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

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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.)
- [X] a single-employer plan
- [ ] a DFE (specify) ____

B This return/report is:
- [ ] the first return/report
- [ ] the final return/report
- [ ] an amended return/report
- [ ] a short plan year return/report (less than 12 months)

C If the plan is a collectively-bargained plan, check here. . . . . ▶ [X]

D Check box if filing under:
- [X] 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
THE SHERWIN-WILLIAMS COMPANY HOURLY 401(K) PLAN

1b Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 022

1c Effective date of plan 07/01/1996

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)
THE SHERWIN-WILLIAMS COMPANY

101 PROSPECT AVENUE N.W.
C/O TAX DEPT., 1220 GH
CLEVELAND, OH 44115-1075

2b Employer Identification Number (EIN) 34-0526850

2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number 216-566-2000

2d Business code (see instructions) 325500

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.	10/11/2024	GREGORY P. SOFISH
	Signature of plan administrator	Date	Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator
SIGN HERE	Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature.	10/10/2024	JACQUELINE M. TAKACS
	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

ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

101 PROSPECT AVENUE, N.W.
CLEVELAND, OH 44115-1075

3b Administrator's EIN: 34-6505363

3c Administrator's telephone number: 216-566-2000

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**	1277
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	**6a(1)**	1042
a(2)	Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year	**6a(2)**	1001
b	Retired or separated participants receiving benefits	**6b**	9
c	Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits	**6c**	180
d	Subtotal. Add lines **6a(2)**, **6b**, and **6c**.	**6d**	1190
e	Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits.	**6e**	13
f	Total. Add lines **6d** and **6e**.	**6f**	1203
g(1)	Number of participants with account balances as of the beginning of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item)	**6g(1)**	1212
g(2)	Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item)	**6g(2)**	1157
h	Number of participants who terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested	**6h**	
7	Enter the total number of employers obligated to contribute to the plan (only multiemployer plans complete this item)	**7**	

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

2E 2F 2G 2J 2S 2T 3H

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

10 Check all applicable boxes in 10a and 10b to indicate which schedules are attached, and, where indicated, enter the number attached. (See instructions)

a Pension Schedules

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

b General Schedules

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

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

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

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

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

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

Receipt Confirmation Code_____

SCHEDULE C (Form 5500)	Service Provider Information	OMB No. 1210-0110
Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	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.**	**2023** **This Form is Open to Public Inspection.**

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A Name of plan
THE SHERWIN-WILLIAMS COMPANY HOURLY 401(K) PLAN

B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 022

C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500
THE SHERWIN-WILLIAMS COMPANY

D Employer Identification Number (EIN)
34-0526850

Part I Service Provider Information (see instructions)

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

1 Information on Persons Receiving Only Eligible Indirect Compensation

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

INVESCO
P.O. BOX 219078
KANSAS CITY, MO 64121

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

PIMCO
P.O. BOX 219024
KANSAS CITY, MO 64121

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

T. ROWE PRICE
100 EAST PRATT STREET
BALTIMORE, MD 21202

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

VANGUARD
P.O. BOX 1101
VALLEY FORGE, PA 19483

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

VIRTUS

100 PEARL STREET
9TH FLOOR
HARTFORD, CT 06103

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

WELLINGTON MANAGEMENT COMPANY

280 CONGRESS STREET
BOSTON, MA 02210

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

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

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

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

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

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

(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
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	**(e)** Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	

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

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

Part II Service Providers Who Fail or Refuse to Provide Information

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

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

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Part III Termination Information on Accountants and Enrolled Actuaries (see instructions)

(complete as many entries as needed)

a Name:

b EIN:

c Position:

d Address:

e Telephone:

Explanation:

a Name:

b EIN:

c Position:

d Address:

e Telephone:

Explanation:

a Name:

b EIN:

c Position:

d Address:

e Telephone:

Explanation:

a Name:

b EIN:

c Position:

d Address:

e Telephone:

Explanation:

a Name:

b EIN:

c Position:

d Address:

e Telephone:

Explanation:

SCHEDULE D (Form 5500)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Department of Labor
Employee Benefits Security Administration

DFE/Participating Plan Information

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THE SHERWIN-WILLIAMS COMPANY HOURLY 401(K) PLAN

B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 022

C Plan or DFE sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500
THE SHERWIN-WILLIAMS COMPANY

D Employer Identification Number (EIN)
34-0526850

Part I **Information on interests in MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs (to be completed by plans and DFEs)**
(Complete as many entries as needed to report all interests in DFEs)

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:	T.ROWE PRICE RET. 2030 TRUST		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):	T.ROWE PRICE TRUST COMPANY		
c EIN-PN	38-7010946-001	**d** Entity code	C
e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	11053272		
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:	T.ROWE PRICE RET. 2025 TRUST		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):	T.ROWE PRICE TRUST COMPANY		
c EIN-PN	37-6495447-001	**d** Entity code	C
e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	6088675		
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:	T.ROWE PRICE RET. 2035 TRUST		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):	T.ROWE PRICE TRUST COMPANY		
c EIN-PN	36-7595013-001	**d** Entity code	C
e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	7829240		
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:	T.ROWE PRICE RET. 2020 TRUST		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):	T.ROWE PRICE TRUST COMPANY		
c EIN-PN	36-7594871-001	**d** Entity code	C
e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	2430065		
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:	T.ROWE PRICE RET. 2040 TRUST		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):	T.ROWE PRICE TRUST COMPANY		
c EIN-PN	35-6941729-001	**d** Entity code	C
e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	5875693		
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:	T.ROWE PRICE RET. 2045 TRUST		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):	T.ROWE PRICE TRUST COMPANY		
c EIN-PN	32-6199848-001	**d** Entity code	C
e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	4140473		
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:	MANAGED INCOME PORTFOLIO II CL 3		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):	FIDELITY MANAGEMENT TRUST COMPANY		
c EIN-PN	04-3022712-000	**d** Entity code	C
e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	1733506		

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: T.ROWE PRICE RET. 2050 TRUST

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): T.ROWE PRICE TRUST COMPANY

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)
30-6303214-001	C	2391381

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: T.ROWE PRICE RET. 2055 TRUST

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): T.ROWE PRICE TRUST COMPANY

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)
35-6941728-001	C	2250150

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: T.ROWE PRICE RET 2065 TRUST

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): T.ROWE PRICE TRUST COMPANY

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)
85-1763138-001	C	289989

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: T.ROWE PRICE RET. 2060 TRUST

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): T.ROWE PRICE TRUST COMPANY

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)
47-1088316-001	C	1818462

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: T.ROWE PRICE RET. 2015 TRUST

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): T.ROWE PRICE TRUST COMPANY

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)
35-6941654-001	C	897326

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: T.ROWE PRICE RET. 2010 TRUST

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): T.ROWE PRICE TRUST COMPANY

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)
32-6199795-001	C	564300

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: FIDELITY CONTRAFUND COMMINGLED POOL

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): FIDELITY MANAGEMENT TRUST COMPANY

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)
04-3022712-000	C	922839

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: T.ROWE PRICE RET. 2005 TRUST

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): T.ROWE PRICE TRUST COMPANY

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)
61-6434302-001	C	292398

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: LOW-PRICED STOCK COMMINGLED POOL

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): FIDELITY MANAGEMENT TRUST COMPANY

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)
04-3022712-000	C	413779

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: SMALL CAP OPPORTUNITIES PORTFOLIO

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): WELLINGTON TRUST COMPANY

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)
04-6913417-012	C	266854

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: MID-CAP STOCK COMMINGLED POOL

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): FIDELITY MANAGEMENT TRUST COMPANY

c EIN-PN 04-3022712-000	**d** Entity code C	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 414583

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: INVESCO CORE PLUS BOND FUND

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): INVESCO TRUST COMPANY

c EIN-PN 84-1126600-001	**d** Entity code C	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 2850

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: VANGUARD INST 500 INDEX TRUST

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): VANGUARD GROUP, INC.

c EIN-PN 81-6327546-001	**d** Entity code C	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 1259420

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: VANGUARD INST TOTAL BOND MKT INDEX

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): VANGUARD GROUP, INC.

c EIN-PN 81-6321044-001	**d** Entity code C	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 279680

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:

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

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

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

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

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:

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

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

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

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

a Plan name

b Name of plan sponsor	**c** EIN-PN

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SCHEDULE H (Form 5500)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Department of Labor
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Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

Financial Information

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B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 022

C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500
THE SHERWIN-WILLIAMS COMPANY

D Employer Identification Number (EIN)
34-0526850

Part I Asset and Liability Statement

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

Assets		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
a Total noninterest-bearing cash	1a		
b Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts):			
(1) Employer contributions	1b(1)		
(2) Participant contributions	1b(2)		
(3) Other	1b(3)		
c General investments:			
(1) Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit)	1c(1)	651676	522051
(2) U.S. Government securities	1c(2)		
(3) Corporate debt instruments (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(3)(A)		
(B) All other	1c(3)(B)		
(4) Corporate stocks (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(4)(A)		
(B) Common	1c(4)(B)		
(5) Partnership/joint venture interests	1c(5)		
(6) Real estate (other than employer real property)	1c(6)		
(7) Loans (other than to participants)	1c(7)	1987603	2125480
(8) Participant loans	1c(8)		
(9) Value of interest in common/collective trusts	1c(9)	43733144	51214935
(10) Value of interest in pooled separate accounts	1c(10)		
(11) Value of interest in master trust investment accounts	1c(11)		
(12) Value of interest in 103-12 investment entities	1c(12)		
(13) Value of interest in registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds)	1c(13)	3478345	2526679
(14) Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts)	1c(14)		
(15) Other	1c(15)		

			(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
1d	Employer-related investments:			
	(1) Employer securities	1d(1)		
	(2) Employer real property	1d(2)		
e	Buildings and other property used in plan operation	1e		
f	Total assets (add all amounts in lines 1a through 1e)	1f	49850768	56389145
	Liabilities			
g	Benefit claims payable	1g		
h	Operating payables	1h		
i	Acquisition indebtedness	1i		
j	Other liabilities	1j		
k	Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through1j)	1k		
	Net Assets			
l	Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f)	1l	49850768	56389145

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)	150804	
	(B) Participants	2a(1)(B)	3834005	
	(C) Others (including rollovers)	2a(1)(C)	228493	
	(2) Noncash contributions	2a(2)		
	(3) Total contributions. Add lines **2a(1)(A), (B), (C),** and line **2a(2)**	2a(3)		4213302
b	**Earnings on investments:**			
	(1) Interest:			
	(A) Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit)	2b(1)(A)	30147	
	(B) U.S. Government securities	2b(1)(B)		
	(C) Corporate debt instruments	2b(1)(C)		
	(D) Loans (other than to participants)	2b(1)(D)		
	(E) Participant loans	2b(1)(E)	121720	
	(F) Other	2b(1)(F)		
	(G) Total interest. Add lines **2b(1)(A)** through **(F)**	2b(1)(G)		151867
	(2) Dividends: **(A)** Preferred stock	2b(2)(A)		
	(B) Common stock	2b(2)(B)		
	(C) Registered investment company shares (e.g. mutual funds)	2b(2)(C)	90075	
	(D) Total dividends. Add lines **2b(2)(A)**, **(B)**, and **(C)**	2b(2)(D)		90075
	(3) Rents	2b(3)		
	(4) Net gain (loss) on sale of assets: **(A)** Aggregate proceeds	2b(4)(A)		
	(B) Aggregate carrying amount (see instructions)	2b(4)(B)		
	(C) Subtract line **2b(4)(B)** from line **2b(4)(A)** and enter result	2b(4)(C)		
	(5) Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of assets: **(A)** Real estate	2b(5)(A)		
	(B) Other	2b(5)(B)	813	
	(C) Total unrealized appreciation of assets. Add lines **2b(5)(A)** and **(B)**	2b(5)(C)		813

		(a) Amount	(b) Total
(6) Net investment gain (loss) from common/collective trusts	2b(6)		7596962
(7) Net investment gain (loss) from pooled separate accounts	2b(7)		
(8) Net investment gain (loss) from master trust investment accounts	2b(8)		
(9) Net investment gain (loss) from 103-12 investment entities	2b(9)		
(10) Net investment gain (loss) from registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds)	2b(10)		406167
c Other income	2c		6254
d Total income. Add all **income** amounts in column (b) and enter total	2d		12465440
Expenses			
e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers	2e(1)	5915913	
(2) To insurance carriers for the provision of benefits	2e(2)		
(3) Other	2e(3)		
(4) Total benefit payments. Add lines **2e(1)** through **(3)**	2e(4)		5915913
f Corrective distributions (see instructions)	2f		
g Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions)	2g		
h Interest expense	2h		
i Administrative expenses:			
(1) Salaries and allowances	2i(1)		
(2) Contract administrator fees	2i(2)		
(3) Recordkeeping fees	2i(3)	4896	
(4) IQPA audit fees	2i(4)		
(5) Investment advisory and investment management fees	2i(5)		
(6) Bank or trust company trustee/custodial fees	2i(6)		
(7) Actuarial fees	2i(7)		
(8) Legal fees	2i(8)		
(9) Valuation/appraisal fees	2i(9)		
(10) Other trustee fees and expenses	2i(10)		
(11) Other expenses	2i(11)	6254	
(12) Total administrative expenses. Add lines **2i(1)** through **(11)**	2i(12)		11150
j Total expenses. Add all **expense** amounts in column (b) and enter total	2j		5927063
Net Income and Reconciliation			
k Net income (loss). Subtract line **2j** from line **2d**	2k		6538377
l Transfers of assets:			
(1) To this plan	2l(1)		
(2) From this plan	2l(2)		

Part III Accountant's Opinion

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

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

(1) [X] 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) [X] 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: CROWE LLP **(2)** EIN: 35-0921680

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.)	**4a**		X	
b Were any loans by the plan or fixed income obligations due the plan in default as of the close of the plan year or classified during the year as uncollectible? Disregard participant loans secured by participant's account balance. (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part I if "Yes" is checked.)	**4b**		X	
c Were any leases to which the plan was a party in default or classified during the year as uncollectible? (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part II if "Yes" is checked.)	**4c**		X	
d Were there any nonexempt transactions with any party-in-interest? (Do not include transactions reported on line 4a. Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part III if "Yes" is checked.)	**4d**		X	
e Was this plan covered by a fidelity bond?	**4e**	X		25000000
f Did the plan have a loss, whether or not reimbursed by the plan's fidelity bond, that was caused by fraud or dishonesty?	**4f**		X	
g Did the plan hold any assets whose current value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?	**4g**		X	
h Did the plan receive any noncash contributions whose value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?	**4h**		X	
i Did the plan have assets held for investment? (Attach schedule(s) of assets if "Yes" is checked, and see instructions for format requirements.)	**4i**	X		
j Were any plan transactions or series of transactions in excess of 5% of the current value of plan assets? (Attach schedule of transactions if "Yes" is checked and see instructions for format requirements.)	**4j**		X	
k Were all the plan assets either distributed to participants or beneficiaries, transferred to another plan, or brought under the control of the PBGC?	**4k**		X	
l Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan?	**4l**		X	
m If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.)	**4m**		X	
n If 4m was answered "Yes," check the "Yes" box if you either provided the required notice or one of the exceptions to providing the notice applied under 29 CFR 2520.101-3.	**4n**			

5a Has a resolution to terminate the plan been adopted during the plan year or any prior plan year? [ ] Yes [X] 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.

For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2023 and ending 12/31/2023

A Name of plan
THE SHERWIN-WILLIAMS COMPANY HOURLY 401(K) PLAN

B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 022

C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500
THE SHERWIN-WILLIAMS COMPANY

D Employer Identification Number (EIN)
34-0526850

Part I Distributions

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

1 Total value of distributions paid in property other than in cash or the forms of property specified in the instructions ..... | **1** | 0

2 Enter the EIN(s) of payor(s) who paid benefits on behalf of the plan to participants or beneficiaries during the year (if more than two, enter EINs of the two payors who paid the greatest dollar amounts of benefits):

EIN(s): 04-2647786

Profit-sharing plans, ESOPs, and stock bonus plans, skip line 3.

3 Number of participants (living or deceased) whose benefits were distributed in a single sum, during the plan year ..... | **3**

Part II Funding Information (If the plan is not subject to the minimum funding requirements of section 412 of the Internal Revenue Code or ERISA section 302, skip this Part.)

4 Is the plan administrator making an election under Code section 412(d)(2) or ERISA section 302(d)(2)? ..... ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No** ☐ **N/A**

If the plan is a defined benefit plan, go to line 8.

5 If a waiver of the minimum funding standard for a prior year is being amortized in this plan year, see instructions and enter the date of the ruling letter granting the waiver. **Date:** Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

If you completed line 5, complete lines 3, 9, and 10 of Schedule MB and do not complete the remainder of this schedule.

6 a Enter the minimum required contribution for this plan year (include any prior year accumulated funding deficiency not waived) ..... | **6a**

b Enter the amount contributed by the employer to the plan for this plan year ..... | **6b**

c Subtract the amount in line 6b from the amount in line 6a. Enter the result (enter a minus sign to the left of a negative amount) ..... | **6c**

If you completed line 6c, skip lines 8 and 9.

7 Will the minimum funding amount reported on line 6c be met by the funding deadline? ..... ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No** ☐ **N/A**

8 If a change in actuarial cost method was made for this plan year pursuant to a revenue procedure or other authority providing automatic approval for the change or a class ruling letter, does the plan sponsor or plan administrator agree with the change? ..... ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No** ☐ **N/A**

Part III Amendments

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

Part IV ESOPs (see instructions). If this is not a plan described under section 409(a) or 4975(e)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code, skip this Part.

10 Were unallocated employer securities or proceeds from the sale of unallocated securities used to repay any exempt loan? ..... ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**

11 a Does the ESOP hold any preferred stock? ..... ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**

b If the ESOP has an outstanding exempt loan with the employer as lender, is such loan part of a "back-to-back" loan? (See instructions for definition of "back-to-back" loan.) ..... ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**

12 Does the ESOP hold any stock that is not readily tradable on an established securities market? ..... ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**

Part V Additional Information for Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans

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

a Name of contributing employer

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

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

e Contribution rate information *(If more than one rate applies, check this box* ☐ *and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)*
(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____
(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify):

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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): _____

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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): _____

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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): _____

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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): _____

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a Name of contributing employer

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

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

e Contribution rate information *(If more than one rate applies, check this box* ☐ *and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)*
(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____
(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

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

a The current plan year. Check the box to indicate the counting method used to determine the number of inactive participants: ☐ last contributing employer ☐ alternative ☐ reasonable approximation (see instructions for required attachment)	**14a**	
b The plan year immediately preceding the current plan year. ☐ Check the box if the number reported is a change from what was previously reported (see instructions for required attachment)	**14b**	
c The second preceding plan year. ☐ Check the box if the number reported is a change from what was previously reported (see instructions for required attachment)	**14c**	

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

a The corresponding number for the plan year immediately preceding the current plan year	**15a**	
b The corresponding number for the second preceding plan year	**15b**	

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

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

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

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

18 If any liabilities to participants or their beneficiaries under the plan as of the end of the plan year consist (in whole or in part) of liabilities to such participants and beneficiaries under two or more pension plans as of immediately before such plan year, check box and see instructions regarding supplemental information to be included as an attachment ☐

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

a Enter the percentage of plan assets held as:
Public Equity: _____% Private Equity: _____% Investment-Grade Debt and Interest Rate Hedging Assets: _____%
High-Yield Debt: _____% Real Assets: _____% Cash or Cash Equivalents: _____% Other: _____%

b Provide the average duration of the Investment-Grade Debt and Interest Rate Hedging Assets:
☐ 0-5 years ☐ 5-10 years ☐ 10-15 years ☐ 15 years or more

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

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

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

☐ Yes.

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

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

☐ No. Other. Provide explanation._____

Part VII IRS Compliance Questions

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

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

☐ Design-based safe harbor method

☐ "Prior year" ADP test

☒ "Current year" ADP test

☐ N/A

22 If the plan sponsor is an adopter of a pre-approved plan that received a favorable IRS Opinion Letter, enter the date of the Opinion Letter ___/___/_____ (MM/DD/YYYY) and the Opinion Letter serial number_____.

Crowe LLP
Independent Member Crowe Global

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Administrative Committee of
The Sherwin-Williams Company
Hourly 401(k) Plan

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

We have performed audits of the financial statements of The Sherwin-Williams Company Hourly 401(k) Plan (the Plan), an employee benefit plan subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), as permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) (ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit). The financial statements comprise the statements of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, and the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements.

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

Management has obtained certifications from a qualified institution as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, and for the year ended December 31, 2023, stating that the certified investment information, as described in Note 4 to the financial statements, is complete and accurate.

Opinion

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

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

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

(Continued)

Basis for Opinion

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

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

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

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for one year from 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 GAAS will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if, there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, we:

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

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

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

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

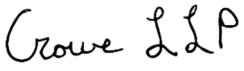
Other Matter – Supplemental Schedules Required by ERISA

The supplemental schedule of Schedule H, Line 4i – Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year) as of December 31, 2023, is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements but is supplementary information required by the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information included in the supplemental schedule, other than that agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, has been subjected to auditing procedures applied in the audits of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with GAAS. For information included in the supplemental schedule that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, we compared such information to the related certified investment information.

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

In our opinion:

- The form and content of the supplemental schedule, other than the information in the supplemental schedule that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, 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 schedule related to assets held by and certified to by a qualified institution agrees to, or is derived from, in all material respects, the information prepared and certified by an institution that management determined meets the requirements of ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C).



Crowe LLP

New York, New York
September 11, 2024

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

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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)

B This return/report is: ☒ 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
THE SHERWIN-WILLIAMS COMPANY HOURLY 401(k) PLAN

1b Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 022

1c Effective date of plan 07/01/1996

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)

THE SHERWIN-WILLIAMS COMPANY

101 PROSPECT AVENUE N.W.
C/O TAX DEPT., 1220 GH
US CLEVELAND OH 44115-1075

2b Employer Identification Number (EIN)
34-0526850

2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number
(216) 566-2000

2d Business code (see instructions)
325500

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	X [signature]	X 10/11/24	Y Gregory P. Sofis
	Signature of plan administrator	**Date**	**Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator**
SIGN HERE			
	Signature of employer/plan sponsor	**Date**	**Enter name of individual signing as employer or plan sponsor**
SIGN HERE			
	Signature of DFE	**Date**	**Enter name of individual signing as DFE**

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SIGN HERE			
	Signature of plan administrator	Date	Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator
SIGN HERE	X Jacqueline M. Takacs	X 10/10/2024	X Jacqueline M Takacs
	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
ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

101 PROSPECT AVENUE, N.W.

US CLEVELAND OH 44115-1075

3b Administrator's EIN: 34-6505363

3c Administrator's telephone number: (216) 566-2000

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 and 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**	1,277
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	**6a(1)**	1,042
a(2)	Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year	**6a(2)**	1,001
b	Retired or separated participants receiving benefits	**6b**	9
c	Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits	**6c**	180
d	Subtotal. Add lines **6a(2)**, **6b**, and **6c**	**6d**	1,190
e	Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits	**6e**	13
f	Total. Add lines **6d** and **6e**	**6f**	1,203
g(1)	Number of participants with account balances as of the beginning of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item)	**6g(1)**	1,212
g(2)	Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item)	**6g(2)**	1,157
h	Number of participants who terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested	**6h**	
7	Enter the total number of employers obligated to contribute to the plan (only multiemployer plans complete this item)	**7**	

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

2E 2F 2G 2J 2S 2T 3H

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

10 Check all applicable boxes in 10a and 10b to indicate which schedules are attached, and, where indicated, enter the number attached. (See instructions)

a Pension Schedules

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

b General Schedules

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

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

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

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

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

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

Receipt Confirmation Code _____

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULE

The Sherwin-Williams Company
Hourly 401(k) Plan
December 31, 2023 and 2022
and Year Ended December 31, 2023
With Independent Auditor's Report

THE SHERWIN-WILLIAMS COMPANY
HOURLY 401(K) PLAN

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Administrative Committee of
The Sherwin-Williams Company
Hourly 401(k) Plan

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

We have performed audits of the financial statements of The Sherwin-Williams Company Hourly 401(k) Plan (the Plan), an employee benefit plan subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), as permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) (ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit). The financial statements comprise the statements of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, and the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements.

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

Management has obtained certifications from a qualified institution as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, and for the year ended December 31, 2023, stating that the certified investment information, as described in Note 4 to the financial statements, is complete and accurate.

Opinion

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

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

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

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Basis for Opinion

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

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

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

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for one year from 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 GAAS will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if, there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, we:

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

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

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

Other Matter – Supplemental Schedules Required by ERISA

The supplemental schedule of Schedule H, Line 4i – Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year) as of December 31, 2023, is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements but is supplementary information required by the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information included in the supplemental schedule, other than that agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, has been subjected to auditing procedures applied in the audits of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with GAAS. For information included in the supplemental schedule that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, we compared such information to the related certified investment information.

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In our opinion:

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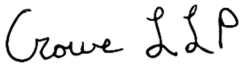

Crowe LLP

New York, New York
September 11, 2024

THE SHERWIN-WILLIAMS COMPANY
HOURLY 401(K) PLAN
STATEMENTS OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS

	December 31, 2023	December 31, 2022
Assets		
Investments, at fair value:		
Mutual funds	$ 2,526,679	$ 3,478,345
Collective trust funds	51,214,935	43,733,144
Money market fund	522,051	651,676
Total	54,263,665	47,863,165
Notes receivable from participants	2,125,480	1,987,603
Net assets available for benefits	$ 56,389,145	$ 49,850,768

See notes to the financial statements.

THE SHERWIN-WILLIAMS COMPANY
HOURLY 401(K) PLAN
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS

	Year Ended December 31, 2023
Increases in net assets available for benefits:	
Participant contributions	$ 4,062,498
Company contributions	150,804
Interest and dividend income	156,677
Interest on notes receivable from participants	121,720
Other income	6,254
Total increases	4,497,953
Decreases in net assets available for benefits:	
Benefits paid directly to participants	(5,915,913)
Administrative expenses	(11,150)
Total decreases	(5,927,063)
Net realized and unrealized appreciation in fair value of investments	7,967,487
Net increase in net assets available for benefits	6,538,377
Net assets available for benefits:	
Beginning of year	49,850,768
End of year	$ 56,389,145

See notes to the financial statements.

THE SHERWIN-WILLIAMS COMPANY
HOURLY 401(K) PLAN
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
December 31, 2023 and 2022

NOTE 1 - DESCRIPTION OF THE PLAN

General

The Administration Committee, as Plan Administrator, is responsible for the general administration of The Sherwin-Williams Company Hourly 401(k) Plan (the Plan). The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended (ERISA). The Plan is a defined contribution plan. The Plan covers certain eligible collectively bargained employees of The Sherwin-Williams Company (the Company or Plan Sponsor) and participating subsidiaries.

Enrollment

Eligible employees hired by the Company are automatically enrolled in the Plan and, in the absence of participant direction, their contributions are directed to an age-appropriate T. Rowe Price target date retirement fund. Employee contributions are established at 3% of pre-tax earnings. Eligible new hires may change the pre-selected enrollment option or choose not to participate in the Plan prior to being automatically enrolled. If new hires choose not to change the automatic enrollment employee contribution level of 3%, the employee contribution level will increase at the beginning of each subsequent plan year by 1%, until either the employee individually changes the employee contribution level or the employee contribution level reaches the maximum automatic employee contribution level. The maximum automatic employee contribution level is 10%.

Employee Contributions

Participants are permitted to make salary reduction contributions to the Plan in half or whole percentages up to 60% of their eligible compensation (subject to certain limitations). Certain participants receive Company contributions per the terms of their union contracts.

Investments

Investments are participant directed. In the absence of participant direction, employee and Company contributions are directed to an age-appropriate T. Rowe Price target date retirement fund. Costs incidental to the purchase and sale of securities, such as brokerage fees, commissions and stock transfer taxes, are borne by the respective funds. Participants may change or transfer their investment options any business date subject to certain trading restrictions imposed by each fund manager.

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.

Vesting

Participants are fully vested in their respective account balances.

Notes Receivable from Participants

Participants are permitted to request a loan from their accounts in an amount not to exceed the lesser of $50,000 (subject to certain limitations) or one-half of the participant's account under the Plan. The interest rate equals the prime rate plus 1%. The note receivable from a participant repayment period may not exceed five years unless the note receivable from a participant is used to purchase a participant's principal residence, in which case the repayment period may not exceed ten years. No allowance for current expected credit losses has been recorded as of December 31, 2023 or 2022. If a participant ceases to make loan repayments and the Plan Administrator deems the participant loan to be uncollectible, the participant loan balance is reclassified to a Plan distribution.

Participant Accounts

Each participant’s account is credited with the participant’s contributions and an allocation of (a) the Company’s contributions (as applicable) and (b) Plan earnings (losses) and is charged with withdrawals and an allocation of administrative expenses. Allocations are based on specific participant transactions, as defined. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the benefit that can be provided from the participant’s vested account. Each participant directs the investment of his or her account to any of the investment options available under the Plan.

Withdrawals

Subject to certain Plan limitations, participants are permitted to withdraw all or a portion of their respective account balances.

Administrative Expenses

All administrative expenses are paid by the Plan Sponsor, except for fees relating to Notes receivable from participants which are charged to individual participant accounts.

Additional Information

Further information about the Plan, including benefit provisions, is contained in the Plan's Summary Plan Description (SPD). Copies of this SPD are available from the Administration Committee of the Company.

NOTE 2 - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Accounting

The accompanying financial statements of the Plan are prepared under the accrual basis of accounting in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (U.S. GAAP).

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with U.S. GAAP requires management to make estimates that affect the amounts reported in the financial statements and accompanying notes. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

Investment Valuation

The Plan's investments are stated at fair value. Fair value is defined as the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants as of the measurement date. See Note 3 for further details.

Income Recognition

Net realized and unrealized appreciation in fair value of investments represents the change in the difference between the aggregate fair value and the cost of the Plan's investments, including investments bought, sold and held during the year.

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.

Payment of Benefits

Benefits are recorded when paid.

Notes Receivable from Participants

Notes receivable from participants are valued at their unpaid principal balance plus accrued interest. Interest income on notes receivable is recorded when paid.

Subsequent Events

Events occurring subsequent to December 31, 2023 have been evaluated through September 11, 2024, the date of the issuance of the financial statements, in accordance with the Subsequent Events Topic of the Accounting Standards Codification (ASC). During this period, there were no recognized subsequent events requiring recognition in the financial statements, and no non-recognized subsequent events requiring disclosure.

NOTE 3 - FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

The Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures Topic of the ASC applies to the Plan's financial assets. The levels of the fair value hierarchy are as follows:

Level 1: Quoted prices in active markets for identical assets
Level 2: Significant other observable inputs
Level 3: Significant unobservable inputs

The following tables present the Plan's financial assets that are measured at fair value on a recurring basis, categorized using the fair value hierarchy as of December 31, 2023 and 2022:

	Fair Value at December 31, 2023	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Mutual funds	$ 2,526,679	$ 2,526,679	$ -	$ -
Money market fund	522,051	522,051	-	-
Total assets in fair value hierarchy	3,048,730	3,048,730	-	-
Collective trust funds	51,214,935			
Investments at fair value	$ 54,263,665			

	Fair Value at December 31, 2022	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Mutual funds	$ 3,478,345	$ 3,478,345	$ -	$ -
Money market fund	651,676	651,676	-	-
Total assets in fair value hierarchy	4,130,021	4,130,021	-	-
Collective trust funds	43,733,144			
Investments at fair value	$ 47,863,165			

The fair value of Mutual funds is based on quoted redemption values on national security exchanges on the last business day of the Plan year.

The fair value of the Money market fund is based on quoted prices in active markets for identical securities.

The Collective trust funds are measured at net asset value (NAV) using the practical expedient. In accordance with the Fair Value Measurement Topic of the ASC, investments that are measured at NAV using the practical expedient are not classified in the fair value hierarchy. The fair value amounts presented in these tables are intended to permit reconciliation of the fair value hierarchy to the Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits. There are no unfunded commitments, significant redemption limitations or restrictions on the ability to sell these funds.

NOTE 4 - CERTIFIED INVESTMENTS

Certain information related to investments and Notes receivable from participants disclosed in the accompanying financial statements and ERISA-required supplemental schedule, including investments and Notes receivable from participants held at December 31, 2023 and 2022, and net appreciation in fair value of investments, interest and dividends, and Interest on notes receivable from participants for the year ended December 31, 2023, was obtained by management and agreed to or derived from information certified as complete and accurate by Fidelity Management Trust Company (the Trustee).

NOTE 5 – PLAN TERMINATION

Although it has not expressed any intent to do so, the Company reserves the right, by action of its Administration Committee, to amend, modify, suspend or terminate the Plan. No such action would allow funds held in trust by the Trustee or the income thereon to be used for purposes other than for the exclusive benefit of participants or their beneficiaries. In the event of Plan termination, the net assets of the Plan shall be distributed in accordance with applicable Plan provisions.

NOTE 6 – INCOME TAX STATUS

The Plan has received a determination letter dated October 26, 2020 from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) stating that the Plan is qualified under Section 401(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code), and therefore, the related trust is exempt from taxation. Once qualified, the Plan is required to operate in conformity with the Code to maintain its qualified status. Subsequent to this determination by the IRS, the Plan was amended. The Plan Administrator believes the Plan as amended is being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the Code and, therefore, believes the Plan is qualified and the related trust is tax-exempt.

U.S GAAP requires Plan management to evaluate uncertain tax positions taken by the Plan. The financial statement effects of a tax position are recognized when the position is more likely than not, based on the technical merits, to be sustained upon examination by the IRS. The Plan Administrator has analyzed the tax positions taken by the Plan, and has concluded that as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, there are no uncertain positions taken or expected to be taken. The Plan has recognized no interest or penalties related to uncertain tax positions. The Plan is subject to routine audits by taxing jurisdictions; however, there are currently no audits for any tax periods in progress. The Plan Administrator believes it is no longer subject to income tax examinations for years prior to 2020.

NOTE 7 - TRANSACTIONS WITH PARTIES-IN-INTEREST

As of December 31, 2023 and 2022, the Plan had Notes receivable from participants of $2,125,480 and $1,987,603, respectively. Certain Plan investments are shares of Mutual funds, Collective trust funds or a Money market fund managed by the Trustee or an affiliate of the Trustee and, therefore, qualify as party-in-interest. Fees paid during the year for services rendered by the Trustee or an affiliate of the Trustee constitute party-in-interest transactions.

THE SHERWIN-WILLIAMS COMPANY HOURLY 401(K) PLAN
SCHEDULE H, LINE 4I - SCHEDULE OF ASSETS (HELD AT END OF YEAR)
As of December 31, 2023
EIN #34-0526850
PLAN #022

(a)	(b) Identity of Issue, Borrower Lessor or Similar Party	(c) Description of Investment including Maturity Date, Rate of Interest, Collateral, Par of Maturity Value	(d) Cost	(e) Current Value
Mutual Funds				
	Virtus Investment Partners	Virtus Cerdex Large-Cap Value Equity Fund	**	$ 1,100,500
*	Fidelity Investments	Fidelity® Puritan® Fund	**	710,303
	Vanguard Group, Inc.	Vanguard Wellington Fund Admiral Shares	**	280,268
*	Fidelity Investments	Fidelity® International Capital Appreciation	**	228,175
	Vanguard Group, Inc.	Vanguard FTSE All-World ex-US Index Fund Institutional Plus Shares	**	99,874
	Vanguard Group, Inc.	Vanguard Wellesley® Income Fund Admiral™ Shares	**	35,771
*	Fidelity Investments	Fidelity® Limited Term Government Fund	**	32,986
	PIMCO Investments LLC	PIMCO Low Duration Fund Institutional Class	**	27,798
	Vanguard Group, Inc.	Vanguard Inflation-Protected Securities Fund Institutional Shares	**	9,841
	PIMCO Investments LLC	PIMCO All Asset Fund Institutional Class	**	1,163
				2,526,679
Collective Trust Funds				
	T. Rowe Price Trust Company	T. Rowe Price Retirement 2030 Fund	**	11,053,272
	T. Rowe Price Trust Company	T. Rowe Price Retirement 2035 Fund	**	7,829,240
	T. Rowe Price Trust Company	T. Rowe Price Retirement 2025 Fund	**	6,088,675
	T. Rowe Price Trust Company	T. Rowe Price Retirement 2040 Fund	**	5,875,693
	T. Rowe Price Trust Company	T. Rowe Price Retirement 2045 Fund	**	4,140,473
	T. Rowe Price Trust Company	T. Rowe Price Retirement 2020 Fund	**	2,430,065
	T. Rowe Price Trust Company	T. Rowe Price Retirement 2050 Fund	**	2,391,381
	T. Rowe Price Trust Company	T. Rowe Price Retirement 2055 Fund	**	2,250,150
	T. Rowe Price Trust Company	T. Rowe Price Retirement 2060 Fund	**	1,818,462
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	Managed Income Portfolio II Class 3	**	1,733,506
	Vanguard Group, Inc.	Vanguard Institutional 500 Index Trust	**	1,259,420
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	Fidelity® Contrafund® Commingled Pool	**	922,839
	T. Rowe Price Trust Company	T. Rowe Price Retirement 2015 Fund	**	897,326
	T. Rowe Price Trust Company	T. Rowe Price Retirement 2010 Fund	**	564,300
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	Fidelity® Mid-Cap Stock Commingled Pool	**	414,583
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	Fidelity® Low-Priced Stock Commingled Pool	**	413,779
	T. Rowe Price Trust Company	T. Rowe Price Retirement 2005 Fund	**	292,398
	T. Rowe Price Trust Company	T. Rowe Price Retirement 2065 Fund	**	289,989
	Vanguard Group, Inc.	Vanguard Institutional Total Bond Market Index Trust	**	279,680
	Wellington Trust Company	WTC-CIF II Small Cap Opportunities Portfolio	**	266,854
	Invesco Trust Company	Invesco Core Plus Bond Fund	**	2,850
				51,214,935
Other				
*	Participant Loans	Notes receivable from participants with interest rates from 4.25% to 9.5%	**	2,125,480
*	Fidelity Investments	Fidelity® Money Market Government Portfolio	**	522,051
				2,647,531
				$ 56,389,145

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