total value of distributions paid in property other than in cash or the forms of property specified in the instructions.....	1
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): 04-6568107 Profit-sharing plans, ESOPs, and stock bonus plans, skip line 3.	
3 Number of participants (living or deceased) whose benefits were distributed in a single sum, during the plan year	3

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

Part III	Amendments
9 If this is a defined benefit pension plan, were any amendments adopted during this plan year that increased or decreased the value of benefits? If yes, check the appropriate box. If no, check the "No" box. ☐ Increase ☐ Decrease ☐ Both ☐ No	

Part IV	ESOPs (see instructions). If this is not a plan described under section 409(a) or 4975(e)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code, skip this Part.
10 Were unallocated employer securities or proceeds from the sale of unallocated securities used to repay any exempt loan? ☐ Yes ☐ No	
11 a Does the ESOP hold any preferred stock? ☐ Yes ☐ No	
b If the ESOP has an outstanding exempt loan with the employer as lender, is such loan part of a "back-to-back" loan? (See instructions for definition of "back-to-back" loan.) ☐ Yes ☐ No	
12 Does the ESOP hold any stock that is not readily tradable on an established securities market? ☐ Yes ☐ No	

Part V Additional Information for Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans

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

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

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

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

14 Enter the number of deferred vested and retired participants (inactive participants), as of the beginning of the plan year, whose contributing employer is no longer making contributions to the plan for:		
a The current plan year. Check the box to indicate the counting method used to determine the number of inactive participants: ☐ last contributing employer ☐ alternative ☐ reasonable approximation (see instructions for required attachment)	14a	
b The plan year immediately preceding the current plan year. ☐ Check the box if the number reported is a change from what was previously reported (see instructions for required attachment)	14b	
c The second preceding plan year. ☐ Check the box if the number reported is a change from what was previously reported (see instructions for required attachment)	14c	

15 Enter the ratio of the number of participants under the plan on whose behalf no employer had an obligation to make an employer contribution during the current plan year to:		
a The corresponding number for the plan year immediately preceding the current plan year	15a	
b The corresponding number for the second preceding plan year	15b	

16 Information with respect to any employers who withdrew from the plan during the preceding plan year:		
a Enter the number of employers who withdrew during the preceding plan year	16a	
b If line 16a is greater than 0, enter the aggregate amount of withdrawal liability assessed or estimated to be assessed against such withdrawn employers	16b	

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

Part VI	Additional Information for Single-Employer and Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans
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18 If any liabilities to participants or their beneficiaries under the plan as of the end of the plan year consist (in whole or in part) of liabilities to such participants and beneficiaries under two or more pension plans as of immediately before such plan year, check box and see instructions regarding supplemental information to be included as an attachment..... ☐

19 If the total number of participants is 1,000 or more, complete lines (a) and (b):

a Enter the percentage of plan assets held as:

Public Equity: _____% Private Equity: _____% Investment-Grade Debt and Interest Rate Hedging Assets: _____%

High-Yield Debt: _____% Real Assets: _____% Cash or Cash Equivalents: _____% Other: _____%

b Provide the average duration of the Investment-Grade Debt and Interest Rate Hedging Assets:

☐ 0-5 years ☐ 5-10 years ☐ 10-15 years ☐ 15 years or more

20 PBGC missed contribution reporting requirements. If this is a multiemployer plan or a single-employer plan that is not covered by PBGC, skip line 20.

a Is the amount of unpaid minimum required contributions for all years from Schedule SB (Form 5500) line 40 greater than zero? ☐ Yes ☐ No

b If line 20a is "Yes," has PBGC been notified as required by ERISA sections 4043(c)(5) and/or 303(k)(4)? Check the applicable box:

☐ Yes.

☐ No. Reporting was waived under 29 CFR 4043.25(c)(2) because contributions equal to or exceeding the unpaid minimum required contribution were made by the 30th day after the due date.

☐ No. The 30-day period referenced in 29 CFR 4043.25(c)(2) has not yet ended, and the sponsor intends to make a contribution equal to or exceeding the unpaid minimum required contribution by the 30th day after the due date.

☐ No. Other. Provide explanation. _____

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

21b If this is a Code section 401(k) plan, check all boxes that apply to indicate how the plan is intended to satisfy the nondiscrimination requirements for employee deferrals and employer matching contributions (as applicable) under Code sections 401(k)(3) and 401(m)(2).

☐ Design-based safe harbor method

☒ "Prior year" ADP test

☐ "Current year" ADP test

☐ N/A

22 If the plan sponsor is an adopter of a pre-approved plan that received a favorable IRS Opinion Letter, enter the date of the Opinion Letter 06 / 30 / 2020 (MM/DD/YYYY) and the Opinion Letter serial number Q702438A.

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**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
(MODIFIED CASH BASIS)**

**AND SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULES
(MODIFIED CASH BASIS)**

For the Years Ended December 31, 2023 and 2022

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Plan Administrator and Participants of the
General Shale Smart Savings 401(k) Plan
Johnson City, Tennessee

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

We have performed audits of the accompanying financial statements of the General Shale Smart Savings 401(k) Plan ("the Plan"), an employee benefit plan subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), as permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) [ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit]. The financial statements comprise the statements of net assets available for benefits (modified cash basis) as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, and the related statements of changes in net assets available for benefits (modified cash basis) for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, 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 Plan's financial statements performed in accordance with ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. As permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C), our 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 December 31, 2023 and 2022, and for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, stating that the certified investment information, as described in Note 3 to the financial statements, is complete and accurate.

Opinion

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

- the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements 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 the modified cash basis of accounting.

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- the information in the financial statements referred to above 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 Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Plan and to meet our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audits. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit opinion.

Basis of Accounting

We draw attention to Note 2 of the financial statements, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial statements are prepared on the modified cash basis of accounting, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

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

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

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

Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Except as described in the Scope and Nature of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) Audit section of our report, our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an 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.

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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 Plan's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

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

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 the modified cash basis of accounting.

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

Other Matter - Supplemental Schedules Required by ERISA

The supplemental Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year) and Schedule of Delinquent Participant Contributions, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2023, are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the financial statements but are supplementary information required by the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information included in the supplemental schedules, other than that agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, has been subjected to auditing procedures applied in the 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 schedules that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, we compared such information to the related certified investment information.

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

In our opinion-

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



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Johnson City, Tennessee

October 14, 2024

GENERAL SHALE SMART SAVINGS 401(k) PLAN
STATEMENTS OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS
(Modified Cash Basis)
December 31, 2023 and 2022

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
ASSETS		
Investments at Fair Value		
Interest Bearing Cash	\$ 83,289	87,977
Mutual Funds	33,589,217	13,952,173
Common/Collective Trusts	<u>4,763,336</u>	<u>2,293,231</u>
Total Investments at Fair Value	38,435,842	16,333,381
Notes Receivable from Participants	<u>995,443</u>	<u>195,911</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>39,431,285</u>	<u>16,529,292</u>
NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS	<u><u>\$ 39,431,285</u></u>	<u><u>16,529,292</u></u>

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

GENERAL SHALE SMART SAVINGS 401(k) PLAN
STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS
(Modified Cash Basis)
For the Years Ended December 31, 2023 and 2022

	2023	2022
ADDITIONS (REDUCTIONS)		
Investment Income (Loss)		
Net Appreciation (Depreciation) in Fair Value of Investments	\$ 4,252,675	(4,062,944)
Interest and Dividends	1,080,145	978,859
Total Investment Income (Loss)	5,332,820	(3,084,085)
Interest Income on Notes Receivable from Participants	66,969	14,297
Contributions		
Employer	1,951,768	921,244
Employees'	2,190,564	1,300,620
Rollovers	163,116	461,056
Total Contributions	4,305,448	2,682,920
TOTAL ADDITIONS (REDUCTIONS)	9,705,237	(386,868)
DEDUCTIONS		
Benefits Paid to Participants	4,338,612	2,509,322
Administrative Expenses	94,188	77,301
TOTAL DEDUCTIONS	4,432,800	2,586,623
NET INCREASE (DECREASE) BEFORE TRANSFERS	5,272,437	(2,973,491)
Transfers In	17,666,424	1,099,331
Transfers Out	(36,868)	(38,994)
Net Transfers	17,629,556	1,060,337
NET INCREASE (DECREASE) AFTER TRANSFERS	22,901,993	(1,913,154)
NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS		
Beginning of Year	16,529,292	18,442,446
End of Year	\$ 39,431,285	16,529,292

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

GENERAL SHALE SMART SAVINGS 401(k) PLAN
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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NOTE 1 - DESCRIPTION OF PLAN

The following description of the General Shale Smart Savings 401(k) Plan ("the Plan") provides only general information. Participants should refer to the Plan agreement for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions.

General

The Plan was established as a defined contribution pension plan under Section 401(k) of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC). The Plan is available to all hourly employees (except as noted in the Plan's provisions) of General Shale Brick, Inc. ("the Company" or "Plan Sponsor") and any affiliated company (as designated by resolution of the board of directors of the Company) who have completed at least six months of service. The Plan is subject to provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).

Plan Administration

The Plan is administered by the Pension Committee ("the Committee"), which is appointed by the board of directors of the Company. The Committee is generally responsible for the selection of the Plan's investment options, except where such responsibility has been properly delegated. Fidelity Management Trust Company ("the certifying entity") is responsible for the custody and management of the Plan's investment assets.

Contributions

Participants may contribute to the Plan between 1% and 15% of their gross wages limited to \$22,500 and \$20,500 for the Plan years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively. The Company contributes a matching contribution equal to 2% of the participant's gross wages per pay period. The Plan allows all eligible participants to rollover balances from qualifying plans.

The Company also makes an additional automatic contribution to the Plan for eligible employees affected by the freeze of the General Shale Brick, Inc. Retirement Plan for Hourly Employees. The contribution is 2% of earnings for all eligible employees hired on or after January 1, 2011.

The Plan has an automatic enrollment and contributions feature. For each new employee, enrollment in the Plan occurs and contributions of 5% of earnings commence at the time the employee meets the Plan eligibility requirements. Within a reasonable amount of time before the automatic enrollment becomes effective the Plan Sponsor is obligated to provide notice to the affected employees of the policy of automatic enrollment and the policy for changing the initial contribution percentage or revoking the automatic election.

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NOTE 1 - DESCRIPTION OF PLAN (CONTINUED)

Participant Accounts

Each participant's account is credited with the participant's contribution, an allocation of the Company's contributions, and the Plan earnings (losses). 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 vested immediately in their contributions plus actual earnings thereon. Vesting in the Company's contributions plus earnings thereon is based on years of continuous service. A participant vests according to the following schedule:

Less than one year	0%
One year	25%
Two years	50%
Three years	75%
Four or more years	100%

Participant Withdrawals

Participants are entitled to withdraw all or a portion of their vested account balances upon attainment of age 59 ½ or any time thereafter. Upon retirement, participants may withdraw vested benefits prior to age 59 ½ subject to IRC penalties (unless meeting early retirement provisions under the Plan). In case of death, disability, or termination, the entire value of the participant's account may be withdrawn. The Plan also permits participants to withdraw from their accounts in the event of extreme economic hardship as prescribed by the IRC.

Participant Loans

Participants may borrow from their fund accounts a minimum of \$1,000 up to a maximum equal to the lesser of (1) \$50,000 reduced by the excess of the participant's highest outstanding loan balance during the 12 months preceding the date on which the loan is made over the outstanding loan balance on the date the new loan is made, or (2) 50% of the participant's vested account balance. Loans are secured by the vested balance in the participant's account and bear interest which is commensurate with local prevailing rates as determined by the plan administrator. Interest rates during the years ranged from 4.25% to 9.25%. Principal and interest are paid ratably through weekly payroll deductions. Loans are available for hardship reasons only, and are for a maximum of five years, unless issued for the purchase of a primary residence, in which case, the loan is for a maximum period determined by the plan administrator.

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NOTE 1 - DESCRIPTION OF PLAN (CONTINUED)

Termination of the Plan

The Company anticipates and believes that the Plan will continue without interruption, but reserves the right to discontinue the Plan. In the event that such discontinuance results in termination of the Plan, the Plan provides that the assets of the fund be allocated among the participants and beneficiaries in the amounts credited to each participant's respective account at the effective date of such termination.

Plan Amendment

In January 2023, General Shale Brick, Inc. merged with Meridian Brick, with Meridian Brick ultimately merging their 401(k) plan with the Plan effective January 3, 2023. As a result of the acquisition, \$16,274,738 was transferred into the Plan. Effective January 3, 2023, the Plan was amended to allow employees of Meridian Brick to be eligible to participate in the Plan.

NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Accounting

The Plan prepares its financial statements on the modified cash basis of accounting, which recognizes transactions, except for changes in the fair value of investments, when cash is either received or disbursed. Consequently, certain revenues and the related assets are recognized when received rather than when earned and certain expenses are recognized when paid rather than when the obligation is incurred. Accordingly, the accompanying financial statements are not intended to present the net assets and changes therein in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

Investments

Investments are reported at fair value. Investments in registered investment companies are valued at quoted market prices, which represent the net asset value of units held by the Plan at year-end. The common/collective trust contains investments in guaranteed investment contracts, which are stated at contract value. However, because these investments are indirectly owned by the Plan, the common/collective trust itself is reported at fair value on the statements of net assets available for benefits (modified cash basis). The Plan's interest in the common/collective trust is valued based on information reported by the certifying entities using financial statements of the common/collective trust at year-end. The net appreciation (depreciation) in fair value of investments consists of the realized gains and losses and the unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on these investments. The cost basis of investment securities used in the determination of net appreciation (depreciation) in the fair value of investments is determined through the use of the average cost method. Dividend and interest income is recorded when received.

Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities, it is reasonably possible that changes in the values of investment securities will occur in the near term and that such changes could materially affect the amounts reported in the statements of net assets available for benefits (modified cash basis).

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NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Administrative Expenses

The Plan specifies that expenses of the Plan will be paid using the Plan's assets unless paid by the Company. Except for amounts charged as transaction fees to participant accounts, all administrative expenses of the Plan paid during the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022 were paid by the Company.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with the modified cash basis of accounting requires estimates and assumptions to be made that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and changes therein, and the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

NOTE 3 - CERTIFICATION

The following is a summary of the unaudited information included in the Plan's financial statements and supplemental schedules that was prepared or derived from information prepared by the certifying entity of the Plan, and furnished to the Plan Administrator. The Plan Administrator has obtained certifications from the certifying entity that such information is complete and accurate.

Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits (modified cash basis) – all items and amounts.

Statements of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits (modified cash basis) – all items and amounts except for contributions, benefits paid to participants, transfers, and administrative expenses.

Supplemental Schedules (modified cash basis) – all items and amounts, except for delinquent participant contributions.

NOTE 4 - RELATED PARTIES

Certain Plan investments are shares of registered investment companies and units of a common/collective trust managed by the certifying entity, Fidelity Management Trust Company; therefore, these transactions qualify as party-in-interest transactions.

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NOTE 5 - FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

In Financial Accounting Standards Board *Accounting Standards Codification* (FASB ASC), fair value is defined as the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants on the measurement date. FASB ASC establishes a fair value hierarchy, which requires an entity to maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs when measuring fair value. The standard describes three levels of inputs that may be used to measure fair value:

Level 1: Quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities.

Level 2: Observable inputs other than Level 1 prices, such as quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities; quoted prices in markets that are not active; or inputs that are observable or corroborated by observable market data for substantially the full term of assets or liabilities.

Level 3: Unobservable inputs that are supported by little or no market activity and that are significant to the fair value of the asset or liabilities. Level 3 assets and liabilities include financial instruments whose value is determined using pricing models, discounted cash flow methodologies, or similar techniques, as well as instruments for which the determination of fair value requires significant management judgment or estimation.

An asset's or liability's classification within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of significant input to its valuation.

Fair value estimates are made at a specific point in time based on available market information and judgments about the financial asset, including estimates of timing, amount of expected future cash flows, and the credit standing of the issuer. In some cases, the fair value estimates cannot be substantiated by comparison to independent markets. In addition, the disclosed fair value may not be realized in the immediate settlement of the financial asset. The disclosed fair values do not reflect any premium or discount that could result from offering for sale at one time an entire holding of a particular financial asset. Potential taxes and other expenses that would be incurred in an actual sale or settlement are not reflected in amounts disclosed.

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NOTE 5 - FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS (CONTINUED)

The following tables present the Plan's fair value hierarchy for those assets measured at fair value as of December 31, 2023 and 2022:

Assets at Fair Value as of December 31, 2023				
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Money Market Funds	\$ 83,289	-	-	83,289
Registered Investment Companies	33,589,217	-	-	33,589,217
Total Assets in the Fair Value Hierarchy	33,672,506	-	-	33,672,506
Investments Measured at Net Asset Value (a)	-	-	-	4,763,336
Total Investments at Fair Value	<u>\$33,672,506</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>38,435,842</u>

Assets at Fair Value as of December 31, 2022				
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Money Market Funds	\$ 87,977	-	-	87,977
Registered Investment Companies	13,952,173	-	-	13,952,173
Total Assets in the Fair Value Hierarchy	14,040,150	-	-	14,040,150
Investments Measured at Net Asset Value (a)	-	-	-	2,293,231
Total Investments at Fair Value	<u>\$14,040,150</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>16,333,381</u>

(a) In accordance with Subtopic 820-10, certain investments that were measured at net asset value per share (or its equivalent) have not been classified in the fair value hierarchy. The fair value amounts presented in this table are intended to permit reconciliation of the fair value hierarchy to the line items presented in the statements of net assets available for benefits.

The following is a description of the valuation methodologies used to determine fair value of the Plan's assets. There have been no changes in the methodologies used at December 31, 2023, and 2022.

The T. Rowe Price Stable Value Fund and MIP CL1 Stable Value Fund common/collective trust are comprised of fully benefit-responsive investment contracts valued based on the net asset value (NAV) of units held by the Plan at year-end, which is considered a practical expedient to estimate fair value. As described in Note 2, because the investment contracts are indirectly owned by the Plan, the common/collective trust is reported at fair value of the statement of net assets available for benefits. The Plan has no unfunded commitments related to any of these investments, and there are no Plan initiated restrictions on these investments.

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NOTE 6 - TAX STATUS

The Internal Revenue Service has determined and informed the Company by a letter dated June 30, 2020 that the Plan and related trust are designed in accordance with applicable sections of the IRC. Although the Plan has been amended since receiving the determination letter, the plan administrator and the Plan's tax counsel believe that the Plan is designed and is currently being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC and therefore believe that the Plan is qualified and the related trust is tax exempt.

The plan administrator has analyzed the tax positions taken by the Plan, and has concluded that as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, there are no uncertain positions taken or expected to be taken that would require disclosure in the financial statements. The Plan is subject to routine audits by taxing jurisdictions; however, there are currently no audits for any tax periods in progress.

NOTE 7 - FORFEITURES

As of December 31, 2023 and 2022, forfeited nonvested accounts totaled \$390,801 and \$143,459, respectively. In accordance with the provisions of the Plan, these accounts will be used to reduce future employer contributions. Forfeitures in the amount of \$0 and \$549 were used to reduce company matching contributions during 2023 and 2022, respectively.

NOTE 8 - SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

The Company has evaluated subsequent events from the statements of net assets available for benefits (modified cash basis) date through October 14, 2024, the date at which the financial statements were available to be issued, and determined there are no items to disclose.

NOTE 9 - SECURING A STRONG RETIREMENT ACT (SECURE 2.0)

In December 2022 SECURE 2.0 was passed into law. The provisions of SECURE 2.0 continue the themes and reforms that began with the 2019 SECURE Act. Most of the provisions will become effective in 2024 and forward, therefore there is no current impact to the Plan. Since the provisions include both required and optional elements, the Plan administrator will determine the optional provisions to elect.

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NOTE 10 - PLAN TRANSFERS

In 2018, General Shale Brick, Inc. merged with Columbus Brick Company, with Columbus Brick ultimately merging their 401(k) plan with the Plan effective August 6, 2021. As a result of the acquisition, \$0 and \$1,099,331 was transferred into the Plan during 2023 and 2022, respectively.

In 2023, General Shale Brick, Inc. merged with Meridian Brick Company, with Meridian Brick ultimately merging their 401(k) plan with the Plan effective January 3, 2023. As a result of the acquisition, \$16,274,738 and \$0 was transferred into the Plan during 2023 and 2022, respectively.

During 2023 and 2022, \$45,917 and \$0, respectively, was transferred from The General Shale 401(k) Plan. The remaining \$1,345,769 was additional transfers from prior mergers and acquisitions.

During 2023 and 2022, \$36,868 and \$38,994, respectively, was transferred to The General Shale 401(k) Plan.

GENERAL SHALE SMART SAVINGS 401(k) PLAN

EIN: 20-0454569

PLAN NUMBER: 006

SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULES

(Modified Cash Basis)

GENERAL SHALE SMART SAVINGS 401(k) PLAN
SCHEDULE H, LINE 4i - SCHEDULE OF ASSETS (HELD AT END OF YEAR)
(Modified Cash Basis)
December 31, 2023
EIN: 20-0454569
Plan: 006

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	
	Identity of Issue, Borrower, Lessor or Similar Party	Description of Investment Including Maturity Date, Rate of Interest, Collateral, Par, or Maturity Value	Units Held	Cost	Current Value
	Registered Investment Companies:				
	American Beacon Lg Cap Value	Mutual Fund	34,205.5190	\$ 779,695	767,572
	American Funds Europacific Gr R6	Mutual Fund	10,387.1260	551,369	568,176
	Dodge & Cox Income	Mutual Fund	86,361.8070	1,116,982	1,089,886
	DFA Global Real Estate	Mutual Fund	4.3940	45	45
*	Fidelity 500 Index	Mutual Fund	14,685.4060	1,910,485	2,430,288
*	Fidelity Government Money Market	Mutual Fund	83,288.7800	83,289	83,289
*	Fidelity Total Intl IDX	Mutual Fund	12,874.8030	166,025	169,304
	Harbor Capital Appreciation Instl	Mutual Fund	12,310.9550	970,164	1,187,884
	T. Rowe Price Mid-Cap Growth	Mutual Fund	7,625.5570	746,700	762,861
	T. Rowe Price Retire Balance Inv	Mutual Fund	6,907.0890	81,064	77,705
	T. Rowe Price Retirement 2005	Mutual Fund	44,792.7570	490,938	503,919
	T. Rowe Price Retirement 2010	Mutual Fund	4,556.6820	53,107	52,949
	T. Rowe Price Retirement 2015	Mutual Fund	43,230.8130	516,539	523,958
	T. Rowe Price Retirement 2020	Mutual Fund	101,958.7040	1,298,469	1,300,993
	T. Rowe Price Retirement 2025	Mutual Fund	331,245.8870	4,525,141	4,564,568
	T. Rowe Price Retirement 2030	Mutual Fund	374,460.3610	5,236,763	5,467,121
	T. Rowe Price Retirement 2035	Mutual Fund	269,003.0410	3,996,886	4,172,237
	T. Rowe Price Retirement 2040	Mutual Fund	142,606.8100	2,171,758	2,281,709
	T. Rowe Price Retirement 2045	Mutual Fund	124,570.5290	1,943,844	2,054,168
	T. Rowe Price Retirement 2050	Mutual Fund	96,821.9480	1,457,975	1,597,562
	T. Rowe Price Retirement 2055	Mutual Fund	85,797.1950	1,368,015	1,436,245
	T. Rowe Price Retirement 2060	Mutual Fund	66,218.2440	1,055,533	1,124,386
	T. Rowe Price Retirement 2065	Mutual Fund	44,922.5630	475,753	525,594
	Vanguard Inflation-Protected Fund Adm	Mutual Fund	3,229.1980	83,128	74,368
	Victory Integrity Small Cap Value Y	Mutual Fund	2,922.6490	102,511	101,854
	Wasatch Core Growth Institutional	Mutual Fund	2,368.2170	192,761	204,353
	Virtus Investment Partners Tech A	Mutual Fund	11,863.3930	551,474	549,512
	Total Registered Investment Companies			31,926,413	33,672,506
*	Fidelity Managed Income Portfolio - Class 1	Common/Collective Trust	2,263,463.3000	2,134,609	2,134,609
	T. Rowe Price Stable Value Fund A	Common/Collective Trust	2,628,727.2700	2,628,727	2,628,727
	Total Common/Collective Trusts			4,763,336	4,763,336
*	Participant Loans (1)			-	995,443
	Total			\$ 36,689,749	39,431,285

* Represents a party-in-interest to the Plan

(1) The interest rate on loans outstanding range from 4.25% to 9.25%. Maturity dates range from February 2024 to June 2031.

See Independent Auditors' Report.

GENERAL SHALE SMART SAVINGS 401(k) PLAN
SCHEDULE H – Line 4a
SCHEDULE OF DELINQUENT PARTICIPANT CONTRIBUTIONS
For the Year Ended December 31, 2023
EIN: 20-0454569
Plan: 006

Total That Constitutes Non-exempt Prohibited Transactions							
Participant Contributions Transferred Late to the Plan	Date Withheld	Date Remitted	Check Here if Late Participant Loan Repayments Are Included	Contributions Not Corrected	Contributions Corrected Outside VFCP	Contributions Pending Correction in VFCP	Total Fully Corrected Under VFCP and PTE 2002-51
\$ 49,118	01/06/2023	02/10/2023	X	\$ 49,118	-	-	-
55,007	02/24/2023	03/10/2023	X	55,007	-	-	-
56,530	03/10/2023	03/22/2023	X	56,530	-	-	-
49,814	11/17/2023	11/28/2023	X	49,814	-	-	-

See accompanying independent auditors' report.