

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 US VANADIUM SAVINGS AND INVESTMENT PLAN
1b	Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 002
1c	Effective date of plan 06/01/1986
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) US VANADIUM, LLC 4285 MALVERN ROAD HOT SPRINGS, AR 71901
2b	Employer Identification Number (EIN) 06-1165871
2c	Plan Sponsor's telephone number 501-262-1270
2d	Business code (see instructions) 331200

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	SHANE WEATHERFORD
	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	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	5 126
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) 97 6a(2) 110 6b 2 6c 24 6d 136 6e 1 6f 137 6g(1) 113 6g(2) 127 6h 6
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:

2A 2E 2G 2J 2K 2S 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
		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 US VANADIUM SAVINGS AND INVESTMENT PLAN	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	002
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 US VANADIUM, LLC	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 06-1165871	

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
FIDELITY INVESTMENTS INSTITUTIONAL
04-2647786

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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	2869	Yes ☒ No ☐	Yes ☒ No ☐	0	Yes ☒ No ☐

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

MORGAN STANLEY SMITH BARNEY

26-4310632

(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?
55	ADVISOR	0	Yes ☒ No ☐	Yes ☐ No ☒	20735	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.	
AB SM CAP GRTH ADV - ALLIANCEBERNS 18, RUE EUGNE RUPPERT LUXEMBOURG, LU L-245 LU	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
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BLK RK EQUITY DIV I - BNY MELLON IN 500 ROSS STREET 15253-4426 PITTSBURGH, PA 53442	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
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BLK RK HLTH SCI OPP I - BNY MELLON 500 ROSS STREET 15253-4426 PITTSBURGH, PA 53442	0.25%	

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BNYM APPR INV - BNY MELLON TRANSFE DREYFUS TRANSFER INC 200 PARK AVENUE NEW YORK, NY 10166	0.35%	
(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.	
CALAMOS INTL GRTH I - U.S. BANK GL 615 EAST MICHIGAN STREET MILWAUKEE, WI 53202	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.	
DAVIS NY VENTURE A - SS&C GIDS, IN 2000 CROWN COLONY DRIVE QUINCY, MA 02169	0.15%	

Part I Service Provider Information (continued)

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EV ATL CAP SMID-CP I - BNY MELLON 500 ROSS STREET 15253-4426 PITTSBURGH, PA 53442	0.15%	
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FIDELITY INVESTMENTS INSTITUTIONAL	60	0
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INVS GOLD SPL MIN Y - INVESCO INVE 11 GREENWAY PLAZA, SUITE 100 HOUSTON, TX 77046	0.25%	
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(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.	
J H BALANCED I - JANUS HENDERSON S 151 DETROIT STREET DENVER, CO 80206	0.10%	

Part I Service Provider Information (continued)

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JPM MIDCAP VALUE L - DST ASSET MAN 430 W 7TH STREET STE 219432 KANSAS CITY, MO 64105	0.15%	
(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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LD ABBETT BD DBNTR I - BNY MELLON 500 ROSS STREET 15253-4426 PITTSBURGH, PA 53442	0.10%	
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MFS INTL DIVRSN R4 - MFS SERVICE C	0.15%	
04-2865649		

Part I Service Provider Information (continued)

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MFS VALUE R4 - MFS SERVICE CENTER 04-2865649	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
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MS MK HY CORP BD I - NYLIM SERVICE 52-2206685	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.	
TMPL DEV MKTS ADV - FRANKLIN TEMPL 94-3167260	0.25%	

Part I Service Provider Information (continued)

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(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.	
TMPL GLOBAL BOND ADV - FRANKLIN TE 94-3167260	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.	
TRP REAL ESTATE - T. ROWE PRICE SE 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.	
VRTS NFJ MC VAL IS - VIRTUS FUND S 4400 COMPUTER DRIVE WESTBOROUGH, MA 01581	0.10%	

Part I Service Provider Information (continued)

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MORGAN STANLEY SMITH BARNEY	55	20735
(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.	
NATIONAL FINANCIAL SERVICES LLC 04-3523567		
(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:	FORVIS	b EIN:	44-0160260
c Position:			
d Address:	111 CENTER ST # 1600 LITTLE ROCK, AR 72201	e Telephone:	501-372-1040

Explanation: NOT A CHANGE. WE USED HCJ LAST YEAR.

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

Explanation:

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

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)**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
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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 US VANADIUM SAVINGS AND INVESTMENT PLAN	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ►	002
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 US VANADIUM, LLC	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 06-1165871	

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)	593290	502952
(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)	205041	209626
(9) Value of interest in common/collective trusts	1c(9)	1282351	953920
(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)	5848260	7577533
(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	7928942	9244031
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	7928942	9244031

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)	406835	
(B) Participants	2a(1)(B)	554425	
(C) Others (including rollovers)	2a(1)(C)	96240	
(2) Noncash contributions	2a(2)	0	
(3) Total contributions. Add lines 2a(1)(A) , (B) , (C) , and line 2a(2)	2a(3)		1057500
b Earnings on investments:			
(1) Interest:			
(A) Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit)	2b(1)(A)	24086	
(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)	11162	
(F) Other	2b(1)(F)	0	
(G) Total interest. Add lines 2b(1)(A) through (F)	2b(1)(G)		35248
(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)	177029	
(D) Total dividends. Add lines 2b(2)(A) , (B) , and (C)	2b(2)(D)		177029
(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)		30492
(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)		839358
c Other income	2c		0
d Total income. Add all income amounts in column (b) and enter total	2d		2139627

Expenses

e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers	2e(1)	821669	
(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)		821669
f Corrective distributions (see instructions)	2f		0
g Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions)	2g		0
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)	2869	
(4) IQPA audit fees.....	2i(4)	0	
(5) Investment advisory and investment management fees	2i(5)	0	
(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)		2869
j Total expenses. Add all expense amounts in column (b) and enter total	2j		824538

Net Income and Reconciliation

k Net income (loss). Subtract line 2j from line 2d	2k		1315089
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: **H CJ CPAS & ADVISORS, PLLC**

(2) EIN: **71-0650689**

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?	☒		5000000
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 US VANADIUM SAVINGS AND INVESTMENT PLAN	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	002
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 US VANADIUM, LLC	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 06-1165871	

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

1	Total value of distributions paid in property other than in cash or the forms of property specified in the instructions.....	1	
2	Enter the EIN(s) of payor(s) who paid benefits on behalf of the plan to participants or beneficiaries during the year (if more than two, enter EINs of the two payors who paid the greatest dollar amounts of benefits): EIN(s): 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.)
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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 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
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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 <u>06 / 30 / 2020</u> (MM/DD/YYYY) and the Opinion Letter serial number <u>Q702438A</u> .	

US VANADIUM SAVINGS AND INVESTMENT PLAN

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**

DECEMBER 31, 2023 AND 2022

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Plan Administrator of
US Vanadium Savings and Investment Plan
Hot Springs, Arkansas

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

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

Management, having determined it is permissible in the circumstances, has elected to have the audit of US Vanadium Savings and Investment Plan's financial statements performed in accordance with the 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 audit need not extend to any statements or information related to assets held for investment of the plan (investment information) by a bank or similar institution or insurance carrier that is regulated, supervised, and subject to periodic examination by a state or federal agency, provided that the statements or information regarding assets so held are prepared and certified to by the bank or similar institution or insurance carrier in accordance with 29 CFR 2520.103-5 of the 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, stating that the certified investment information, as described in Note 7 to the financial statements, is complete and accurate.

Opinion

In our opinion, based on our audit and on the procedures performed as described in the 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 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 audit 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 US Vanadium Savings and Investment Plan and to meet our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit opinion.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these 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 US Vanadium Savings and Investment Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for one year after the date the financial statements are available to be issued.

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

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

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 US Vanadium Savings and Investment 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 US Vanadium Savings and Investment Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

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

The supplemental schedules of assets (held at year end) and schedule of delinquent participant contributions" after "(held at year end) 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).

HCT CPAs & Advisors, PLLC

Little Rock, Arkansas
October 15, 2024

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

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
<u>Assets</u>		
Investments, at Fair Value:		
Money Market Funds	\$ 502,952	\$ 593,290
Mutual Funds	7,577,533	5,848,260
Common/Collective Trust Funds	953,920	1,282,351
Total Investments	<u>9,034,405</u>	<u>7,723,901</u>
Receivables:		
Employer's Contributions	922,066	715,282
Participants' Contributions	-	16,884
Notes Receivable from Participants	209,626	205,041
Total Receivables	<u>1,131,692</u>	<u>937,207</u>
Total Assets	10,166,097	8,661,108
Net Assets Available For Benefits	<u>\$ 10,166,097</u>	<u>\$ 8,661,108</u>

See Accompanying Notes.

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023 AND 2022

	2023	2022
Contributions:		
Employer's	\$ 613,620	\$ 487,932
Participants'	537,540	467,916
Rollover	96,240	33,775
Total Contributions	1,247,400	989,623
Investment Income (Loss):		
Net Change in Fair Value of Investments	869,850	(1,723,362)
Interest and Dividends	201,115	431,867
Net Investment Income (Loss)	1,070,965	(1,291,495)
Interest on Notes Receivable from Participants	11,162	8,742
Deductions from Net Assets Attributed to:		
Benefit Payments to Participants	821,669	784,281
Administrative Expenses	2,869	2,245
Total Deductions from Net Assets	824,538	786,526
Change in Net Assets	1,504,989	(1,079,656)
Net Assets Available for Benefits:		
Beginning of Year	8,661,108	9,740,764
End of Year	\$ 10,166,097	\$ 8,661,108

See Accompanying Notes.

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Note 1: Description of Plan

General

The Plan, established June 1, 1986, is a defined contribution plan covering all employees of the sponsor US Vanadium, LLC and affiliated employer US Vanadium-Benton, LLC (collectively, the "Employer"), except for residents of Puerto Rico, leased employees, or employees covered by a collective bargaining agreement (unless the agreement requires employees to be included under the plan). Non-excluded employees are immediately eligible upon hire to make pre-tax or Roth deferral contributions and to receive employer matching contributions. To be eligible for employer profit sharing contributions, employees must have at least 501 hours of service during the plan year and be employed on the last day of the contribution period. The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).

Contributions

Participants may contribute up to 100% of their annual compensation not to exceed the limit set by the Internal Revenue Code, which was \$22,500 in 2023 and \$20,500 in 2022. Participants who have attained age 50 before the end of the Plan year are eligible to make catch-up contributions of up to an additional \$7,500 in 2023 and \$6,500 in 2022. Compensation is defined as total compensation subject to income tax, including any salary reduction contributions to Employer sponsored cafeteria plans and excluding reimbursements or other expense allowances, fringe benefits, moving expenses, deferred compensation, unused leave, and welfare benefits.

The Plan provides for Employer discretionary matching contributions based on a percentage of each participant's contributions; this percentage is determined by the Employer, and is permitted to be limited by dollar amount or maximum percentage. The plan additionally provides for an Employer discretionary profit sharing contribution, calculated based on each participant's percentage of total points for their employee class; these points are determined based on compensation, age weighted factors, and years of vested service, depending on the class of employee (union or non-union employee).

Participant Accounts

Each participant's account is credited with the participant's contributions, allocations of the Employer's contributions, and Plan earnings and losses. Participant accounts are charged with an allocation of administrative expenses. Allocations are based on participant earnings, account balances, or specific participant transactions, as defined in the Plan document. 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 their contributions, and any earnings thereon. Participants become 100% vested in Employer profit sharing contributions upon completion of 3 years of service. Participants become vested in Employer matching contributions at a rate of 33% per year of service (100% vested upon completion of 3 years of service). A participant will become fully vested upon death, disability, or retirement at age 72 or older.

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Administrative Expenses

Certain expenses of maintaining the Plan are paid by the Plan, unless otherwise paid by the Employer. Expenses that are paid by the Employer are excluded from these financial statements. Investment related expenses are included in net change in fair value of investments.

Investment Options

Upon enrollment in the Plan, a participant may elect to have any portion of their account allocated to the investment options under the Plan. Participants may change their investment selections at any time. The Plan currently offers 1 money market fund, 1 common collective trusts, and 40 mutual funds as investment options for participants.

Forfeitures

Forfeitures may be used to restore participant accounts, offset Plan expenses, and to reduce any Employer contributions. The Plan had \$22,597 and \$16,850 in unallocated forfeitures as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively. For the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, no forfeitures were used.

Notes Receivable from Participants

Participants may borrow from their account balance a minimum of \$1,000 up to a maximum of the lesser of \$50,000, reduced by the highest outstanding loan balance during the preceding 12-month period, or 50% of their vested account balance. All loans are required to be repaid within five years of the loan origination unless the loan is used for the purchase of a primary residence. The loans are secured by the balance in the participant's account and bear a fixed rate of interest as determined by the Plan Administrator based on the prevailing interest rates charged by persons in the business of lending money for loans which would be made under similar circumstances. Participants may only have one loan outstanding at any given time. Principal and interest are paid weekly through payroll deductions.

Payment of Benefits

Upon retirement, termination, disability, or death, a participant, or his or her beneficiary in the event of death, may elect to withdraw all or part of his or her vested balance. Upon termination, automatic distributions are required for balances of less than \$5,000. Automatic distributions above \$1,000 made without the participant's consent are rolled into an individual retirement account designated by the Trustee. Additionally, participants may take in-service distributions upon reaching age 59 1/2. Generally, certain required minimum distributions are required for participants who have separated from service and have reached aged 73 before December 31, 2023. The Plan allows for hardship withdrawals, subject to account balance limits and applicable laws.

Note 2: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Basis of Accounting

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting. Under the accrual basis of accounting, revenues and expenses, other than benefit payments, together with the related assets and liabilities are recorded in the accounting period to which they apply, regardless of when the cash transaction occurred.

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Payments of Benefits

Benefit payments are recorded when paid.

Valuation of Investments 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. Plan management determines the Plan's valuation policies utilizing information provided by the Trustee. See Note 4 for discussion of fair value measurements.

Purchases and sales of securities are recorded on a trade-date basis. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. Dividends are recorded on the ex-dividend date. Net change in fair value of investments includes the Plan's gains and losses on investments purchased and sold as well as held during the year.

Notes Receivable from Participants

Notes receivable from participants are measured at their unpaid principal balance plus any accrued but unpaid interest. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. Delinquent participant loans are reclassified as distributions based upon the terms of the Plan document. No allowance for credit losses has been recorded as of December 31, 2023 and 2022.

Risks and Uncertainties

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

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires Plan administrators to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, the reported amounts of additions and deductions during the reporting period, and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Subsequent Events

The Plan has evaluated all subsequent events for potential recognition and disclosure through October 15, 2024, the date these financial statements were available to be issued.

Note 3: Plan Termination

Although it has not expressed any intent to do so, the Employer has the right to discontinue its contributions at any time and terminate the Plan subject to the provisions of ERISA. In the event of Plan termination, participants will become fully vested in the employer discretionary matching and profit-sharing contributions portion of their account. Employee contributions, employer "safe harbor" contributions and their related earnings are always fully vested.

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Note 4: Fair Value

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

Level 2: Inputs to the valuation methodology include quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets; quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in inactive markets; inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability; inputs that are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data by correlation or other means.

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

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

The following table presents the Plan's hierarchy for its assets measured at fair value on a recurring basis as of December 31, 2023

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Level 1</u>	<u>Level 2</u>	<u>Level 3</u>
Money Market Funds	\$ 502,952	\$ 502,952	\$ -	\$ -
Mutual Funds	7,577,533	7,577,533	-	-
Total Assets in the Fair Value Hierarchy	8,080,485	8,080,485	-	-
Investments Measured at Net Asset Value	953,920	-	-	-
Investments at Fair Value	<u>\$ 9,034,405</u>	<u>\$ 8,080,485</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

The following table presents the Plan's hierarchy for its assets measured at fair value on a recurring basis as of December 31, 2022:

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Level 1</u>	<u>Level 2</u>	<u>Level 3</u>
Money Market Funds	\$ 593,290	\$ 593,290	\$ -	\$ -
Mutual Funds	5,848,260	5,848,260	-	-
Total Assets in the Fair Value Hierarchy	6,441,550	6,441,550	-	-
Investments Measured at Net Asset Value	1,282,351	-	-	-
Investments at Fair Value	<u>\$ 7,723,901</u>	<u>\$ 6,441,550</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

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Following are the valuation methodologies the Plan uses to measure financial instruments at fair value:

Money Market Funds: Valued at the net asset value of shares held by the Plan at year end.

Mutual Funds: Valued at the daily closing price as reported by the fund. Mutual funds held by the Plan are open-end mutual funds that are registered with the SEC. These funds are required to publish their daily net asset value (NAV) and to transact at that price. The mutual funds held by the Plan are deemed to be actively traded.

Common Collective Trust Funds: Valued at the NAV of units of a bank collective trust. The investment in a collective trust fund is valued as a practical expedient utilizing the net asset valuation. The practical expedient is used for valuation, unless it is probable that the Fund will sell a portion of the investment at an amount different from the net asset valuation.

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.

Gains and losses (realized and unrealized) included in changes in net assets available for benefits for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, are reported in net change in fair value of investments. The Plan's investments (including realized gains and losses on investments bought, sold, and held during the year as well as unrealized appreciation of the investments held at the end of the year) appreciated in value by \$869,850 in 2023 and depreciated in value by (\$1,723,362) in 2022.

Fair Value of Investments in Entities that use NAV

The following table summarizes investments for which fair value is measured using the net asset value per share practical expedient as of December 31, 2022 and 2021, respectively. There are no participant redemption restrictions for these investments; the redemption notice period is applicable only to the Plan.

December 31, 2023	Fair Value	Unfunded Commitments	Redemption frequency (if currently eligible)	Redemption Notice Period
Galliard Stable Value Fund	\$953,920	N/A	Daily	N/A

December 31, 2022	Fair Value	Unfunded Commitments	Redemption frequency (if currently eligible)	Redemption Notice Period
Galliard Stable Value Fund	\$1,282,351	N/A	Daily	N/A

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Note 5: Income Tax Status

The Plan adopted a preapproved plan document created by FMR, LLC. The preapproved plan document obtained an opinion letter dated June 30, 2020, in which the Internal Revenue Service stated that the plan document, as then designed, was in compliance with the applicable requirements of the Internal Revenue Code. Although the plan document has been amended since receiving the opinion letter, the plan administrator and the plan's tax counsel believe that the plan document is designed, and is currently being operated, in compliance with the applicable requirements of the Internal Revenue Code.

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require Plan management to evaluate tax positions taken by the Plan and recognize a tax liability if the Plan has taken an uncertain position that more likely than not would not be sustained upon examination by the Internal Revenue Service. The Plan is subject to routine audits by taxing jurisdictions; however, there are currently no audits for any tax periods in progress. The Plan administrator believes it is no longer subject to income tax examinations for years prior to 2020.

Note 6: Party-in-Interest

Party-in-interest transactions include those with fiduciaries or employees of the Plan, any person who provides services to the Plan, an employee organization whose members are covered by the Plan, a person who owns 50% or more of such an employee association or relatives of such person.

Fidelity Management Trust Company serves as the trustee of the Plan and holds the Plan assets. Fidelity Workplace Services, LLC processes and maintains the records of the participant data. Qualified Plan Advisors serves as an advisor to the Plan. They are by definition a party-in-interest, and as a result, these transactions qualify as party-in-interest transactions. The Plan paid \$2,869 and \$2,245 for investment management, administrative and other fees during the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively. These transactions are exempt from being prohibited transactions under ERISA.

Note 7: Information Prepared and Certified by Trustee

All assets of the Plan are held by Fidelity Management Trust Company. All investment information and note receivables from participants disclosed in the accompanying financial statements and supplemental schedules at December 31, 2023 and 2022 and investment income and interest on notes receivable from participants for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, was obtained or derived from information supplied to the Plan administrator by the trustee. The Plan administrator received from the Trustee's certification letter that information furnished by the Trustee is complete and accurate for the years ending December 31, 2023 and 2022.

Note 8: Reconciliation with Form 5500

Certain amounts reported in the Plan's 2022 Form 5500 for changes in net assets available for benefits are different from the amounts reported in the accompanying financial statements. These differences are due to the different presentation of investment income of the Plan.

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The following is a reconciliation of net assets available for benefits per the financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, to Schedule H of Form 5500:

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Net assets available for benefits per the Financial Statements	\$ 10,166,097	\$ 8,661,108
Less: Employee Contributions Receivable	-	(16,884)
Less: Employer Contributions Receivable	<u>(922,066)</u>	<u>(715,282)</u>
Net assets available for benefits per the Form 5500	<u>\$ 9,244,031</u>	<u>\$ 7,928,942</u>

The following is a reconciliation of employer and employee contributions per the financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2023, to Schedule H of Form 5500:

Contributions per the Financial Statements	\$ 1,247,400
Less: Employee Contributions Receivable at December 31, 2023	-
Less: Employer Contributions Receivable at December 31, 2023	(922,066)
Plus: Employee Contributions Receivable at December 31, 2022	715,282
Plus: Employer Contributions Receivable at December 31, 2022	<u>16,844</u>
Contributions per Schedule H of Form 5500	<u>\$ 1,057,500</u>

Note 9: Delinquent Participant Contributions

During 2023, the employer failed to remit certain employee deferrals to the Plan, aggregating \$46,425, in a timely manner according to DOL regulations. This amount is included in the supplemental schedule of delinquent participant contributions, along with the delinquent participant contributions for Plan year 2022 totaling \$39,644. The delinquent participant contributions presented in the supplemental schedule of delinquent participant contributions total \$86,069 for the Plan years 2023 and 2022. Lost earnings for 2023 and 2022 were not calculated as of the date of this report. The lost earnings will be remitted to the Plan when this calculation is completed.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

US VANADIUM SAVINGS AND INVESTMENT PLAN
SCHEDULE H, LINE 4(i) - SCHEDULE OF ASSETS (HELD AT END OF YEAR)

EIN: 06-1165871 Plan 002

DECEMBER 31, 2023

(a)	(b) Identity of Issue, Borrower, Lessor or Similar Party	(c) Description of Investment, Including Maturity Date, Rate of Interest Collateral, Par or Maturity Value	(d) Cost	(e) Current Value
	Money Market Fund:			
	FID GOVT MMKT	Value of Interest in Registered Investment Companies	**	502,952
	Mutual Funds:			
	MFS INTL DIVRSN R4	Value of Interest in Registered Investment Companies	**	267,778
	EV ATL CAP SMID-CP I	Value of Interest in Registered Investment Companies	**	167,717
	PIM TOTAL RT INST	Value of Interest in Registered Investment Companies	**	304,950
	BNYM APPR INV	Value of Interest in Registered Investment Companies	**	542
	DAVIS NY VENTURE A	Value of Interest in Registered Investment Companies	**	27,210
	VRTS NFJ MC VAL IS	Value of Interest in Registered Investment Companies	**	553
	JPM SM CAP VALUE R6	Value of Interest in Registered Investment Companies	**	87,301
	MS MK HY CORP BD I	Value of Interest in Registered Investment Companies	**	33,117
	TRP REAL ESTATE	Value of Interest in Registered Investment Companies	**	16,391
	MFS VALUE R4	Value of Interest in Registered Investment Companies	**	18,364
	BLKRK EQUITY DIV I	Value of Interest in Registered Investment Companies	**	276,099
	BLKRK HLTH SCI OPP I	Value of Interest in Registered Investment Companies	**	263,756
	PIM REAL RETURN INST	Value of Interest in Registered Investment Companies	**	78,559
	TMPL GLOBAL BOND ADV	Value of Interest in Registered Investment Companies	**	21,383
	JPM MIDCAP VALUE L	Value of Interest in Registered Investment Companies	**	178,553
	AB SM CAP GRTH ADV	Value of Interest in Registered Investment Companies	**	69,255
	TMPL DEV MKTS ADV	Value of Interest in Registered Investment Companies	**	157,428
	J H BALANCED I	Value of Interest in Registered Investment Companies	**	261
	CALAMOS INTL GRTH I	Value of Interest in Registered Investment Companies	**	211,973
	LD ABBETT BD DBNTR I	Value of Interest in Registered Investment Companies	**	117,553
	INVS GOLD SPL MIN Y	Value of Interest in Registered Investment Companies	**	18,269
	JPM LG CAP GROWTH R6	Value of Interest in Registered Investment Companies	**	487,337
*	FA STRAT INCOME I	Value of Interest in Registered Investment Companies	**	1,169
*	FA NEW INSIGHTS I	Value of Interest in Registered Investment Companies	**	121,293
*	FA STRAT DIV INC I	Value of Interest in Registered Investment Companies	**	134,367
*	FA MATERIALS I	Value of Interest in Registered Investment Companies	**	20,081
*	FID 500 INDEX	Value of Interest in Registered Investment Companies	**	67,383
*	FA FREEDOM 2010 A	Value of Interest in Registered Investment Companies	**	9,187
*	FA FREEDOM 2015 A	Value of Interest in Registered Investment Companies	**	45,492
*	FA FREEDOM 2020 A	Value of Interest in Registered Investment Companies	**	98,385
*	FA FREEDOM 2025 A	Value of Interest in Registered Investment Companies	**	830,825
*	FA FREEDOM 2030 A	Value of Interest in Registered Investment Companies	**	478,912
*	FA FREEDOM 2035 A	Value of Interest in Registered Investment Companies	**	857,721
*	FA FREEDOM 2040 A	Value of Interest in Registered Investment Companies	**	502,825
*	FA FREEDOM 2045 A	Value of Interest in Registered Investment Companies	**	375,595
*	FA FREEDOM 2050 A	Value of Interest in Registered Investment Companies	**	500,497
*	FA FREEDOM 2055 A	Value of Interest in Registered Investment Companies	**	289,382
*	FA FREEDOM 2060 A	Value of Interest in Registered Investment Companies	**	263,984
*	FA FREEDOM INC A	Value of Interest in Registered Investment Companies	**	1
*	FA FREEDOM 2065 A	Value of Interest in Registered Investment Companies	**	176,085
	Common/Collective Trust Fund:			7,577,533
	Galliard Stable Return	Value of Interest in Common and Collective Trust	**	953,920
*	Participant Loans	Secured by Vested Benefits with Interest Rates Ranging from 4.25% to 9.50%		209,626
	Total Assets Held at Year-end			\$ 9,244,031
*	Parties in Interest			
**	Column (d) is not Applicable for Participant-Directed Investments			

US VANADIUM SAVINGS AND INVESTMENT PLAN
SCHEDULE H, LINE 4(i) - SCHEDULE OF ASSETS (HELD AT END OF YEAR)

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(a)	(b) Identity of Issue, Borrower, Lessor or Similar Party	(c) Description of Investment, including Maturity Date, Rate of Interest Collateral, Par or Maturity Value	(d) Cost	(e) Current Value
	Money Market Fund: FID GOVT MMKT	Value of Interest in Registered Investment Companies	**	593,290
	Mutual Funds:			
	MFS INTL DIVRSN R4	Value of Interest in Registered Investment Companies	**	187,151
	EV ATL CAP SMID-CP I	Value of Interest in Registered Investment Companies	**	87,308
	PIM TOTAL RT INST	Value of Interest in Registered Investment Companies	**	257,769
	DAVIS NY VENTURE A	Value of Interest in Registered Investment Companies	**	17,779
	JPM SM CAP VALUE R6	Value of Interest in Registered Investment Companies	**	27,340
	MS MK HY CORP BD I	Value of Interest in Registered Investment Companies	**	28,749
	TRP REAL ESTATE	Value of Interest in Registered Investment Companies	**	17,759
	MFS VALUE R4	Value of Interest in Registered Investment Companies	**	6,787
	BLKRK EQUITY DIV I	Value of Interest in Registered Investment Companies	**	224,801
	BLKRK HLTH SCI OPP I	Value of Interest in Registered Investment Companies	**	251,703
	PIM REAL RETURN INST	Value of Interest in Registered Investment Companies	**	143,891
	TMPL GLOBAL BOND ADV	Value of Interest in Registered Investment Companies	**	20,307
	JPM MIDCAP VALUE L	Value of Interest in Registered Investment Companies	**	113,768
	AB SM CAP GRTH ADV	Value of Interest in Registered Investment Companies	**	207,787
	TMPL DEV MKTS ADV	Value of Interest in Registered Investment Companies	**	129,581
	J H BALANCED I	Value of Interest in Registered Investment Companies	**	177
	CALAMOS INTL GRTH I	Value of Interest in Registered Investment Companies	**	169,863
	LD ABBETT BD DBNTR I	Value of Interest in Registered Investment Companies	**	107,416
	INVS GOLD SPL MIN Y	Value of Interest in Registered Investment Companies	**	15,817
	JPM LG CAP GROWTH R6	Value of Interest in Registered Investment Companies	**	382,471
*	FA STRAT INCOME I	Value of Interest in Registered Investment Companies	**	671
*	FA NEW INSIGHTS I	Value of Interest in Registered Investment Companies	**	84,513
*	FA STRAT DIV INC I	Value of Interest in Registered Investment Companies	**	122,783
*	FA MATERIALS I	Value of Interest in Registered Investment Companies	**	48,688
*	FID 500 INDEX	Value of Interest in Registered Investment Companies	**	47,451
*	FA FREEDOM 2010 A	Value of Interest in Registered Investment Companies	**	8,412
*	FA FREEDOM 2015 A	Value of Interest in Registered Investment Companies	**	41,103
*	FA FREEDOM 2020 A	Value of Interest in Registered Investment Companies	**	91,904
*	FA FREEDOM 2025 A	Value of Interest in Registered Investment Companies	**	634,943
*	FA FREEDOM 2030 A	Value of Interest in Registered Investment Companies	**	466,274
*	FA FREEDOM 2035 A	Value of Interest in Registered Investment Companies	**	537,915
*	FA FREEDOM 2040 A	Value of Interest in Registered Investment Companies	**	253,384
*	FA FREEDOM 2045 A	Value of Interest in Registered Investment Companies	**	282,403
*	FA FREEDOM 2050 A	Value of Interest in Registered Investment Companies	**	387,980
*	FA FREEDOM 2055 A	Value of Interest in Registered Investment Companies	**	198,115
*	FA FREEDOM 2060 A	Value of Interest in Registered Investment Companies	**	142,833
*	FA FREEDOM 2065 A	Value of Interest in Registered Investment Companies	**	100,664
	Common/Collective Trust Fund: Galliard Stable Return	Value of Interest in Common and Collective Trust	**	5,848,260
*	Participant Loans	Secured by Vested Benefits with Interest Rates Ranging from 4.25% to 8.00%		205,041
	Total Assets Held at Year-end			\$ 7,928,942

* Parties in Interest

** Column (d) is not Applicable for Participant-Directed Investments

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**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Plan Administrator of
US Vanadium Savings and Investment Plan
Hot Springs, Arkansas

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

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

Management, having determined it is permissible in the circumstances, has elected to have the audit of US Vanadium Savings and Investment Plan's financial statements performed in accordance with the 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 audit need not extend to any statements or information related to assets held for investment of the plan (investment information) by a bank or similar institution or insurance carrier that is regulated, supervised, and subject to periodic examination by a state or federal agency, provided that the statements or information regarding assets so held are prepared and certified to by the bank or similar institution or insurance carrier in accordance with 29 CFR 2520.103-5 of the 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, stating that the certified investment information, as described in Note 7 to the financial statements, is complete and accurate.

Opinion

In our opinion, based on our audit and on the procedures performed as described in the 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 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 audit 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 US Vanadium Savings and Investment Plan and to meet our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit opinion.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these 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 US Vanadium Savings and Investment Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for one year after the date the financial statements are available to be issued.

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

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

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 US Vanadium Savings and Investment 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 US Vanadium Savings and Investment Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

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

The supplemental schedules of assets (held at year end) and schedule of delinquent participant contributions" after "(held at year end) 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).

HCT CPAs & Advisors, PLLC

Little Rock, Arkansas

October 15, 2024

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US VANADIUM SAVINGS AND INVESTMENT PLAN
STATEMENTS OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS
DECEMBER 31, 2023 AND 2022

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
<u>Assets</u>		
Investments, at Fair Value:		
Money Market Funds	\$ 502,952	\$ 593,290
Mutual Funds	7,577,533	5,848,260
Common/Collective Trust Funds	953,920	1,282,351
Total Investments	<u>9,034,405</u>	<u>7,723,901</u>
Receivables:		
Employer's Contributions	922,066	715,282
Participants' Contributions	-	16,884
Notes Receivable from Participants	209,626	205,041
Total Receivables	<u>1,131,692</u>	<u>937,207</u>
Total Assets	10,166,097	8,661,108
Net Assets Available For Benefits	<u>\$ 10,166,097</u>	<u>\$ 8,661,108</u>

See Accompanying Notes.

US VANADIUM SAVINGS AND INVESTMENT PLAN
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023 AND 2022

	2023	2022
Contributions:		
Employer's	\$ 613,620	\$ 487,932
Participants'	537,540	467,916
Rollover	96,240	33,775
Total Contributions	1,247,400	989,623
Investment Income (Loss):		
Net Change in Fair Value of Investments	869,850	(1,723,362)
Interest and Dividends	201,115	431,867
Net Investment Income (Loss)	1,070,965	(1,291,495)
Interest on Notes Receivable from Participants	11,162	8,742
Deductions from Net Assets Attributed to:		
Benefit Payments to Participants	821,669	784,281
Administrative Expenses	2,869	2,245
Total Deductions from Net Assets	824,538	786,526
Change in Net Assets	1,504,989	(1,079,656)
Net Assets Available for Benefits:		
Beginning of Year	8,661,108	9,740,764
End of Year	\$ 10,166,097	\$ 8,661,108

See Accompanying Notes.

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Note 1: Description of Plan

General

The Plan, established June 1, 1986, is a defined contribution plan covering all employees of the sponsor US Vanadium, LLC and affiliated employer US Vanadium-Benton, LLC (collectively, the "Employer"), except for residents of Puerto Rico, leased employees, or employees covered by a collective bargaining agreement (unless the agreement requires employees to be included under the plan). Non-excluded employees are immediately eligible upon hire to make pre-tax or Roth deferral contributions and to receive employer matching contributions. To be eligible for employer profit sharing contributions, employees must have at least 501 hours of service during the plan year and be employed on the last day of the contribution period. The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).

Contributions

Participants may contribute up to 100% of their annual compensation not to exceed the limit set by the Internal Revenue Code, which was \$22,500 in 2023 and \$20,500 in 2022. Participants who have attained age 50 before the end of the Plan year are eligible to make catch-up contributions of up to an additional \$7,500 in 2023 and \$6,500 in 2022. Compensation is defined as total compensation subject to income tax, including any salary reduction contributions to Employer sponsored cafeteria plans and excluding reimbursements or other expense allowances, fringe benefits, moving expenses, deferred compensation, unused leave, and welfare benefits.

The Plan provides for Employer discretionary matching contributions based on a percentage of each participant's contributions; this percentage is determined by the Employer, and is permitted to be limited by dollar amount or maximum percentage. The plan additionally provides for an Employer discretionary profit sharing contribution, calculated based on each participant's percentage of total points for their employee class; these points are determined based on compensation, age weighted factors, and years of vested service, depending on the class of employee (union or non-union employee).

Participant Accounts

Each participant's account is credited with the participant's contributions, allocations of the Employer's contributions, and Plan earnings and losses. Participant accounts are charged with an allocation of administrative expenses. Allocations are based on participant earnings, account balances, or specific participant transactions, as defined in the Plan document. 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 their contributions, and any earnings thereon. Participants become 100% vested in Employer profit sharing contributions upon completion of 3 years of service. Participants become vested in Employer matching contributions at a rate of 33% per year of service (100% vested upon completion of 3 years of service). A participant will become fully vested upon death, disability, or retirement at age 72 or older.

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Administrative Expenses

Certain expenses of maintaining the Plan are paid by the Plan, unless otherwise paid by the Employer. Expenses that are paid by the Employer are excluded from these financial statements. Investment related expenses are included in net change in fair value of investments.

Investment Options

Upon enrollment in the Plan, a participant may elect to have any portion of their account allocated to the investment options under the Plan. Participants may change their investment selections at any time. The Plan currently offers 1 money market fund, 1 common collective trusts, and 40 mutual funds as investment options for participants.

Forfeitures

Forfeitures may be used to restore participant accounts, offset Plan expenses, and to reduce any Employer contributions. The Plan had \$22,597 and \$16,850 in unallocated forfeitures as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively. For the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, no forfeitures were used.

Notes Receivable from Participants

Participants may borrow from their account balance a minimum of \$1,000 up to a maximum of the lesser of \$50,000, reduced by the highest outstanding loan balance during the preceding 12-month period, or 50% of their vested account balance. All loans are required to be repaid within five years of the loan origination unless the loan is used for the purchase of a primary residence. The loans are secured by the balance in the participant's account and bear a fixed rate of interest as determined by the Plan Administrator based on the prevailing interest rates charged by persons in the business of lending money for loans which would be made under similar circumstances. Participants may only have one loan outstanding at any given time. Principal and interest are paid weekly through payroll deductions.

Payment of Benefits

Upon retirement, termination, disability, or death, a participant, or his or her beneficiary in the event of death, may elect to withdraw all or part of his or her vested balance. Upon termination, automatic distributions are required for balances of less than \$5,000. Automatic distributions above \$1,000 made without the participant's consent are rolled into an individual retirement account designated by the Trustee. Additionally, participants may take in-service distributions upon reaching age 59 1/2. Generally, certain required minimum distributions are required for participants who have separated from service and have reached aged 73 before December 31, 2023. The Plan allows for hardship withdrawals, subject to account balance limits and applicable laws.

Note 2: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Basis of Accounting

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting. Under the accrual basis of accounting, revenues and expenses, other than benefit payments, together with the related assets and liabilities are recorded in the accounting period to which they apply, regardless of when the cash transaction occurred.

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Payments of Benefits

Benefit payments are recorded when paid.

Valuation of Investments 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. Plan management determines the Plan's valuation policies utilizing information provided by the Trustee. See Note 4 for discussion of fair value measurements.

Purchases and sales of securities are recorded on a trade-date basis. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. Dividends are recorded on the ex-dividend date. Net change in fair value of investments includes the Plan's gains and losses on investments purchased and sold as well as held during the year.

Notes Receivable from Participants

Notes receivable from participants are measured at their unpaid principal balance plus any accrued but unpaid interest. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. Delinquent participant loans are reclassified as distributions based upon the terms of the Plan document. No allowance for credit losses has been recorded as of December 31, 2023 and 2022.

Risks and Uncertainties

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

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires Plan administrators to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, the reported amounts of additions and deductions during the reporting period, and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Subsequent Events

The Plan has evaluated all subsequent events for potential recognition and disclosure through October 15, 2024, the date these financial statements were available to be issued.

Note 3: Plan Termination

Although it has not expressed any intent to do so, the Employer has the right to discontinue its contributions at any time and terminate the Plan subject to the provisions of ERISA. In the event of Plan termination, participants will become fully vested in the employer discretionary matching and profit-sharing contributions portion of their account. Employee contributions, employer "safe harbor" contributions and their related earnings are always fully vested.

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Note 4: Fair Value

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

Level 2: Inputs to the valuation methodology include quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets; quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in inactive markets; inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability; inputs that are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data by correlation or other means.

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

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

The following table presents the Plan's hierarchy for its assets measured at fair value on a recurring basis as of December 31, 2023

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Level 1</u>	<u>Level 2</u>	<u>Level 3</u>
Money Market Funds	\$ 502,952	\$ 502,952	\$ -	\$ -
Mutual Funds	7,577,533	7,577,533	-	-
Total Assets in the Fair Value Hierarchy	8,080,485	8,080,485	-	-
Investments Measured at Net Asset Value	953,920	-	-	-
Investments at Fair Value	<u>\$ 9,034,405</u>	<u>\$ 8,080,485</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

The following table presents the Plan's hierarchy for its assets measured at fair value on a recurring basis as of December 31, 2022:

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Level 1</u>	<u>Level 2</u>	<u>Level 3</u>
Money Market Funds	\$ 593,290	\$ 593,290	\$ -	\$ -
Mutual Funds	5,848,260	5,848,260	-	-
Total Assets in the Fair Value Hierarchy	6,441,550	6,441,550	-	-
Investments Measured at Net Asset Value	1,282,351	-	-	-
Investments at Fair Value	<u>\$ 7,723,901</u>	<u>\$ 6,441,550</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

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Following are the valuation methodologies the Plan uses to measure financial instruments at fair value:

Money Market Funds: Valued at the net asset value of shares held by the Plan at year end.

Mutual Funds: Valued at the daily closing price as reported by the fund. Mutual funds held by the Plan are open-end mutual funds that are registered with the SEC. These funds are required to publish their daily net asset value (NAV) and to transact at that price. The mutual funds held by the Plan are deemed to be actively traded.

Common Collective Trust Funds: Valued at the NAV of units of a bank collective trust. The investment in a collective trust fund is valued as a practical expedient utilizing the net asset valuation. The practical expedient is used for valuation, unless it is probable that the Fund will sell a portion of the investment at an amount different from the net asset valuation.

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.

Gains and losses (realized and unrealized) included in changes in net assets available for benefits for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, are reported in net change in fair value of investments. The Plan's investments (including realized gains and losses on investments bought, sold, and held during the year as well as unrealized appreciation of the investments held at the end of the year) appreciated in value by \$869,850 in 2023 and depreciated in value by (\$1,723,362) in 2022.

Fair Value of Investments in Entities that use NAV

The following table summarizes investments for which fair value is measured using the net asset value per share practical expedient as of December 31, 2022 and 2021, respectively. There are no participant redemption restrictions for these investments; the redemption notice period is applicable only to the Plan.

December 31, 2023	Fair Value	Unfunded Commitments	Redemption frequency (if currently eligible)	Redemption Notice Period
Galliard Stable Value Fund	\$953,920	N/A	Daily	N/A

December 31, 2022	Fair Value	Unfunded Commitments	Redemption frequency (if currently eligible)	Redemption Notice Period
Galliard Stable Value Fund	\$1,282,351	N/A	Daily	N/A

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Note 5: Income Tax Status

The Plan adopted a preapproved plan document created by FMR, LLC. The preapproved plan document obtained an opinion letter dated June 30, 2020, in which the Internal Revenue Service stated that the plan document, as then designed, was in compliance with the applicable requirements of the Internal Revenue Code. Although the plan document has been amended since receiving the opinion letter, the plan administrator and the plan's tax counsel believe that the plan document is designed, and is currently being operated, in compliance with the applicable requirements of the Internal Revenue Code.

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require Plan management to evaluate tax positions taken by the Plan and recognize a tax liability if the Plan has taken an uncertain position that more likely than not would not be sustained upon examination by the Internal Revenue Service. The Plan is subject to routine audits by taxing jurisdictions; however, there are currently no audits for any tax periods in progress. The Plan administrator believes it is no longer subject to income tax examinations for years prior to 2020.

Note 6: Party-in-Interest

Party-in-interest transactions include those with fiduciaries or employees of the Plan, any person who provides services to the Plan, an employee organization whose members are covered by the Plan, a person who owns 50% or more of such an employee association or relatives of such person.

Fidelity Management Trust Company serves as the trustee of the Plan and holds the Plan assets. Fidelity Workplace Services, LLC processes and maintains the records of the participant data. Qualified Plan Advisors serves as an advisor to the Plan. They are by definition a party-in-interest, and as a result, these transactions qualify as party-in-interest transactions. The Plan paid \$2,869 and \$2,245 for investment management, administrative and other fees during the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively. These transactions are exempt from being prohibited transactions under ERISA.

Note 7: Information Prepared and Certified by Trustee

All assets of the Plan are held by Fidelity Management Trust Company. All investment information and note receivables from participants disclosed in the accompanying financial statements and supplemental schedules at December 31, 2023 and 2022 and investment income and interest on notes receivable from participants for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, was obtained or derived from information supplied to the Plan administrator by the trustee. The Plan administrator received from the Trustee's certification letter that information furnished by the Trustee is complete and accurate for the years ending December 31, 2023 and 2022.

Note 8: Reconciliation with Form 5500

Certain amounts reported in the Plan's 2022 Form 5500 for changes in net assets available for benefits are different from the amounts reported in the accompanying financial statements. These differences are due to the different presentation of investment income of the Plan.

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The following is a reconciliation of net assets available for benefits per the financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, to Schedule H of Form 5500:

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Net assets available for benefits per the Financial Statements	\$ 10,166,097	\$ 8,661,108
Less: Employee Contributions Receivable	-	(16,884)
Less: Employer Contributions Receivable	<u>(922,066)</u>	<u>(715,282)</u>
Net assets available for benefits per the Form 5500	<u>\$ 9,244,031</u>	<u>\$ 7,928,942</u>

The following is a reconciliation of employer and employee contributions per the financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2023, to Schedule H of Form 5500:

Contributions per the Financial Statements	\$ 1,247,400
Less: Employee Contributions Receivable at December 31, 2023	-
Less: Employer Contributions Receivable at December 31, 2023	(922,066)
Plus: Employee Contributions Receivable at December 31, 2022	715,282
Plus: Employer Contributions Receivable at December 31, 2022	<u>16,844</u>
Contributions per Schedule H of Form 5500	<u>\$ 1,057,500</u>

Note 9: Delinquent Participant Contributions

During 2023, the employer failed to remit certain employee deferrals to the Plan, aggregating \$46,425, in a timely manner according to DOL regulations. This amount is included in the supplemental schedule of delinquent participant contributions, along with the delinquent participant contributions for Plan year 2022 totaling \$39,644. The delinquent participant contributions presented in the supplemental schedule of delinquent participant contributions total \$86,069 for the Plan years 2023 and 2022. Lost earnings for 2023 and 2022 were not calculated as of the date of this report. The lost earnings will be remitted to the Plan when this calculation is completed.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

US VANADIUM SAVINGS AND INVESTMENT PLAN
SCHEDULE H, LINE 4(i) - SCHEDULE OF ASSETS (HELD AT END OF YEAR)

EIN: 06-1165871 Plan 002

DECEMBER 31, 2023

(a)	(b) Identity of Issue, Borrower, Lessor or Similar Party	(c) Description of Investment, Including Maturity Date, Rate of Interest Collateral, Par or Maturity Value	(d) Cost	(e) Current Value
	Money Market Fund:			
	FID GOVT MMKT	Value of Interest in Registered Investment Companies	**	502,952
	Mutual Funds:			
	MFS INTL DIVRSN R4	Value of Interest in Registered Investment Companies	**	267,778
	EV ATL CAP SMID-CP I	Value of Interest in Registered Investment Companies	**	167,717
	PIM TOTAL RT INST	Value of Interest in Registered Investment Companies	**	304,950
	BNYM APPR INV	Value of Interest in Registered Investment Companies	**	542
	DAVIS NY VENTURE A	Value of Interest in Registered Investment Companies	**	27,210
	VRTS NFJ MC VAL IS	Value of Interest in Registered Investment Companies	**	553
	JPM SM CAP VALUE R6	Value of Interest in Registered Investment Companies	**	87,301
	MS MK HY CORP BD I	Value of Interest in Registered Investment Companies	**	33,117
	TRP REAL ESTATE	Value of Interest in Registered Investment Companies	**	16,391
	MFS VALUE R4	Value of Interest in Registered Investment Companies	**	18,364
	BLKRK EQUITY DIV I	Value of Interest in Registered Investment Companies	**	276,099
	BLKRK HLTH SCI OPP I	Value of Interest in Registered Investment Companies	**	263,756
	PIM REAL RETURN INST	Value of Interest in Registered Investment Companies	**	78,559
	TMPL GLOBAL BOND ADV	Value of Interest in Registered Investment Companies	**	21,383
	JPM MIDCAP VALUE L	Value of Interest in Registered Investment Companies	**	178,553
	AB SM CAP GRTH ADV	Value of Interest in Registered Investment Companies	**	69,255
	TMPL DEV MKTS ADV	Value of Interest in Registered Investment Companies	**	157,428
	J H BALANCED I	Value of Interest in Registered Investment Companies	**	261
	CALAMOS INTL GRTH I	Value of Interest in Registered Investment Companies	**	211,973
	LD ABBETT BD DBNTR I	Value of Interest in Registered Investment Companies	**	117,553
	INVS GOLD SPL MIN Y	Value of Interest in Registered Investment Companies	**	18,269
	JPM LG CAP GROWTH R6	Value of Interest in Registered Investment Companies	**	487,337
*	FA STRAT INCOME I	Value of Interest in Registered Investment Companies	**	1,169
*	FA NEW INSIGHTS I	Value of Interest in Registered Investment Companies	**	121,293
*	FA STRAT DIV INC I	Value of Interest in Registered Investment Companies	**	134,367
*	FA MATERIALS I	Value of Interest in Registered Investment Companies	**	20,081
*	FID 500 INDEX	Value of Interest in Registered Investment Companies	**	67,383
*	FA FREEDOM 2010 A	Value of Interest in Registered Investment Companies	**	9,187
*	FA FREEDOM 2015 A	Value of Interest in Registered Investment Companies	**	45,492
*	FA FREEDOM 2020 A	Value of Interest in Registered Investment Companies	**	98,385
*	FA FREEDOM 2025 A	Value of Interest in Registered Investment Companies	**	830,825
*	FA FREEDOM 2030 A	Value of Interest in Registered Investment Companies	**	478,912
*	FA FREEDOM 2035 A	Value of Interest in Registered Investment Companies	**	857,721
*	FA FREEDOM 2040 A	Value of Interest in Registered Investment Companies	**	502,825
*	FA FREEDOM 2045 A	Value of Interest in Registered Investment Companies	**	375,595
*	FA FREEDOM 2050 A	Value of Interest in Registered Investment Companies	**	500,497
*	FA FREEDOM 2055 A	Value of Interest in Registered Investment Companies	**	289,382
*	FA FREEDOM 2060 A	Value of Interest in Registered Investment Companies	**	263,984
*	FA FREEDOM INC A	Value of Interest in Registered Investment Companies	**	1
*	FA FREEDOM 2065 A	Value of Interest in Registered Investment Companies	**	176,085
	Common/Collective Trust Fund:			7,577,533
	Galliard Stable Return	Value of Interest in Common and Collective Trust	**	953,920
*	Participant Loans	Secured by Vested Benefits with Interest Rates Ranging from 4.25% to 9.50%		209,626
	Total Assets Held at Year-end			\$ 9,244,031
*	Parties in Interest			
**	Column (d) is not Applicable for Participant-Directed Investments			

US VANADIUM SAVINGS AND INVESTMENT PLAN
SCHEDULE H, LINE 4(i) - SCHEDULE OF ASSETS (HELD AT END OF YEAR)

EIN: 06-1165871 Plan 002

DECEMBER 31, 2022

(a)	(b) Identity of Issue, Borrower, Lessor or Similar Party	(c) Description of Investment, Including Maturity Date, Rate of Interest Collateral, Par or Maturity Value	(d) Cost	(e) Current Value
	Money Market Fund: FID GOVT MMKT	Value of Interest in Registered Investment Companies	**	593,290
	Mutual Funds:			
	MFS INTL DIVRSN R4	Value of Interest in Registered Investment Companies	**	187,151
	EV ATL CAP SMID-CP I	Value of Interest in Registered Investment Companies	**	87,308
	PIM TOTAL RT INST	Value of Interest in Registered Investment Companies	**	257,769
	DAVIS NY VENTURE A	Value of Interest in Registered Investment Companies	**	17,779
	JPM SM CAP VALUE R6	Value of Interest in Registered Investment Companies	**	27,340
	MS MK HY CORP BD I	Value of Interest in Registered Investment Companies	**	28,749
	TRP REAL ESTATE	Value of Interest in Registered Investment Companies	**	17,759
	MFS VALUE R4	Value of Interest in Registered Investment Companies	**	6,787
	BLKRK EQUITY DIV I	Value of Interest in Registered Investment Companies	**	224,801
	BLKRK HLTH SCI OPP I	Value of Interest in Registered Investment Companies	**	251,703
	PIM REAL RETURN INST	Value of Interest in Registered Investment Companies	**	143,891
	TMPL GLOBAL BOND ADV	Value of Interest in Registered Investment Companies	**	20,307
	JPM MIDCAP VALUE L	Value of Interest in Registered Investment Companies	**	113,768
	AB SM CAP GRTH ADV	Value of Interest in Registered Investment Companies	**	207,787
	TMPL DEV MKTS ADV	Value of Interest in Registered Investment Companies	**	129,581
	J H BALANCED I	Value of Interest in Registered Investment Companies	**	177
	CALAMOS INTL GRTH I	Value of Interest in Registered Investment Companies	**	169,863
	LD ABBETT BD DBNTR I	Value of Interest in Registered Investment Companies	**	107,416
	INVS GOLD SPL MIN Y	Value of Interest in Registered Investment Companies	**	15,817
	JPM LG CAP GROWTH R6	Value of Interest in Registered Investment Companies	**	382,471
*	FA STRAT INCOME I	Value of Interest in Registered Investment Companies	**	671
*	FA NEW INSIGHTS I	Value of Interest in Registered Investment Companies	**	84,513
*	FA STRAT DIV INC I	Value of Interest in Registered Investment Companies	**	122,783
*	FA MATERIALS I	Value of Interest in Registered Investment Companies	**	48,688
*	FID 500 INDEX	Value of Interest in Registered Investment Companies	**	47,451
*	FA FREEDOM 2010 A	Value of Interest in Registered Investment Companies	**	8,412
*	FA FREEDOM 2015 A	Value of Interest in Registered Investment Companies	**	41,103
*	FA FREEDOM 2020 A	Value of Interest in Registered Investment Companies	**	91,904
*	FA FREEDOM 2025 A	Value of Interest in Registered Investment Companies	**	634,943
*	FA FREEDOM 2030 A	Value of Interest in Registered Investment Companies	**	466,274
*	FA FREEDOM 2035 A	Value of Interest in Registered Investment Companies	**	537,915
*	FA FREEDOM 2040 A	Value of Interest in Registered Investment Companies	**	253,384
*	FA FREEDOM 2045 A	Value of Interest in Registered Investment Companies	**	282,403
*	FA FREEDOM 2050 A	Value of Interest in Registered Investment Companies	**	387,980
*	FA FREEDOM 2055 A	Value of Interest in Registered Investment Companies	**	198,115
*	FA FREEDOM 2060 A	Value of Interest in Registered Investment Companies	**	142,833
*	FA FREEDOM 2065 A	Value of Interest in Registered Investment Companies	**	100,664
	Common/Collective Trust Fund: Galliard Stable Return	Value of Interest in Common and Collective Trust	**	5,848,260
*	Participant Loans	Secured by Vested Benefits with Interest Rates Ranging from 4.25% to 8.00%		205,041
	Total Assets Held at Year-end			\$ 7,928,942

* Parties in Interest

** Column (d) is not Applicable for Participant-Directed Investments

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**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**

DECEMBER 31, 2023 AND 2022

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Plan Administrator of
US Vanadium Savings and Investment Plan
Hot Springs, Arkansas

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

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

Management, having determined it is permissible in the circumstances, has elected to have the audit of US Vanadium Savings and Investment Plan's financial statements performed in accordance with the 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 audit need not extend to any statements or information related to assets held for investment of the plan (investment information) by a bank or similar institution or insurance carrier that is regulated, supervised, and subject to periodic examination by a state or federal agency, provided that the statements or information regarding assets so held are prepared and certified to by the bank or similar institution or insurance carrier in accordance with 29 CFR 2520.103-5 of the 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, stating that the certified investment information, as described in Note 7 to the financial statements, is complete and accurate.

Opinion

In our opinion, based on our audit and on the procedures performed as described in the 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 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 audit 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 US Vanadium Savings and Investment Plan and to meet our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit opinion.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these 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 US Vanadium Savings and Investment Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for one year after the date the financial statements are available to be issued.

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

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

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 US Vanadium Savings and Investment 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 US Vanadium Savings and Investment Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

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

The supplemental schedules of assets (held at year end) and schedule of delinquent participant contributions" after "(held at year end) 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).

HCT CPAs & Advisors, PLLC

Little Rock, Arkansas
October 15, 2024

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

US VANADIUM SAVINGS AND INVESTMENT PLAN
STATEMENTS OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS
DECEMBER 31, 2023 AND 2022

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
<u>Assets</u>		
Investments, at Fair Value:		
Money Market Funds	\$ 502,952	\$ 593,290
Mutual Funds	7,577,533	5,848,260
Common/Collective Trust Funds	953,920	1,282,351
Total Investments	<u>9,034,405</u>	<u>7,723,901</u>
Receivables:		
Employer's Contributions	922,066	715,282
Participants' Contributions	-	16,884
Notes Receivable from Participants	209,626	205,041
Total Receivables	<u>1,131,692</u>	<u>937,207</u>
Total Assets	10,166,097	8,661,108
Net Assets Available For Benefits	<u>\$ 10,166,097</u>	<u>\$ 8,661,108</u>

See Accompanying Notes.

US VANADIUM SAVINGS AND INVESTMENT PLAN
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023 AND 2022

	2023	2022
Contributions:		
Employer's	\$ 613,620	\$ 487,932
Participants'	537,540	467,916
Rollover	96,240	33,775
Total Contributions	1,247,400	989,623
Investment Income (Loss):		
Net Change in Fair Value of Investments	869,850	(1,723,362)
Interest and Dividends	201,115	431,867
Net Investment Income (Loss)	1,070,965	(1,291,495)
Interest on Notes Receivable from Participants	11,162	8,742
Deductions from Net Assets Attributed to:		
Benefit Payments to Participants	821,669	784,281
Administrative Expenses	2,869	2,245
Total Deductions from Net Assets	824,538	786,526
Change in Net Assets	1,504,989	(1,079,656)
Net Assets Available for Benefits:		
Beginning of Year	8,661,108	9,740,764
End of Year	\$ 10,166,097	\$ 8,661,108

See Accompanying Notes.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

DECEMBER 31, 2023 AND 2022

Note 1: Description of Plan

General

The Plan, established June 1, 1986, is a defined contribution plan covering all employees of the sponsor US Vanadium, LLC and affiliated employer US Vanadium-Benton, LLC (collectively, the "Employer"), except for residents of Puerto Rico, leased employees, or employees covered by a collective bargaining agreement (unless the agreement requires employees to be included under the plan). Non-excluded employees are immediately eligible upon hire to make pre-tax or Roth deferral contributions and to receive employer matching contributions. To be eligible for employer profit sharing contributions, employees must have at least 501 hours of service during the plan year and be employed on the last day of the contribution period. The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).

Contributions

Participants may contribute up to 100% of their annual compensation not to exceed the limit set by the Internal Revenue Code, which was \$22,500 in 2023 and \$20,500 in 2022. Participants who have attained age 50 before the end of the Plan year are eligible to make catch-up contributions of up to an additional \$7,500 in 2023 and \$6,500 in 2022. Compensation is defined as total compensation subject to income tax, including any salary reduction contributions to Employer sponsored cafeteria plans and excluding reimbursements or other expense allowances, fringe benefits, moving expenses, deferred compensation, unused leave, and welfare benefits.

The Plan provides for Employer discretionary matching contributions based on a percentage of each participant's contributions; this percentage is determined by the Employer, and is permitted to be limited by dollar amount or maximum percentage. The plan additionally provides for an Employer discretionary profit sharing contribution, calculated based on each participant's percentage of total points for their employee class; these points are determined based on compensation, age weighted factors, and years of vested service, depending on the class of employee (union or non-union employee).

Participant Accounts

Each participant's account is credited with the participant's contributions, allocations of the Employer's contributions, and Plan earnings and losses. Participant accounts are charged with an allocation of administrative expenses. Allocations are based on participant earnings, account balances, or specific participant transactions, as defined in the Plan document. 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 their contributions, and any earnings thereon. Participants become 100% vested in Employer profit sharing contributions upon completion of 3 years of service. Participants become vested in Employer matching contributions at a rate of 33% per year of service (100% vested upon completion of 3 years of service). A participant will become fully vested upon death, disability, or retirement at age 72 or older.

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Administrative Expenses

Certain expenses of maintaining the Plan are paid by the Plan, unless otherwise paid by the Employer. Expenses that are paid by the Employer are excluded from these financial statements. Investment related expenses are included in net change in fair value of investments.

Investment Options

Upon enrollment in the Plan, a participant may elect to have any portion of their account allocated to the investment options under the Plan. Participants may change their investment selections at any time. The Plan currently offers 1 money market fund, 1 common collective trusts, and 40 mutual funds as investment options for participants.

Forfeitures

Forfeitures may be used to restore participant accounts, offset Plan expenses, and to reduce any Employer contributions. The Plan had \$22,597 and \$16,850 in unallocated forfeitures as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively. For the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, no forfeitures were used.

Notes Receivable from Participants

Participants may borrow from their account balance a minimum of \$1,000 up to a maximum of the lesser of \$50,000, reduced by the highest outstanding loan balance during the preceding 12-month period, or 50% of their vested account balance. All loans are required to be repaid within five years of the loan origination unless the loan is used for the purchase of a primary residence. The loans are secured by the balance in the participant's account and bear a fixed rate of interest as determined by the Plan Administrator based on the prevailing interest rates charged by persons in the business of lending money for loans which would be made under similar circumstances. Participants may only have one loan outstanding at any given time. Principal and interest are paid weekly through payroll deductions.

Payment of Benefits

Upon retirement, termination, disability, or death, a participant, or his or her beneficiary in the event of death, may elect to withdraw all or part of his or her vested balance. Upon termination, automatic distributions are required for balances of less than \$5,000. Automatic distributions above \$1,000 made without the participant's consent are rolled into an individual retirement account designated by the Trustee. Additionally, participants may take in-service distributions upon reaching age 59 1/2. Generally, certain required minimum distributions are required for participants who have separated from service and have reached aged 73 before December 31, 2023. The Plan allows for hardship withdrawals, subject to account balance limits and applicable laws.

Note 2: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Basis of Accounting

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting. Under the accrual basis of accounting, revenues and expenses, other than benefit payments, together with the related assets and liabilities are recorded in the accounting period to which they apply, regardless of when the cash transaction occurred.

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Payments of Benefits

Benefit payments are recorded when paid.

Valuation of Investments 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. Plan management determines the Plan's valuation policies utilizing information provided by the Trustee. See Note 4 for discussion of fair value measurements.

Purchases and sales of securities are recorded on a trade-date basis. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. Dividends are recorded on the ex-dividend date. Net change in fair value of investments includes the Plan's gains and losses on investments purchased and sold as well as held during the year.

Notes Receivable from Participants

Notes receivable from participants are measured at their unpaid principal balance plus any accrued but unpaid interest. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. Delinquent participant loans are reclassified as distributions based upon the terms of the Plan document. No allowance for credit losses has been recorded as of December 31, 2023 and 2022.

Risks and Uncertainties

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

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires Plan administrators to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, the reported amounts of additions and deductions during the reporting period, and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Subsequent Events

The Plan has evaluated all subsequent events for potential recognition and disclosure through October 15, 2024, the date these financial statements were available to be issued.

Note 3: Plan Termination

Although it has not expressed any intent to do so, the Employer has the right to discontinue its contributions at any time and terminate the Plan subject to the provisions of ERISA. In the event of Plan termination, participants will become fully vested in the employer discretionary matching and profit-sharing contributions portion of their account. Employee contributions, employer "safe harbor" contributions and their related earnings are always fully vested.

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Note 4: Fair Value

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

Level 2: Inputs to the valuation methodology include quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets; quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in inactive markets; inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability; inputs that are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data by correlation or other means.

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

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

The following table presents the Plan's hierarchy for its assets measured at fair value on a recurring basis as of December 31, 2023

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Level 1</u>	<u>Level 2</u>	<u>Level 3</u>
Money Market Funds	\$ 502,952	\$ 502,952	\$ -	\$ -
Mutual Funds	7,577,533	7,577,533	-	-
Total Assets in the Fair Value Hierarchy	8,080,485	8,080,485	-	-
Investments Measured at Net Asset Value	953,920	-	-	-
Investments at Fair Value	<u>\$ 9,034,405</u>	<u>\$ 8,080,485</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

The following table presents the Plan's hierarchy for its assets measured at fair value on a recurring basis as of December 31, 2022:

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Level 1</u>	<u>Level 2</u>	<u>Level 3</u>
Money Market Funds	\$ 593,290	\$ 593,290	\$ -	\$ -
Mutual Funds	5,848,260	5,848,260	-	-
Total Assets in the Fair Value Hierarchy	6,441,550	6,441,550	-	-
Investments Measured at Net Asset Value	1,282,351	-	-	-
Investments at Fair Value	<u>\$ 7,723,901</u>	<u>\$ 6,441,550</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

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Following are the valuation methodologies the Plan uses to measure financial instruments at fair value:

Money Market Funds: Valued at the net asset value of shares held by the Plan at year end.

Mutual Funds: Valued at the daily closing price as reported by the fund. Mutual funds held by the Plan are open-end mutual funds that are registered with the SEC. These funds are required to publish their daily net asset value (NAV) and to transact at that price. The mutual funds held by the Plan are deemed to be actively traded.

Common Collective Trust Funds: Valued at the NAV of units of a bank collective trust. The investment in a collective trust fund is valued as a practical expedient utilizing the net asset valuation. The practical expedient is used for valuation, unless it is probable that the Fund will sell a portion of the investment at an amount different from the net asset valuation.

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.

Gains and losses (realized and unrealized) included in changes in net assets available for benefits for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, are reported in net change in fair value of investments. The Plan's investments (including realized gains and losses on investments bought, sold, and held during the year as well as unrealized appreciation of the investments held at the end of the year) appreciated in value by \$869,850 in 2023 and depreciated in value by (\$1,723,362) in 2022.

Fair Value of Investments in Entities that use NAV

The following table summarizes investments for which fair value is measured using the net asset value per share practical expedient as of December 31, 2022 and 2021, respectively. There are no participant redemption restrictions for these investments; the redemption notice period is applicable only to the Plan.

December 31, 2023	Fair Value	Unfunded Commitments	Redemption frequency (if currently eligible)	Redemption Notice Period
Galliard Stable Value Fund	\$953,920	N/A	Daily	N/A

December 31, 2022	Fair Value	Unfunded Commitments	Redemption frequency (if currently eligible)	Redemption Notice Period
Galliard Stable Value Fund	\$1,282,351	N/A	Daily	N/A

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Note 5: Income Tax Status

The Plan adopted a preapproved plan document created by FMR, LLC. The preapproved plan document obtained an opinion letter dated June 30, 2020, in which the Internal Revenue Service stated that the plan document, as then designed, was in compliance with the applicable requirements of the Internal Revenue Code. Although the plan document has been amended since receiving the opinion letter, the plan administrator and the plan's tax counsel believe that the plan document is designed, and is currently being operated, in compliance with the applicable requirements of the Internal Revenue Code.

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require Plan management to evaluate tax positions taken by the Plan and recognize a tax liability if the Plan has taken an uncertain position that more likely than not would not be sustained upon examination by the Internal Revenue Service. The Plan is subject to routine audits by taxing jurisdictions; however, there are currently no audits for any tax periods in progress. The Plan administrator believes it is no longer subject to income tax examinations for years prior to 2020.

Note 6: Party-in-Interest

Party-in-interest transactions include those with fiduciaries or employees of the Plan, any person who provides services to the Plan, an employee organization whose members are covered by the Plan, a person who owns 50% or more of such an employee association or relatives of such person.

Fidelity Management Trust Company serves as the trustee of the Plan and holds the Plan assets. Fidelity Workplace Services, LLC processes and maintains the records of the participant data. Qualified Plan Advisors serves as an advisor to the Plan. They are by definition a party-in-interest, and as a result, these transactions qualify as party-in-interest transactions. The Plan paid \$2,869 and \$2,245 for investment management, administrative and other fees during the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively. These transactions are exempt from being prohibited transactions under ERISA.

Note 7: Information Prepared and Certified by Trustee

All assets of the Plan are held by Fidelity Management Trust Company. All investment information and note receivables from participants disclosed in the accompanying financial statements and supplemental schedules at December 31, 2023 and 2022 and investment income and interest on notes receivable from participants for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, was obtained or derived from information supplied to the Plan administrator by the trustee. The Plan administrator received from the Trustee's certification letter that information furnished by the Trustee is complete and accurate for the years ending December 31, 2023 and 2022.

Note 8: Reconciliation with Form 5500

Certain amounts reported in the Plan's 2022 Form 5500 for changes in net assets available for benefits are different from the amounts reported in the accompanying financial statements. These differences are due to the different presentation of investment income of the Plan.

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The following is a reconciliation of net assets available for benefits per the financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, to Schedule H of Form 5500:

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Net assets available for benefits per the Financial Statements	\$ 10,166,097	\$ 8,661,108
Less: Employee Contributions Receivable	-	(16,884)
Less: Employer Contributions Receivable	<u>(922,066)</u>	<u>(715,282)</u>
Net assets available for benefits per the Form 5500	<u>\$ 9,244,031</u>	<u>\$ 7,928,942</u>

The following is a reconciliation of employer and employee contributions per the financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2023, to Schedule H of Form 5500:

Contributions per the Financial Statements	\$ 1,247,400
Less: Employee Contributions Receivable at December 31, 2023	-
Less: Employer Contributions Receivable at December 31, 2023	(922,066)
Plus: Employee Contributions Receivable at December 31, 2022	715,282
Plus: Employer Contributions Receivable at December 31, 2022	<u>16,844</u>
Contributions per Schedule H of Form 5500	<u>\$ 1,057,500</u>

Note 9: Delinquent Participant Contributions

During 2023, the employer failed to remit certain employee deferrals to the Plan, aggregating \$46,425, in a timely manner according to DOL regulations. This amount is included in the supplemental schedule of delinquent participant contributions, along with the delinquent participant contributions for Plan year 2022 totaling \$39,644. The delinquent participant contributions presented in the supplemental schedule of delinquent participant contributions total \$86,069 for the Plan years 2023 and 2022. Lost earnings for 2023 and 2022 were not calculated as of the date of this report. The lost earnings will be remitted to the Plan when this calculation is completed.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

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SCHEDULE H, LINE 4(i) - SCHEDULE OF ASSETS (HELD AT END OF YEAR)

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(a)	(b) Identity of Issue, Borrower, Lessor or Similar Party	(c) Description of Investment, Including Maturity Date, Rate of Interest Collateral, Par or Maturity Value	(d) Cost	(e) Current Value
	Money Market Fund:			
	FID GOVT MMKT	Value of Interest in Registered Investment Companies	**	502,952
	Mutual Funds:			
	MFS INTL DIVRSN R4	Value of Interest in Registered Investment Companies	**	267,778
	EV ATL CAP SMID-CP I	Value of Interest in Registered Investment Companies	**	167,717
	PIM TOTAL RT INST	Value of Interest in Registered Investment Companies	**	304,950
	BNYM APPR INV	Value of Interest in Registered Investment Companies	**	542
	DAVIS NY VENTURE A	Value of Interest in Registered Investment Companies	**	27,210
	VRTS NFJ MC VAL IS	Value of Interest in Registered Investment Companies	**	553
	JPM SM CAP VALUE R6	Value of Interest in Registered Investment Companies	**	87,301
	MS MK HY CORP BD I	Value of Interest in Registered Investment Companies	**	33,117
	TRP REAL ESTATE	Value of Interest in Registered Investment Companies	**	16,391
	MFS VALUE R4	Value of Interest in Registered Investment Companies	**	18,364
	BLKRK EQUITY DIV I	Value of Interest in Registered Investment Companies	**	276,099
	BLKRK HLTH SCI OPP I	Value of Interest in Registered Investment Companies	**	263,756
	PIM REAL RETURN INST	Value of Interest in Registered Investment Companies	**	78,559
	TMPL GLOBAL BOND ADV	Value of Interest in Registered Investment Companies	**	21,383
	JPM MIDCAP VALUE L	Value of Interest in Registered Investment Companies	**	178,553
	AB SM CAP GRTH ADV	Value of Interest in Registered Investment Companies	**	69,255
	TMPL DEV MKTS ADV	Value of Interest in Registered Investment Companies	**	157,428
	J H BALANCED I	Value of Interest in Registered Investment Companies	**	261
	CALAMOS INTL GRTH I	Value of Interest in Registered Investment Companies	**	211,973
	LD ABBETT BD DBNTR I	Value of Interest in Registered Investment Companies	**	117,553
	INVS GOLD SPL MIN Y	Value of Interest in Registered Investment Companies	**	18,269
	JPM LG CAP GROWTH R6	Value of Interest in Registered Investment Companies	**	487,337
*	FA STRAT INCOME I	Value of Interest in Registered Investment Companies	**	1,169
*	FA NEW INSIGHTS I	Value of Interest in Registered Investment Companies	**	121,293
*	FA STRAT DIV INC I	Value of Interest in Registered Investment Companies	**	134,367
*	FA MATERIALS I	Value of Interest in Registered Investment Companies	**	20,081
*	FID 500 INDEX	Value of Interest in Registered Investment Companies	**	67,383
*	FA FREEDOM 2010 A	Value of Interest in Registered Investment Companies	**	9,187
*	FA FREEDOM 2015 A	Value of Interest in Registered Investment Companies	**	45,492
*	FA FREEDOM 2020 A	Value of Interest in Registered Investment Companies	**	98,385
*	FA FREEDOM 2025 A	Value of Interest in Registered Investment Companies	**	830,825
*	FA FREEDOM 2030 A	Value of Interest in Registered Investment Companies	**	478,912
*	FA FREEDOM 2035 A	Value of Interest in Registered Investment Companies	**	857,721
*	FA FREEDOM 2040 A	Value of Interest in Registered Investment Companies	**	502,825
*	FA FREEDOM 2045 A	Value of Interest in Registered Investment Companies	**	375,595
*	FA FREEDOM 2050 A	Value of Interest in Registered Investment Companies	**	500,497
*	FA FREEDOM 2055 A	Value of Interest in Registered Investment Companies	**	289,382
*	FA FREEDOM 2060 A	Value of Interest in Registered Investment Companies	**	263,984
*	FA FREEDOM INC A	Value of Interest in Registered Investment Companies	**	1
*	FA FREEDOM 2065 A	Value of Interest in Registered Investment Companies	**	176,085
	Common/Collective Trust Fund:			7,577,533
	Galliard Stable Return	Value of Interest in Common and Collective Trust	**	953,920
*	Participant Loans	Secured by Vested Benefits with Interest Rates Ranging from 4.25% to 9.50%		209,626
	Total Assets Held at Year-end			\$ 9,244,031
*	Parties in Interest			
**	Column (d) is not Applicable for Participant-Directed Investments			

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(a)	(b) Identity of Issue, Borrower, Lessor or Similar Party	(c) Description of Investment, including Maturity Date, Rate of Interest Collateral, Par or Maturity Value	(d) Cost	(e) Current Value
	Money Market Fund: FID GOVT MMKT	Value of Interest in Registered Investment Companies	**	593,290
	Mutual Funds:			
	MFS INTL DIVRSN R4	Value of Interest in Registered Investment Companies	**	187,151
	EV ATL CAP SMID-CP I	Value of Interest in Registered Investment Companies	**	87,308
	PIM TOTAL RT INST	Value of Interest in Registered Investment Companies	**	257,769
	DAVIS NY VENTURE A	Value of Interest in Registered Investment Companies	**	17,779
	JPM SM CAP VALUE R6	Value of Interest in Registered Investment Companies	**	27,340
	MS MK HY CORP BD I	Value of Interest in Registered Investment Companies	**	28,749
	TRP REAL ESTATE	Value of Interest in Registered Investment Companies	**	17,759
	MFS VALUE R4	Value of Interest in Registered Investment Companies	**	6,787
	BLKRK EQUITY DIV I	Value of Interest in Registered Investment Companies	**	224,801
	BLKRK HLTH SCI OPP I	Value of Interest in Registered Investment Companies	**	251,703
	PIM REAL RETURN INST	Value of Interest in Registered Investment Companies	**	143,891
	TMPL GLOBAL BOND ADV	Value of Interest in Registered Investment Companies	**	20,307
	JPM MIDCAP VALUE L	Value of Interest in Registered Investment Companies	**	113,768
	AB SM CAP GRTH ADV	Value of Interest in Registered Investment Companies	**	207,787
	TMPL DEV MKTS ADV	Value of Interest in Registered Investment Companies	**	129,581
	J H BALANCED I	Value of Interest in Registered Investment Companies	**	177
	CALAMOS INTL GRTH I	Value of Interest in Registered Investment Companies	**	169,863
	LD ABBETT BD DBNTR I	Value of Interest in Registered Investment Companies	**	107,416
	INVS GOLD SPL MIN Y	Value of Interest in Registered Investment Companies	**	15,817
	JPM LG CAP GROWTH R6	Value of Interest in Registered Investment Companies	**	382,471
*	FA STRAT INCOME I	Value of Interest in Registered Investment Companies	**	671
*	FA NEW INSIGHTS I	Value of Interest in Registered Investment Companies	**	84,513
*	FA STRAT DIV INC I	Value of Interest in Registered Investment Companies	**	122,783
*	FA MATERIALS I	Value of Interest in Registered Investment Companies	**	48,688
*	FID 500 INDEX	Value of Interest in Registered Investment Companies	**	47,451
*	FA FREEDOM 2010 A	Value of Interest in Registered Investment Companies	**	8,412
*	FA FREEDOM 2015 A	Value of Interest in Registered Investment Companies	**	41,103
*	FA FREEDOM 2020 A	Value of Interest in Registered Investment Companies	**	91,904
*	FA FREEDOM 2025 A	Value of Interest in Registered Investment Companies	**	634,943
*	FA FREEDOM 2030 A	Value of Interest in Registered Investment Companies	**	466,274
*	FA FREEDOM 2035 A	Value of Interest in Registered Investment Companies	**	537,915
*	FA FREEDOM 2040 A	Value of Interest in Registered Investment Companies	**	253,384
*	FA FREEDOM 2045 A	Value of Interest in Registered Investment Companies	**	282,403
*	FA FREEDOM 2050 A	Value of Interest in Registered Investment Companies	**	387,980
*	FA FREEDOM 2055 A	Value of Interest in Registered Investment Companies	**	198,115
*	FA FREEDOM 2060 A	Value of Interest in Registered Investment Companies	**	142,833
*	FA FREEDOM 2065 A	Value of Interest in Registered Investment Companies	**	100,664
	Common/Collective Trust Fund: Galliard Stable Return	Value of Interest in Common and Collective Trust	**	5,848,260
*	Participant Loans	Secured by Vested Benefits with Interest Rates Ranging from 4.25% to 8.00%		205,041
	Total Assets Held at Year-end			\$ 7,928,942

* Parties in Interest

** Column (d) is not Applicable for Participant-Directed Investments

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