# 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

**2022**

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## Part I Annual Report Identification Information

For calendar plan year 2022 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2022 and ending 12/31/2022

**A** This return/report is for:
- [ ] a multiemployer plan
- [ ] a multiple-employer plan (Filers checking this box must attach a list of 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
- [X] 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:
- [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
STERLING & STERLING, LLC. EMPLOYEES' THRIFT SAVINGS PLAN

**1b** Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 002

**1c** Effective date of plan 10/01/1984

**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)
STERLING & STERLING, LLC

135 CROSSWAYS PARK DRIVE
WOODBURY, NY 11797

**2b** Employer Identification Number (EIN)
11-1957801

**2c** Plan Sponsor's telephone number
516-773-8604

**2d** Business code (see instructions)
524210

**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.

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| **SIGN HERE** | Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature. | 10/17/2024 | VU TRAN |
| | **Signature of plan administrator** | Date | Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator |
| **SIGN HERE** | | | |
| | **Signature of employer/plan sponsor** | Date | Enter name of individual signing as employer or plan sponsor |
| **SIGN HERE** | | | |
| | **Signature of DFE** | Date | Enter name of individual signing as DFE |

**3a** Plan administrator's name and address ☐ Same as Plan Sponsor

SIDE BY SIDE FINANCIALS, INC

1670 MCKENDREE CHURCH RD
BLDG 50
LAWRENCEVILLE, GA 30043

**3b** Administrator's EIN: 36-4877979

**3c** Administrator's telephone number: 212-564-2464

**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

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|---|---|---|---|
| **5** | Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year | **5** | 374 |
| **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)** | 219 |
| **a(2)** | Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year | **6a(2)** | 224 |
| **b** | Retired or separated participants receiving benefits | **6b** | 0 |
| **c** | Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits | **6c** | 138 |
| **d** | Subtotal. Add lines **6a(2)**, **6b**, and **6c** | **6d** | 362 |
| **e** | Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits. | **6e** | 1 |
| **f** | Total. Add lines **6d** and **6e**. | **6f** | 363 |
| **g** | Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item) | **6g** | 348 |
| **h** | Number of participants who terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested | **6h** | 15 |
| **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 2J 2K 2F 2G 3D

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

**9a** Plan funding arrangement (check all that apply)

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| **(1)** | [X] | Insurance |
| **(2)** | [ ] | Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts |
| **(3)** | [X] | Trust |
| **(4)** | [ ] | General assets of the sponsor |

**9b** Plan benefit arrangement (check all that apply)

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|---|---|---|
| **(1)** | [X] | Insurance |
| **(2)** | [ ] | Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts |
| **(3)** | [X] | 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)** | [X] | **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 |

**b General Schedules**

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|---|---|---|---|
| **(1)** | [X] | | **H** (Financial Information) |
| **(2)** | [ ] | | **I** (Financial Information – Small Plan) |
| **(3)** | [ ] | 0 | **A** (Insurance Information) |
| **(4)** | [X] | | **C** (Service Provider Information) |
| **(5)** | [X] | | **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 2022 Form M-1 annual report. If the plan was not required to file the 2022 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<br>Internal Revenue Service<br>Department of Labor<br>Employee Benefits Security Administration<br>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation | This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).<br>▶ **File as an attachment to Form 5500.** | **2022**<br>**This Form is Open to Public Inspection.** |

For calendar plan year 2022 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2022 and ending 12/31/2022

| **A** Name of plan | **B** Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ |
|---|---|
| STERLING & STERLING, LLC. EMPLOYEES' THRIFT SAVINGS PLAN | 002 |

| **C** Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 | **D** Employer Identification Number (EIN) |
|---|---|
| STERLING & STERLING, LLC | 11-1957801 |

## 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).. . . . . ☐ Yes ☒ No

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

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

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

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

PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

42-0127290

| (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? |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 13 37 50 64 | CONTRACT ADMINISTRATOR | 116919 | Yes [X] No [ ] | Yes [X] No [ ] | 0 | Yes [ ] No [X] |

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

PROCYON PARTNERS, LLC

82-1597862

| (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? |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 28 99 | INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT | 0 | Yes [X] No [ ] | Yes [ ] No [X] | 40000 | Yes [ ] No [X] |

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

ORENDA RETIREMENT, LLC

36-4877979

| (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? |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 49 99 13 50 | CONTRACT ADMINISTRATOR | 11675 | Yes [X] No [ ] | Yes [ ] No [X] | 14419 | Yes [ ] No [X] |

**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 |
|---|---|---|
| PROCYON PARTNERS, LLC | 28 99 | 40000 |

| **(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. |
|---|---|
| PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY<br><br>42-0127290 | INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT |

| **(a)** Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2 | **(b)** Service Codes (see instructions) | **(c)** Enter amount of indirect compensation |
|---|---|---|
| ORENDA RETIREMENT, LLC | 49 99 13 50 | 14419 |

| **(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. |
|---|---|
| PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY<br><br>42-0127290 | REFERRAL/SERVICE FEE |

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

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

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

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|---|---|
| **a** Name: | **b** EIN: |
| **c** Position: | |
| **d** Address: | **e** Telephone: |

Explanation:

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

Explanation:

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

Explanation:

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

Explanation:

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|---|---|
| **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

This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).

▶ **File as an attachment to Form 5500.**

OMB No. 1210-0110

**2022**

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**A** Name of plan
STERLING & STERLING, LLC. EMPLOYEES' THRIFT SAVINGS PLAN

**B** Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 002

**C** Plan or DFE sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500
STERLING & STERLING, LLC

**D** Employer Identification Number (EIN)
11-1957801

**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: METLIFE SV FD SER 25053 CI 0

**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): RELIANCE 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) |
|---|---|---|
| 46-6625485-001 | C | 335348 |

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

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

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

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## Part II Information on Participating Plans (to be completed by DFEs)

(Complete as many entries as needed to report all participating plans)

**a** Plan name

| **b** Name of plan sponsor | **c** EIN-PN |
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| **b** Name of plan sponsor | **c** EIN-PN |
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| **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
Employee Benefits Security Administration

Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

## Financial Information

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**B** Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 002

**C** Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500
STERLING & STERLING, LLC

**D** Employer Identification Number (EIN)
11-1957801

## Part I Asset and Liability Statement

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

| Assets | | (a) Beginning of Year | (b) End of Year |
|---|---|---|---|
| **a** Total noninterest-bearing cash | 1a | | |
| **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) | | |
| **(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) | | |
| **(8)** Participant loans | 1c(8) | 295745 | 584456 |
| **(9)** Value of interest in common/collective trusts | 1c(9) | 2627095 | 3035348 |
| **(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) | 29481189 | 24430130 |
| **(14)** Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts) | 1c(14) | | |
| **(15)** Other | 1c(15) | 0 | 63070 |

| | | (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 | 32404029 | 28113004 |
| **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 | 0 | 0 |
| **Net Assets** | | | |
| **l** Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f) | 1l | 32404029 | 28113004 |

## 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) | 588337 | |
| **(B)** Participants | 2a(1)(B) | 1994215 | |
| **(C)** Others (including rollovers) | 2a(1)(C) | 262476 | |
| **(2)** Noncash contributions | 2a(2) | | |
| **(3)** Total contributions. Add lines **2a(1)(A), (B), (C),** and line **2a(2)** | 2a(3) | | 2845028 |
| **b Earnings on investments:** | | | |
| **(1)** Interest: | | | |
| **(A)** Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit) | 2b(1)(A) | | |
| **(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) | 22999 | |
| **(F)** Other | 2b(1)(F) | | |
| **(G)** Total interest. Add lines **2b(1)(A)** through **(F)** | 2b(1)(G) | | 22999 |
| **(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) | 454737 | |
| **(D)** Total dividends. Add lines **2b(2)(A)**, **(B)**, and **(C)** | 2b(2)(D) | | 454737 |
| **(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) | | 0 |
| **(5)** Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of assets: **(A)** Real estate | 2b(5)(A) | | |
| **(B)** Other | 2b(5)(B) | 63070 | |
| **(C)** Total unrealized appreciation of assets. Add lines **2b(5)(A)** and **(B)** | 2b(5)(C) | | 63070 |

| | | (a) Amount | (b) Total |
|---|---|---|---|
| (6) Net investment gain (loss) from common/collective trusts | 2b(6) | | -340428 |
| (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) | | -6270988 |
| c Other income | 2c | | -135582 |
| d Total income. Add all **income** amounts in column (b) and enter total | 2d | | -3361164 |
| **Expenses** | | | |
| e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits: | | | |
| (1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers | 2e(1) | 801305 | |
| (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) | | 801305 |
| f Corrective distributions (see instructions) | 2f | | |
| g Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions) | 2g | | |
| h Interest expense | 2h | | |
| i Administrative expenses: (1) Professional fees | 2i(1) | | |
| (2) Contract administrator fees | 2i(2) | 128556 | |
| (3) Investment advisory and management fees | 2i(3) | | |
| (4) Other | 2i(4) | | |
| (5) Total administrative expenses. Add lines **2i(1)** through **(4)** | 2i(5) | | 128556 |
| j Total expenses. Add all **expense** amounts in column (b) and enter total | 2j | | 929861 |
| **Net Income and Reconciliation** | | | |
| k Net income (loss). Subtract line **2j** from line **2d** | 2k | | -4291025 |
| 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: COOPER SAVAS, LLC **(2)** EIN: 27-5169784

**d** The opinion of an independent qualified public accountant is **not attached** because:

**(1)** [ ] This form is filed for a CCT, PSA, 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.

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 | |

| | | Yes | No | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **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 | | 500000 |
| **f** Did the plan have a loss, whether or not reimbursed by the plan's fidelity bond, that was caused by fraud or dishonesty? | 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 ☒ No

If "Yes," enter the amount of any plan assets that reverted to the employer this year _____.

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

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

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

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

# SCHEDULE R (Form 5500)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Department of Labor
Employee Benefits Security Administration

Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

## Retirement Plan Information

This schedule is required to be filed under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code).

▶ **File as an attachment to Form 5500.**

OMB No. 1210-0110

**2022**

**This Form is Open to Public Inspection.**

For calendar plan year 2022 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2022 and ending 12/31/2022

**A** Name of plan
STERLING & STERLING, LLC. EMPLOYEES' THRIFT SAVINGS PLAN

**B** Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 002

**C** Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500
STERLING & STERLING, LLC

**D** Employer Identification Number (EIN)
11-1957801

## 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): _____ _____

**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

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(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) through (c)

**a** Enter the percentage of plan assets held as:
Stock: _____% Investment-Grade Debt: _____% High-Yield Debt: _____% Real Estate: _____% Other: _____%

**b** Provide the average duration of the combined investment-grade and high-yield debt:
☐ 0-3 years ☐ 3-6 years ☐ 6-9 years ☐ 9-12 years ☐ 12-15 years ☐ 15-18 years ☐ 18-21 years ☐ 21 years or more

**c** What duration measure was used to calculate line 19(b)?
☐ Effective duration ☐ Macaulay duration ☐ Modified duration ☐ Other (specify):

**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_____

# Sterling & Sterling, LLC
# Employees' Thrift Savings Plan

**Financial Statements**

December 31, 2022 and 2021

With Independent Auditors' Report




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# INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Trustees and Administrators of the Sterling & Sterling, LLC Employees' Thrift Savings Plan

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

We have performed audits of the financial statements of Sterling & Sterling, LLC Employees' Thrift Savings Plan, an employee benefit plan subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), as permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) (ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit). The financial statements comprise the statement of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2022 and 2021, the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2022, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management, having determined it is permissible in the circumstances, has elected to have the audit of Sterling & Sterling, LLC Employees' Thrift Savings 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 and for the years ended December 31, 2022 and 2021, stating that the certified investment information, as described in Note 4 to the financial statements, is complete and accurate.

The Sterling & Sterling, LLC Employees' Thrift Savings Plan has a life insurance policy not covered by the above certifications. For this asset, we performed full audit procedures.

## Restatement of Previously Issued Financial Statements

As discussed in Note 2 to the consolidated financial statements, the Company has restated its 2022 financial statements to correct misstatements.

## Opinion

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

- The amounts and disclosures in the 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 (U.S. GAAP).

- 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).

**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 Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of Sterling & Sterling, LLC Employees' Thrift Savings 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 U.S. GAAP, 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 Sterling & Sterling, LLC Employees' Thrift Savings Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for one year after the date the financial statements are available to be issued.

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

**Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements**

Except as described in the Scope and Nature of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) Audit section of our report, our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditors' 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 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 Sterling & Sterling, LLC Employees' Thrift Savings 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 Sterling & Sterling, LLC Employees' Thrift Savings Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

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

Accordingly, the objective of an ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit is not to express an opinion about whether the financial statements, are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with U.S. GAAP.

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 Schedule Required by ERISA**

The supplemental schedule 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 their form and content, is presented in conformity with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.

In our opinion—

- The form and content of the supplemental schedule, other than the information in the supplemental schedule that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, is presented, in all material respects, in conformity with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.
- The information in the supplemental schedule related to assets held by and certified to by a qualified institution agrees to, or is derived from, in all material respects, the information prepared and certified by an institution that management determined meets the requirements of ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C).

Sincerely,



Salt Lake City, Utah
October 16, 2024

**Sterling & Sterling, LLC Employees' Thrift Savings Plan**

**Statement of Net Assets Available for Benefits**

**December 31, 2022 and 2021**

| | 2022 | 2021 |
|---|---|---|
| **Assets** | | |
| Investments, at fair value | $ 27,528,548 | $ 32,108,284 |
| Notes receivable from participants | 584,456 | 295,745 |
| Total Assets | 28,113,004 | 32,404,029 |
| **Net Assets Available for Benefits** | **$ 28,113,004** | **$ 32,404,029** |

*See Independent Auditors' Report*

**Sterling & Sterling, LLC Employees' Thrift Savings Plan**

**Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits**

**Year ended December 31, 2022**

| | 2022 |
|---|---|
| **Additions** | |
| Dividends and other interest income | $ 319,155 |
| Interest income on notes receivable from participants | 22,999 |
| Contributions | |
| Employer | 588,337 |
| Participant | 1,994,215 |
| Rollover | 262,476 |
| Total Contributions | 2,845,028 |
| **Total Additions** | 3,187,182 |
| **Deductions** | |
| Net decrease in fair value of investments | $ 6,548,346 |
| Benefits paid to participants | 801,305 |
| Administrative expenses | 128,556 |
| **Total Deductions** | 7,478,207 |
| **Net decrease in net assets** | **$ (4,291,025)** |
| Net Assets Available for Benefits at Beginning of Year | 32,404,029 |
| **Net Assets Available for Benefits at End of Year** | **$ 28,113,004** |

## NOTE 1 – DESCRIPTION OF THE PLAN

Sterling & Sterling, LLC established the Sterling & Sterling, LLC Employees' Thrift Savings Plan (the Plan) as a defined contribution plan for employees of Sterling & Sterling, LLC (the Plan Sponsor).

The following description of the Plan provides only general information. Participants should refer to the Plan agreement for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions.

**General** – The Plan is a 401(k) defined contribution plan. The Plan was originally established effective October 1, 1984, was amended and restated effective January 1, 2022 to adopt the third-party administrators prototype plan and is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).

All eligible employees, as defined in the Plan document, include all employees who are eligible for health benefits and are at least 20.5 years old. Employees become eligible for health benefits on the first day of the month following 30 days of services. Part-time and temporary employees are not eligible for health benefits. The Plan provides for entry once eligibility requirements are met. The Plan includes an automatic enrollment feature, in which all eligible employees are enrolled at 6% if no election is made. The Plan is subject to the provisions of the ERISA.

**Contributions** – Plan contributions consist of compensation reduction elections of participants (401(k) contributions and Roth salary deferrals), rollovers, and employer discretionary matching contributions. Under the terms of the Plan, the Company may match up to 100% of the eligible employee elective deferrals. In 2022 and 2021, the Company elected to match 50% of the first 3% of an employee's deferral, plus 25% of the next 3% of an employee's deferral, up to a maximum match of 2.25% of allowable compensation, as defined. Contributions are subject to certain Internal Revenue Service (IRS) limitations. Contributions are subject to certain IRS limitations.

**Participants' Accounts** – Each participant's account is credited with the participant's elective contributions, rollovers, and the Company's contributions to the Plan on behalf of the participant, and allocations of Plan earnings or losses. Allocations of Plan earnings or losses are based upon actual performance of each participant's investment elections. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the benefit that can be provided from the participant's vested account.

**Vesting** – Participants are immediately vested in their elective contributions, the rollover portion of their account balances, and the earnings thereon. Vesting in the Company's discretionary contribution portion of their accounts plus earnings thereon is based on years of continuous service according to a vesting schedule of 20% per year of credited service, beginning with the first full year of service. A participant is 100% vested in the employer contribution and earnings thereon after five years of credited service or upon attaining normal retirement age or in the event of death or disability, if earlier.

**Investment Options** – Participants direct the investment of their contributions into selected investment products offered by the Plan custodian. The investment options include fixed

income accounts, and various income, growth, value, blend, and international mutual fund accounts. Participants may change their investment options daily.

**Payment of Benefits** – Participants may elect to receive a distribution of their benefits upon retirement, in the event of death or disability, in service distributions, in the event of an immediate and heavy financial hardship, or upon termination of employment. Normal retirement age is 65. Participants receiving distributions upon retirement or in the event of death or disability will receive a lump-sum distribution of the amount equal to the vested balance in his or her account. Participants receiving distributions for termination of employment may receive the value of their vested balance distributed to them as soon as administratively feasible following termination, in the form of a rollover to an IRA or another employer retirement plan, or a taxable distribution made directly to the participant.

**Notes Receivable from Participants** – Participants may borrow from their Plan accounts a minimum of $1,000, up to a maximum equal to either the lesser of $50,000 reduced by the participant's highest outstanding note balance to the Plan during the one-year period ending on the day before the date on which the note is made, or 50% of their vested account balance, less current outstanding note balances. All notes, other than those used to purchase a principal residence, must be repaid within 5 years. Notes used to purchase a principal residence can have repayment terms of up to 30 years. Interest rates are set by the plan administrator at issuance, based on comparable rates offered by local commercial lenders. Loan repayments may be suspended for up to 12 months for any period during which a participant is on unpaid leave of absence, and for any period a participant is on military leave. Participant notes are due and payable on the date the participant terminates employment with the Company. Should such amounts remain outstanding for more than 90 days from termination, the remaining balance will be a deemed distribution, subject to taxes and penalties, as applicable.

**Forfeitures** – Forfeitures by participants, as defined in the Plan, are used by the Plan to pay administrative expenses or to reduce future Company contributions. The Plan had forfeiture balances of $0 as of December 31, 2022 and 2021; respectively.

**Plan Termination** – Although it has not expressed any intent to do so, the Sponsor has the right, under the terms of the Plan, to terminate the Plan subject to the provisions of ERISA.

## NOTE 2 – RESTATEMENT OF PREVIOUSLY ISSUED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

We have restated herein our financial statements, previously issued on August 24, 2023, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2022. We have also restated impacted amounts within the accompanying notes to the financial statements, as applicable. While completing our year ended 2023 audit, we identified a plan asset that was not included in the certified certain adjustments that affected the year ended 2022. We assessed this adjustment and determined that the adjustment was material quantitatively and qualitatively to 2022 and therefore deemed it necessary to restate our previously issued financials. The asset has been added to these restated financial statements and accompanying notes updated.

## NOTE 3 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

**Basis of Accounting** – The financial statements are prepared on the accrual basis of accounting and in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (U.S. GAAP). The Plan follows accounting principles set forth in FASB Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) 962, *Plan Accounting – Defined Contribution Pension Plans*.

**Use of Estimates in the Preparation of Financial Statements** – The preparation of financial statements in conformity with U.S. GAAP requires the plan administrator to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results may differ from those estimates.

**Investment Valuation and Income Recognition** – In accordance with FASB ASC 962, the Plan's investments are stated at fair value. Mutual funds held by the Plan are valued at fair value based on the daily closing price as reported by the funds. All the mutual funds are open-ended and are registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission. These mutual funds are required to publish their daily net asset value (NAV) and to transact at that price. The common/collective trusts are valued at the NAV of units held by the Plan. The NAV, as provided by the trustees, is used as a practical expedient to estimate fair value. The NAV is based on the fair value of the underlying investments held by the fund less its liabilities. The practical expedient is not used when it is determined to be probable that the fund will sell the investment for an amount different than the reported NAV. The life insurance policy is valued based on the assets underlying the policies, which consist of short-term cash equivalents and fixed income securities that are priced using observable market data and can be liquidated for the value of the underlying assets as of March 31, the life insurance policy plan year end.

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

During the year ended December 31, 2022, the Plan's investments, including net gains and losses on investments sold during the year, decreased in fair value by $6,548,346. All investments are participant directed.

**Plan Administration Costs** – Certain expenses of maintaining the Plan are paid directly by the Company and are excluded from these financial statements. Fees related to the administration of notes receivable from participants are charged directly to the respective participants.

**Notes Receivable from Participants** – Notes receivable from participants are measured at their unpaid principal balance plus any accrued unpaid interest. If a participant ceases to make loan repayments and the plan administrator deems the loan to be in default, the participant loan balance is reduced, and a benefit payment is recorded. No allowance for credit losses has been recorded as of December 31, 2022 and 2021.

**Payment of benefits** – Benefits are recorded when paid.

**Subsequent Events** – Management has evaluated, for potential recognition or disclosure in the financial statements, subsequent events that have occurred through October 16, 2024, which is the date that the financial statements were available to be issued.

## NOTE 4 – INFORMATION CERTIFICATION

The Plan Administrator has elected the method of compliance permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C). As permitted under such election, no independent auditing procedures were performed with respect to the information certified as complete and accurate by the Plan's trustee, Delaware Charter Guarantee & Trust Company d/b/a Principal Trust Company (Principal). Principal has certified its statement of accounts as of and for the years ended December 31, 2022 and 2021. The statement of accounts includes beginning and ending balances of investments held (except for life insurance policy), notes receivable from participants, and details of transactions during the period, including investment earnings and interest income on notes receivable from participants.

The Plan has a life insurance policy not covered by the above certifications.

## NOTE 5 – INCOME TAX STATUS

The Plan has adopted a prototype format and is relying on the prototype sponsor's IRS determination letter for qualification. In the prototype sponsor's tax determination letter dated June 30, 2020, the Internal Revenue Service stated that the Plan, as then designed, was in compliance with the applicable requirements of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC). Plan administrator believes the Plan is currently designed and being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC.

U.S. GAAP requires plan management to evaluate tax positions taken by the Plan and recognize a tax liability (or asset) if the Plan has taken an uncertain position that more likely than not would not be sustained upon examination. The plan administrator has analyzed the tax positions taken by the Plan and has concluded that as of December 31, 2022 and 2021 there are no uncertain positions taken or expected to be taken that would require recognition of a liability (or asset) or disclosure in the financial statements.

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

## NOTE 6 – FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

Fair value accounting guidance establishes a framework for measuring fair value, which provides a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1 measurements) and the lowest

priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3 measurements). The three levels of the fair value hierarchy are described below:

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

**Level 2** Inputs to the valuation methodology other than quoted prices included in Level 1 are observable for the asset or liability, each directly or indirectly, and include:

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

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

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

The asset or liability's fair value measurement level within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of any input that is significant to the fair value measurement. Valuation techniques used need to maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs.

There have been no changes in the methodologies used at December 31, 2022 and 2021. The methods described above could produce a fair value calculation that is not indicative of net realizable value or reflective of future fair values. Furthermore, while the Plan administrator believes these valuation methods are appropriate, the use of different methodologies or assumptions could result in different fair value measurements at the reporting date.

**Common and collective trusts (CCTs)** - Investments in CCTs are valued at the net asset value (NAV) of units of a bank collective trust. NAV is a readily determinable fair value and is the basis for current transactions. The unit value of each of these funds is determined on a daily basis. Units are issued and redeemed at their unit value. Net investment income and realized and unrealized gains and losses on investments are not distributed to participants but are reflected in the unit value. There are no advance notice requirements nor unfunded commitments.

**Registered investment company funds** - Valued at the daily closing price as reported by the fund. Registered investment company funds held by the Plan are registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission. These funds are required to publish their daily NAV and

to transact at that price. The registered investment company funds held by the Plan are deemed to be actively traded.

**Life insurance policy -** The life insurance policies are valued based on the assets underlying the policies, which consist of short-term cash equivalents and fixed income securities that are priced using observable market data and can be liquidated for the value of the underlying assets as of March 31, 2022, the policy valuation date. The cash surrender value of the life insurance policy is determined by the underwriting insurance company's valuation models, which take into account the passage of time, mortality tables, interest rates, cash values for paid-up additions and dividend accumulations.

The fair value measurements for the Plan's investments at December 31, 2022 and 2021 are:

| | | Type of Fair-Value Measurement | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **December 31, 2022** | **Fair Value** | **Level 1** | **Level 2** | **Level 3** |
| Common collective trusts | $ 3,035,348 | $ - | $ 3,035,348 | $ - |
| Registered investment company funds | 24,430,130 | 24,430,130 | - | - |
| Life insurance policy | 63,070 | - | 63,070 | - |
| **Investments at Fair Value** | **$ 27,528,548** | **$ 24,430,130** | **$ 3,098,418** | **$ -** |

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **December 31, 2021** | **Fair Value** | **Level 1** | **Level 2** | **Level 3** |
| Common collective trusts | $ 2,627,095 | $ - | $ 2,627,095 | $ - |
| Registered investment company funds | 29,481,189 | 29,481,189 | - | - |
| **Investments at Fair Value** | **$ 32,108,284** | **$ 29,481,189** | **$ 2,627,095** | **$ -** |

## NOTE 7 – RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES

The Plan invests in various investment securities. Investment securities are exposed to various risks such as interest rate, market, and credit risks. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in the value 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 statement of net assets available for benefits.

## NOTE 8 – RELATED PARTY AND PARTY-IN-INTEREST TRANSACTIONS

Certain Plan investments are shares of mutual funds by the plan custodian, or affiliates as defined by the Plan. Also, as described in Note 2, the Plan paid certain expenses related to Plan operations and investment activity to various service providers. These transactions are exempt party-in-interest transactions under ERISA.

**Sterling & Sterling, LLC Employees' Thrift Savings Plan**
EIN #11-1957801 – Plan # 002
**SCHEDULE H, LINE 4i–SCHEDULE OF ASSETS**
(Held at End of Year)
**December 31, 2022**

| (a) | (b) Identity of Issue, Borrower, Lessor, or Similar Party | (c) Description of Investment Including Maturing Date, Rate of Interest, Collateral, and Par or Maturity Value | (d) Cost | (e) Current Value |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Columbia Funds | Registered Investment Company Columbia Div Income I3 Fund | $ - | $ 892,772 |
| | Dimensional Fund Advisors | Registered Investment Company Dfa Inter Gov Fixed Inc I Fund | | 158,474 |
| | Dimensional Fund Advisors | Registered Investment Company Dfa Real Estate Secs I Fund | | 205,751 |
| | Dimensional Fund Advisors | Registered Investment Company Dfa Us Large Company I Fund | | 647,560 |
| | Fidelity Investments | Registered Investment Company Fidelity Extended Mkt Idx Fund | | 484,776 |
| | Oppenheimer | Registered Investment Company Inv Dev Mark R6 Fund | | 4,282 |
| | MFS Investment Management | Registered Investment Company Mfs Intl Diversification R6 Fund | | 1,368,884 |
| | PIMCO Funds | Registered Investment Company Pimco Intl Bond (Usd-Hdg) I Fund | | 130,599 |
| * | Principal Funds Inc | Registered Investment Company Principal Core Fix Inc Inst Fund | | 919,150 |
| | Schwab Funds | Registered Investment Company Schwab S&P 500 Index Fund | | 1,580,579 |
| | Vanguard Group | Registered Investment Company Vanguard Balncd Index Admrl Fund | | 821,239 |
| | Vanguard Group | Registered Investment Company Vanguard Dev Mkts Index Adm Fund | | 279,269 |
| | Vanguard Group | Registered Investment Company Vanguard Growth Index Adm Fund | | 2,972,684 |
| | Vanguard Group | Registered Investment Company Vanguard Midcap Val Idx Adm Fund | | 838,037 |
| | Vanguard Group | Registered Investment Company Vanguard Midcp Grth Idx Adm Fund | | 977,068 |
| | Vanguard Group | Registered Investment Company Vanguard Mtrl Index Adm Fund | | 163,369 |
| | Vanguard Group | Registered Investment Company Vanguard Sm Cap Gr Idx Adm Fund | | 520,700 |
| | Vanguard Group | Registered Investment Company Vanguard Sm Cap Index Adm Fund | | 527,223 |
| | Vanguard Group | Registered Investment Company Vanguard Sm Cap Val Idx Adm Fund | | 105,947 |
| | Vanguard Group | Registered Investment Company Vanguard Tgt Rmt 2020 Inv Fund | | 209,847 |
| | Vanguard Group | Registered Investment Company Vanguard Tgt Rmt 2025 Inv Fund | | 1,197,172 |
| | Vanguard Group | Registered Investment Company Vanguard Tgt Rmt 2030 Inv Fund | | 2,049,543 |
| | Vanguard Group | Registered Investment Company Vanguard Tgt Rmt 2035 Inv Fund | | 1,432,584 |
| | Vanguard Group | Registered Investment Company Vanguard Tgt Rmt 2040 Inv Fund | | 645,134 |
| | Vanguard Group | Registered Investment Company Vanguard Tgt Rmt 2045 Inv Fund | | 1,363,015 |
| | Vanguard Group | Registered Investment Company Vanguard Tgt Rmt 2050 Inv Fund | | 1,672,937 |
| | Vanguard Group | Registered Investment Company Vanguard Tgt Rmt 2055 Inv Fund | | 692,826 |
| | Vanguard Group | Registered Investment Company Vanguard Tgt Rmt 2060 Inv Fund | | 213,337 |
| | Vanguard Group | Registered Investment Company Vanguard Tgt Rmt 2065 Inv Fund | | 46,436 |
| | Vanguard Group | Registered Investment Company Vanguard Tgt Rmt Inc Inv Fund | | 216,542 |
| | Vanguard Group | Registered Investment Company Vanguard Utilities Idx Adm Fund | | 127,818 |
| | Vanguard Group | Registered Investment Company Vgd Infl-Prot Sec Adm Fund | | 442,057 |
| | Western Asset Management Co. | Registered Investment Company Western Asset Cr Pls Bd Is Fund | | 522,519 |
| | Reliance Trust Company | Common/Collective Trust Metlife Sv Fund Ser 25053 Cl 0 | | 3,035,348 |
| | John Hancock | Life Insurance Policy - Cash Surender Value | | 63,070 |
| * | Participant Loans | Maturing Between 2023-2035, Interest Between 4.25% To 6.50% | | 584,456 |
| | | | **$ -** | **$28,113,004** |

* ***Denotes party-in-interest***

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# ASSETS HELD AT END OF YEAR

STERLING & STERLING, LLC. EMPLOYEES' THRIFT S

EIN 11 1957801
PLAN NUMBER 001
PLAN YEAR 01/01/2022 TO 12/31/2022

| (A) | (B) Identity of issuer, borrower, lessor or similar party. | (C) Description of investment including maturity date, rate of interest, collateral, par or maturity value. | (D) Cost | (E) Current Value |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Columbia Funds | Registered Investment Company Columbia Div Income I3 Fund | $ 0.00 | $ 892,771.46 |
| | Dimensional Fund Advisors | Registered Investment Company DFA Inter Gov Fixed Inc I Fd | $ 0.00 | $ 158,474.35 |
| | Dimensional Fund Advisors | Registered Investment Company DFA Real Estate Secs I Fd | $ 0.00 | $ 205,750.82 |
| | Dimensional Fund Advisors | Registered Investment Company DFA US Large Company I Fund | $ 0.00 | $ 647,560.31 |
| | Fidelity Investments | Registered Investment Company Fidelity Extended Mkt Idx Fd | $ 0.00 | $ 484,775.93 |
| | Oppenheimer | Registered Investment Company Inv Dev Mark R6 Fd | $ 0.00 | $ 4,282.45 |
| | Reliance Trust Company | Common/Collective Trust MetLife SV Fd Ser 25053 Cl 0 | $ 0.00 | $ 3,035,347.67 |
| | MFS Investment Management | Registered Investment Company MFS Intl Diversification R6 Fd | $ 0.00 | $ 1,368,883.72 |
| * | Principal Funds Inc | Registered Investment Company Principal Core Fix Inc Inst Fd | $ 0.00 | $ 919,149.68 |
| | PIMCO Funds | Registered Investment Company PIMCO Intl Bond (USD-Hdg) I Fd | $ 0.00 | $ 130,598.84 |
| | Schwab Funds | Registered Investment Company Schwab S&P 500 Index Fund | $ 0.00 | $ 1,580,579.25 |
| | Vanguard Group | Registered Investment Company Vanguard Balncd Index Admrl Fd | $ 0.00 | $ 821,238.60 |
| | Vanguard Group | Registered Investment Company Vanguard Dev Mkts Index Adm Fd | $ 0.00 | $ 279,268.98 |
| | Vanguard Group | Registered Investment Company Vanguard Growth Index Adm Fund | $ 0.00 | $ 2,972,684.39 |
| | Vanguard Group | Registered Investment Company Vanguard MidCap Val Idx Adm Fd | $ 0.00 | $ 838,036.85 |

ASSETS HELD AT END OF YEAR

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STERLING & STERLING, LLC. EMPLOYEES' THRIFT S

EIN 11 1957801
PLAN NUMBER 001
PLAN YEAR 01/01/2022 TO 12/31/2022



| (A) | (B) Identity of issuer, borrower, lessor or similar party. | (C) Description of investment including maturity date, rate of interest, collateral, par or maturity value. | (D) Cost | (E) Current Value |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Vanguard Group | Registered Investment Company Vanguard MidCp Grth Idx Adm Fd | $ 0.00 | $ 977,067.63 |
| | Vanguard Group | Registered Investment Company Vanguard Mtrl Index Adm Fund | $ 0.00 | $ 163,369.48 |
| | Vanguard Group | Registered Investment Company Vanguard Sm Cap Gr Idx Adm Fd | $ 0.00 | $ 520,700.16 |
| | Vanguard Group | Registered Investment Company Vanguard Sm Cap Index Adm Fund | $ 0.00 | $ 527,223.25 |
| | Vanguard Group | Registered Investment Company Vanguard Sm Cap Val Idx Adm Fd | $ 0.00 | $ 105,946.78 |
| | Vanguard Group | Registered Investment Company Vanguard Tgt Rmt Inc Inv Fund | $ 0.00 | $ 216,542.15 |
| | Vanguard Group | Registered Investment Company Vanguard Tgt Rmt 2020 Inv Fund | $ 0.00 | $ 209,846.74 |
| | Vanguard Group | Registered Investment Company Vanguard Tgt Rmt 2025 Inv Fund | $ 0.00 | $ 1,197,172.18 |
| | Vanguard Group | Registered Investment Company Vanguard Tgt Rmt 2030 Inv Fund | $ 0.00 | $ 2,049,542.62 |
| | Vanguard Group | Registered Investment Company Vanguard Tgt Rmt 2035 Inv Fund | $ 0.00 | $ 1,432,583.98 |
| | Vanguard Group | Registered Investment Company Vanguard Tgt Rmt 2040 Inv Fund | $ 0.00 | $ 645,133.92 |
| | Vanguard Group | Registered Investment Company Vanguard Tgt Rmt 2045 Inv Fund | $ 0.00 | $ 1,363,014.60 |
| | Vanguard Group | Registered Investment Company Vanguard Tgt Rmt 2050 Inv Fund | $ 0.00 | $ 1,672,937.28 |
| | Vanguard Group | Registered Investment Company Vanguard Tgt Rmt 2055 Inv Fund | $ 0.00 | $ 692,826.32 |
| | Vanguard Group | Registered Investment Company Vanguard Tgt Rmt 2060 Inv Fund | $ 0.00 | $ 213,336.59 |

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STERLING & STERLING, LLC. EMPLOYEES' THRIFT S

EIN 11 1957801
PLAN NUMBER 001
PLAN YEAR 01/01/2022 TO 12/31/2022

| (A) | (B) Identity of issuer, borrower, lessor or similar party. | (C) Description of investment including maturity date, rate of interest, collateral, par or maturity value. | (D) Cost | (E) Current Value |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Vanguard Group | Registered Investment Company Vanguard Tgt Rmt 2065 Inv Fund | $ 0.00 | $ 46,435.88 |
| | Vanguard Group | Registered Investment Company Vanguard Utilities Idx Adm Fd | $ 0.00 | $ 127,818.40 |
| | Vanguard Group | Registered Investment Company Vgd Infl-Prot Sec Adm Fund | $ 0.00 | $ 442,057.29 |
| | Western Asset Management Co. | Registered Investment Company Western Asset Cr Pls Bd IS Fd | $ 0.00 | $ 522,519.16 |
| * | Participant Loans | Range of Interest Rates Rates Range From 4.25% To 8.50% | $ 0.00 | $ 584,456.00 |
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