

**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 single-employer plan
  - a multiple-employer plan (Filers checking this box must attach a list of participating employer information in accordance with the form instructions.)
  - 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. . . . . ▶
- 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

<b>1a</b> Name of plan <u>FREEMPORT WELDING &amp; FABRICATING, INC. EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN</u>	<b>1b</b> Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ <u>002</u>
	<b>1c</b> Effective date of plan <u>01/01/2009</u>
<b>2a</b> 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) <u>FREEMPORT WELDING &amp; FABRICATING, INC</u>  <u>PO BOX 2076</u> <u>FREEMPORT, TX 77542</u>	<b>2b</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>74-1658530</u>
	<b>2c</b> Plan Sponsor's telephone number <u>979-233-0121</u>
	<b>2d</b> Business code (see instructions) <u>332300</u>

**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.

<b>SIGN HERE</b>	<u>Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature.</u>	<u>12/18/2024</u>	<u>DALE GRIGGS</u>
	Signature of plan administrator	Date	Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator
<b>SIGN HERE</b>			
	Signature of employer/plan sponsor	Date	Enter name of individual signing as employer or plan sponsor
<b>SIGN HERE</b>			
	Signature of DFE	Date	Enter name of individual signing as DFE

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<p><b>3a</b> Plan administrator's name and address <input type="checkbox"/> Same as Plan Sponsor</p> <p style="color: blue;">FREEPORT WELDING &amp; FABRICATING, INC</p> <p style="color: blue;">PO BOX 2076 FREEPORT, TX 77542</p>	<p><b>3b</b> Administrator's EIN 74-1658530</p> <p><b>3c</b> Administrator's telephone number 979-233-0121</p>
<p><b>4</b> 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:</p> <p><b>a</b> Sponsor's name</p> <p><b>c</b> Plan Name</p>	<p><b>4b</b> EIN</p> <p><b>4d</b> PN</p>
<p><b>5</b> Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year</p>	<p><b>5</b> 170</p>
<p><b>6</b> Number of participants as of the end of the plan year unless otherwise stated (welfare plans complete only lines <b>6a(1)</b>, <b>6a(2)</b>, <b>6b</b>, <b>6c</b>, and <b>6d</b>).</p>	
<p><b>a(1)</b> Total number of active participants at the beginning of the plan year .....</p>	<p><b>6a(1)</b> 102</p>
<p><b>a(2)</b> Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year .....</p>	<p><b>6a(2)</b> 110</p>
<p><b>b</b> Retired or separated participants receiving benefits .....</p>	<p><b>6b</b> 1</p>
<p><b>c</b> Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits.....</p>	<p><b>6c</b> 73</p>
<p><b>d</b> Subtotal. Add lines <b>6a(2)</b>, <b>6b</b>, and <b>6c</b>.....</p>	<p><b>6d</b> 184</p>
<p><b>e</b> Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits. ....</p>	<p><b>6e</b> 0</p>
<p><b>f</b> Total. Add lines <b>6d</b> and <b>6e</b> .....</p>	<p><b>6f</b> 184</p>
<p><b>g</b> Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item).....</p>	<p><b>6g</b> 177</p>
<p><b>h</b> Number of participants who terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested.....</p>	<p><b>6h</b> 2</p>
<p><b>7</b> Enter the total number of employers obligated to contribute to the plan (only multiemployer plans complete this item) .....</p>	<p><b>7</b></p>
<p><b>8a</b> If the plan provides pension benefits, enter the applicable pension feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions: 2I 2O 3I</p> <p><b>b</b> If the plan provides welfare benefits, enter the applicable welfare feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions:</p>	
<p><b>9a</b> Plan funding arrangement (check all that apply)</p> <p>(1) <input type="checkbox"/> Insurance</p> <p>(2) <input type="checkbox"/> Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts</p> <p>(3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trust</p> <p>(4) <input type="checkbox"/> General assets of the sponsor</p>	<p><b>9b</b> Plan benefit arrangement (check all that apply)</p> <p>(1) <input type="checkbox"/> Insurance</p> <p>(2) <input type="checkbox"/> Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts</p> <p>(3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trust</p> <p>(4) <input type="checkbox"/> General assets of the sponsor</p>
<p><b>10</b> Check all applicable boxes in 10a and 10b to indicate which schedules are attached, and, where indicated, enter the number attached. (See instructions)</p>	
<p><b>a Pension Schedules</b></p> <p>(1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>R</b> (Retirement Plan Information)</p> <p>(2) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>MB</b> (Multiemployer Defined Benefit Plan and Certain Money Purchase Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary</p> <p>(3) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>SB</b> (Single-Employer Defined Benefit Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary</p>	<p><b>b General Schedules</b></p> <p>(1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>H</b> (Financial Information)</p> <p>(2) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>I</b> (Financial Information – Small Plan)</p> <p>(3) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>0 A</b> (Insurance Information)</p> <p>(4) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>C</b> (Service Provider Information)</p> <p>(5) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>D</b> (DFE/Participating Plan Information)</p> <p>(6) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>G</b> (Financial Transaction Schedules)</p>

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

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**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.

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

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**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 \_\_\_\_\_

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**SCHEDULE C  
(Form 5500)**

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

Department of Labor  
Employee Benefits Security Administration

Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

**Service Provider Information**

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

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

OMB No. 1210-0110

**2022**

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

**A** Name of plan  
FREPORT WELDING & FABRICATING, INC. EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN

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

**C** Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500  
FREPORT WELDING & FABRICATING, INC

**D** Employer Identification Number (EIN)  
74-1658530

**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)

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

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

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

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

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

**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.

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

<b>(a)</b> Enter name and EIN or address of service provider (see instructions)	<b>(b)</b> Nature of Service Code(s)	<b>(c)</b> 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)

<b>a</b> Name:	CROWE LLP	<b>b</b> EIN:	35-0921680
<b>c</b> Position:	AUDITOR		
<b>d</b> Address:	9 GREENWAY PLAZA SUITE 1700 HOUSTON, TX 77046-0946	<b>e</b> Telephone:	713-667-9147

Explanation: CROWE BUSINESS DECISION

<b>a</b> Name:		<b>b</b> EIN:	
<b>c</b> Position:			
<b>d</b> Address:		<b>e</b> Telephone:	

Explanation:

<b>a</b> Name:		<b>b</b> EIN:	
<b>c</b> Position:			
<b>d</b> Address:		<b>e</b> Telephone:	

Explanation:

<b>a</b> Name:		<b>b</b> EIN:	
<b>c</b> Position:			
<b>d</b> Address:		<b>e</b> Telephone:	

Explanation:

<b>a</b> Name:		<b>b</b> EIN:	
<b>c</b> Position:			
<b>d</b> Address:		<b>e</b> Telephone:	

Explanation:

**SCHEDULE H  
(Form 5500)**

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

Department of Labor  
Employee Benefits Security Administration

Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

**Financial Information**

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

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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**

<b>A</b> Name of plan <b>FREEPORT WELDING &amp; FABRICATING, INC. EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN</b>	<b>B</b> Three-digit plan number (PN) ► <b>002</b>
<b>C</b> Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <b>FREEPORT WELDING &amp; FABRICATING, INC</b>	<b>D</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN) <b>74-1658530</b>

**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.

<b>Assets</b>		<b>(a) Beginning of Year</b>	<b>(b) End of Year</b>
<b>a</b> Total noninterest-bearing cash.....	<b>1a</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>b</b> Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts):			
<b>(1)</b> Employer contributions.....	<b>1b(1)</b>		
<b>(2)</b> Participant contributions.....	<b>1b(2)</b>		
<b>(3)</b> Other.....	<b>1b(3)</b>		
<b>c</b> General investments:			
<b>(1)</b> Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit).....	<b>1c(1)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>(2)</b> U.S. Government securities.....	<b>1c(2)</b>		
<b>(3)</b> Corporate debt instruments (other than employer securities):			
<b>(A)</b> Preferred.....	<b>1c(3)(A)</b>		
<b>(B)</b> All other.....	<b>1c(3)(B)</b>		
<b>(4)</b> Corporate stocks (other than employer securities):			
<b>(A)</b> Preferred.....	<b>1c(4)(A)</b>		
<b>(B)</b> Common.....	<b>1c(4)(B)</b>		
<b>(5)</b> Partnership/joint venture interests.....	<b>1c(5)</b>		
<b>(6)</b> Real estate (other than employer real property).....	<b>1c(6)</b>		
<b>(7)</b> Loans (other than to participants).....	<b>1c(7)</b>		
<b>(8)</b> Participant loans.....	<b>1c(8)</b>		
<b>(9)</b> Value of interest in common/collective trusts.....	<b>1c(9)</b>		
<b>(10)</b> Value of interest in pooled separate accounts.....	<b>1c(10)</b>		
<b>(11)</b> Value of interest in master trust investment accounts.....	<b>1c(11)</b>		
<b>(12)</b> Value of interest in 103-12 investment entities.....	<b>1c(12)</b>		
<b>(13)</b> Value of interest in registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds).....	<b>1c(13)</b>		
<b>(14)</b> Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts).....	<b>1c(14)</b>		
<b>(15)</b> Other.....	<b>1c(15)</b>		

1d Employer-related investments:		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
(1) Employer securities.....	1d(1)	2399830	2299284
(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	2399831	2299286
<b>Liabilities</b>			
g Benefit claims payable.....	1g		
h Operating payables.....	1h		
i Acquisition indebtedness.....	1i		
j Other liabilities.....	1j		
k Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through 1j).....	1k	0	0
<b>Net Assets</b>			
l Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f).....	1l	2399831	2299286

**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.

<b>Income</b>		(a) Amount	(b) Total
<b>a Contributions:</b>			
(1) Received or receivable in cash from: (A) Employers.....	2a(1)(A)		
(B) Participants.....	2a(1)(B)		
(C) Others (including rollovers).....	2a(1)(C)		
(2) Noncash contributions.....	2a(2)		
(3) Total contributions. Add lines 2a(1)(A), (B), (C), and line 2a(2).....	2a(3)		0
<b>b Earnings on investments:</b>			
(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)		
(F) Other.....	2b(1)(F)		
(G) Total interest. Add lines 2b(1)(A) through (F).....	2b(1)(G)		0
(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)		
(D) Total dividends. Add lines 2b(2)(A), (B), and (C).....	2b(2)(D)		0
(3) Rents.....	2b(3)		
(4) Net gain (loss) on sale of assets:			
(A) Aggregate proceeds.....	2b(4)(A)		
(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)	-38385	
(C) Total unrealized appreciation of assets. Add lines 2b(5)(A) and (B).....	2b(5)(C)		-38385

		(a) Amount	(b) Total
(6) Net investment gain (loss) from common/collective trusts .....	2b(6)		
(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)		
<b>c</b> Other income .....	2c		
<b>d</b> Total income. Add all <b>income</b> amounts in column (b) and enter total .....	2d		-38385
<b>Expenses</b>			
<b>e</b> Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers .....	2e(1)	62160	
(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)		62160
<b>f</b> Corrective distributions (see instructions) .....	2f		
<b>g</b> Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions) .....	2g		
<b>h</b> Interest expense .....	2h		
<b>i</b> Administrative expenses: (1) Professional fees .....	2i(1)		
(2) Contract administrator fees.....	2i(2)		
(3) Investment advisory and management fees .....	2i(3)		
(4) Other .....	2i(4)		
(5) Total administrative expenses. Add lines 2i(1) through (4).....	2i(5)		0
<b>j</b> Total expenses. Add all <b>expense</b> amounts in column (b) and enter total .....	2j		62160
<b>Net Income and Reconciliation</b>			
<b>k</b> Net income (loss). Subtract line 2j from line 2d.....	2k		-100545
<b>l</b> 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)  Unmodified (2)  Qualified (3)  Disclaimer (4)  Adverse

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

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

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

(1) Name: **DOEREN MAYHEW ASSURANCE**

(2) EIN: **38-2492570**

**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:

**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.) .....

	Yes	No	Amount
<b>4a</b>		X	

		Yes	No	Amount
<b>b</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.).....	<b>4b</b>		X	
<b>c</b> 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.) .....	<b>4c</b>		X	
<b>d</b> 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.).....	<b>4d</b>		X	
<b>e</b> Was this plan covered by a fidelity bond?.....	<b>4e</b>	X		1000000
<b>f</b> Did the plan have a loss, whether or not reimbursed by the plan's fidelity bond, that was caused by fraud or dishonesty? .....	<b>4f</b>		X	
<b>g</b> 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? .....	<b>4g</b>		X	
<b>h</b> 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?.....	<b>4h</b>		X	
<b>i</b> Did the plan have assets held for investment? (Attach schedule(s) of assets if "Yes" is checked, and see instructions for format requirements.).....	<b>4i</b>	X		
<b>j</b> 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.).....	<b>4j</b>		X	
<b>k</b> Were all the plan assets either distributed to participants or beneficiaries, transferred to another plan, or brought under the control of the PBGC? .....	<b>4k</b>		X	
<b>l</b> Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan? .....	<b>4l</b>		X	
<b>m</b> If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.) .....	<b>4m</b>		X	
<b>n</b> 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. ....	<b>4n</b>			

**5a** Has a resolution to terminate the plan been adopted during the plan year or any prior plan year?.....  Yes  No  
 If "Yes," enter the amount of any plan assets that reverted to the employer this year \_\_\_\_\_.

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

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

**5c** Was the plan a defined benefit plan covered under the PBGC insurance program at any time during this plan year? (See ERISA section 4021 and instructions.) .....  Yes  No  Not determined  
 If "Yes" is checked, enter the My PAA confirmation number from the PBGC premium filing for this plan year \_\_\_\_\_.

<b>SCHEDULE R</b> <b>(Form 5500)</b>  <small>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</small>  <small>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</small>  <small>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</small>	<b>Retirement Plan Information</b>  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).  <b>▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.</b>	<small>OMB No. 1210-0110</small>  <b>2022</b>  <b>This Form is Open to Public Inspection.</b>
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For calendar plan year 2022 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2022 and ending 12/31/2022

<b>A</b> Name of plan <u>FREEMPORT WELDING &amp; FABRICATING, INC. EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN</u>	<b>B</b> Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	<u>002</u>
<b>C</b> Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <u>FREEMPORT WELDING &amp; FABRICATING, INC</u>	<b>D</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>74-1658530</u>	

<b>Part I</b>	<b>Distributions</b>
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**All references to distributions relate only to payments of benefits during the plan year.**

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

1		62160
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**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): 58-1428634

**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..... 

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<b>Part II</b>	<b>Funding Information</b> (If the plan is not subject to the minimum funding requirements of section 412 of the Internal Revenue Code or ERISA section 302, skip this Part.)
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**4** Is the plan administrator making an election under Code section 412(d)(2) or ERISA section 302(d)(2)? .....  Yes  No  N/A  
**If the plan is a defined benefit plan, go to line 8.**

**5** If a waiver of the minimum funding standard for a prior year is being amortized in this plan year, see instructions and enter the date of the ruling letter granting the waiver. **Date:** Month \_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_  
**If you completed line 5, complete lines 3, 9, and 10 of Schedule MB and do not complete the remainder of this schedule.**

<b>6 a</b> Enter the minimum required contribution for this plan year (include any prior year accumulated funding deficiency not waived).....	<b>6a</b>	
<b>b</b> Enter the amount contributed by the employer to the plan for this plan year.....	<b>6b</b>	
<b>c</b> 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).....	<b>6c</b>	

**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

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

<b>Part IV</b>	<b>ESOPs</b> (see instructions). If this is not a plan described under section 409(a) or 4975(e)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code, skip this Part.
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**10** Were unallocated employer securities or proceeds from the sale of unallocated securities used to repay any exempt loan?.....  Yes  No

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

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

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

**Part V Additional Information for Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans**

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

**a** Name of contributing employer \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) \_\_\_\_\_

(2) Base unit measure:  Hourly  Weekly  Unit of production  Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_

**a** Name of contributing employer \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) \_\_\_\_\_

(2) Base unit measure:  Hourly  Weekly  Unit of production  Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_

**a** Name of contributing employer \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) \_\_\_\_\_

(2) Base unit measure:  Hourly  Weekly  Unit of production  Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_

**a** Name of contributing employer \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) \_\_\_\_\_

(2) Base unit measure:  Hourly  Weekly  Unit of production  Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_

**a** Name of contributing employer \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) \_\_\_\_\_

(2) Base unit measure:  Hourly  Weekly  Unit of production  Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_

**a** Name of contributing employer \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) \_\_\_\_\_

(2) Base unit measure:  Hourly  Weekly  Unit of production  Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

**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:

<b>a</b> The corresponding number for the plan year immediately preceding the current plan year.....	<b>15a</b>	
<b>b</b> The corresponding number for the second preceding plan year.....	<b>15b</b>	

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

<b>a</b> Enter the number of employers who withdrew during the preceding plan year .....	<b>16a</b>	
<b>b</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.....	<b>16b</b>	

**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 \_\_\_\_\_



**FREEPORT WELDING &  
FABRICATING, INC.  
EMPLOYEE STOCK  
OWNERSHIP PLAN**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND  
SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULE**

DECEMBER 31, 2022 AND 2021  
*(With Independent Auditor's Report Thereon)*

# FREEPORT WELDING & FABRICATING, INC. EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Plan Administrator of the  
**Freeport Welding & Fabricating, Inc.**  
**Employee Stock Ownership Plan**

### Opinion on the 2022 Financial Statements

We have audited the financial statements of the Freeport Welding & Fabricating, Inc. Employee Stock Ownership Plan (the Plan), an employee benefit plan subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), which comprise the statement of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2022 and the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements (2022 financial statements).

In our opinion, the accompanying 2022 financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the net assets available for benefits of Freeport Welding & Fabricating, Inc. Employee Stock Ownership Plan as of December 31, 2022, and the changes in net assets available for benefits for the year then ended, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

### Basis for Opinion on the 2022 Financial Statements

We conducted our audit 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 2022 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 audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

### Responsibilities of Management for the 2022 Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the 2022 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.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for one year after the date that the 2022 financial statements are 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 2022 Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the 2022 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 2022 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 2022 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 2022 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.

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 - 2022 Supplemental Schedule Required by ERISA

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the 2022 financial statements as a whole. The supplemental schedule of assets (held at end of year) is presented for the purpose of additional analysis and is not a required part of the 2022 financial statements but is supplemental information required by the Department of Labor's (DOL) Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Such information is the responsibility of the Plan's management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the 2022 financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the 2022 financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the 2022 financial statements or to the 2022 financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with GAAS.

In forming our opinion on the supplemental schedule, we evaluated whether the supplemental schedule, including its form and content, is presented in conformity with the DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.

In our opinion, the information in the accompanying schedule is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the 2022 financial statements as a whole, and the form and content are presented in conformity with the DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.

### Other Matter - Auditor's Report on the 2021 Financial Statements

The 2021 financial statements of Freeport Welding & Fabricating, Inc. Employee Stock Ownership Plan were audited by predecessor auditors whose report dated June 30, 2023, expressed an unmodified opinion on those financial statements and included an other-matter paragraph that provided an opinion that the information in the 2021 supplemental schedule was fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the 2021 financial statements as a whole.

*Doeren Mayhew Assurance*

Houston, Texas  
December 18, 2024

**FREEMPORT WELDING & FABRICATING, INC.  
EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN**

**STATEMENTS OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS  
DECEMBER 31, 2022 AND 2021**

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<u>Assets</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Investments at fair value:		
Freeport Welding & Fabricating, Inc. preferred stock (Notes 3 and 4)	\$ 2,299,284	\$ 2,399,830
Mutual fund (Note 3)	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>
Net assets available for benefits	<u>\$ 2,299,286</u>	<u>\$ 2,399,831</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements

**FREEPORT WELDING & FABRICATING, INC.  
EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN**

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

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Deductions from net assets:	
Net depreciation in fair value of investments (Note 3)	\$ 38,385
Distributions (Note 3)	<u>62,160</u>
Total deductions from net assets	<u>100,545</u>
Net decrease in net assets available for benefits	(100,545)
Net assets available for benefits:	
Beginning of year	<u>2,399,831</u>
End of year	<u><u>\$ 2,299,286</u></u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements

# **FREEMPORT WELDING & FABRICATING, INC. EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN**

## **NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2022 AND 2021**

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### **Note 1 - Description of the Plan**

The following description of the Freeport Welding & Fabricating, Inc. Employee Stock Ownership Plan (the Plan) is provided for general information purposes only and is as of December 31, 2022 unless otherwise noted. Participants should refer to the Plan document for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions.

#### General

Freeport Welding & Fabricating, Inc. (the Company) established the Plan effective January 1, 2009. The Plan consists of two portions, a profit sharing plan portion and an employee stock ownership plan portion. The Plan is designed to comply with the applicable requirements of Sections 401(a), 409 and 4975(e)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC) and is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).

On June 18, 2010, the Plan acquired 300,000 shares of Company preferred stock by borrowing \$7,475,000 from the Company. The borrowing was paid off during 2014 resulting in the full allocation of the preferred stock to Plan participants.

#### Administration

The Company is the Plan Sponsor. The Plan Administrator is the ESOP Committee, which is responsible for oversight of operations and compliance with the reporting and disclosure rules under ERISA. The Plan has an independent Trustee and custodial services are provided by Argent Trust Company. The Plan's recordkeeping is performed by a third-party administrator, Blue Ridge ESOP Associates.

#### Eligibility

All full-time employees of the Company are eligible to participate in the Plan after attaining age 18 and completing 500 hours of service. Eligible employees become participants on June 30 or December 31 coincident with or next following completion of eligibility requirements.

#### Contributions

The Company may make, at the discretion of its Board, annual contributions to the Plan in cash or shares of Company preferred stock. Contributions are allocated annually pro-rata based upon current year compensation to participants who retired, became disabled or died during the year, or are employed on the last day of the year and have completed 500 hours of service during the Plan year. Contributions are subject to certain Internal Revenue Service (IRS) limitations. The ESOP Committee, in its sole discretion, may permit rollover contributions from other plans.

#### Voting Rights

Each participant is entitled to direct the Trustee as to how to vote the shares of Company preferred stock allocated to eligible participants with respect to any proposed corporate merger or consolidation, racialization, reclassification, liquidation, dissolution, or sale of substantially all of the assets of a trade or business of the Company. The Trustee will vote the shares of Company preferred stock held in the Plan on all other matters in their discretion. All other shareholder rights with respect to Company preferred stock held in the Plan will be exercised by the Trustee, solely in the interest of the participants in the Plan and their beneficiaries.

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### Participant Accounts

A separate individual account is established and maintained for each participant. Each participant's account is credited as of the last day of each Plan year with an allocation of shares of the Company's preferred stock from forfeitures of terminated participants' non-vested accounts. The allocation will be in the same proportion as the ratio which each eligible participant's compensation bears to the total compensation of all eligible participants for the year. Investment earnings and expenses are totaled and allocated to all participants based upon the beginning balance in their cash account less any distributions from such accounts since the preceding allocation date. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the benefit that can be produced from the participant's vested account.

### Vesting

Participants become 100% vested in their accounts upon normal or late retirement, disability, or death. Vesting in employer contributions is based on years of credited service with the Company according to a graded vesting scale, with participants being 20% vested after two years of service and 100% vested after six years of service. For purposes of vesting, a year of service means any year during which the employee completes not less than 1,000 hours of service with the Company.

### Payment of Benefits

Distributions to participants from the Plan will be made upon retirement, death, or termination of employment. Distributions are paid in a single lump sum distribution or installment payments over a period generally not to exceed five years, unless the participant elects to receive benefits over a longer period of time. The participants have the right to elect to receive the balance credited to their account in the form of Company preferred stock, subject to the requirement that Company preferred stock must be immediately sold to the Company or back to the Plan at a price equal to its fair market value (as determined by an independent professional appraiser as of December 31 of the immediately preceding year). The Company or the Plan will have the option to pay the purchase price for the participant's Company preferred stock in one lump sum or in substantially equal, annual installments over a period not exceeding five years, with interest.

### Put Option

Under federal income tax regulations, Company preferred stock that is held by the Plan and its participants and is not readily tradable on an established market, or is subject to trading limitations, includes a put option. The put option is a right to demand that the Company buy any shares of Company preferred stock distributed to participants for which there is no market. The put price is representative of the current appraised value of Company preferred stock. The Company can pay for the purchase with interest over a period of five years. The purpose of the put option is to ensure that the participant has the ability to ultimately obtain cash.

### Administrative Expenses

As provided in the plan document, administrative expenses may be paid either by the Plan or by the Company. The Company has historically paid the operating expenses for the Plan. Expenses that are paid by the Company are excluded from these financial statements.

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### Diversification

Diversification of Company preferred stock will be available to participants that reach age 55 and have completed ten years of participation in the Plan. The participants may make this election over a period of six Plan years. The amount available for diversification is 25% of the value of Company preferred stock credited to their account for each of the first five years and 50% of the value of Company preferred stock for the sixth year, reduced by any amounts previously elected to be diversified. The election must be received within 90 days after the close of the Plan year in which diversification was elected. The diversified amounts are to be invested among three or more investment funds consisting of different types of properties and offering different degrees of risk and potential reward.

### Forfeitures

If a participant leaves the Company for any reason other than retirement, disability, or death, any balance in their account in excess of the vested amount will be deducted from their account and credited to the accounts of other participants. Forfeitures are allocated annually pro-rata based upon current year compensation to participants who retired, became disabled, or died during the plan year or are employed on the last day of the Plan year and have completed 500 hours of service during the year. During 2022, forfeitures of approximately \$646 representing approximately 54 shares of Company preferred stock were reallocated to eligible participants.

## **Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

### Basis of Accounting and Estimates

The financial statements of the Plan are prepared on the accrual basis of accounting in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP). The preparation of financial statements in accordance with GAAP requires the Company to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, and changes therein, and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

### Investment Valuation and Income Recognition

Investments are reported at fair value. See Note 3 for discussion of fair value measurements. Net depreciation in fair value of investments includes the Plan's gains and losses on investments bought and sold as well as held during the year.

### Payment of Benefits

Benefits are recorded when paid.

### Reclassification of Prior Year Presentation

Certain prior year amounts have been reclassified for consistency with the current year presentation. These reclassifications had no effect on the reported statement of changes in net assets available for benefits.

### Subsequent Events

The Plan has evaluated subsequent events through December 18, 2024, the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

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**Note 3 - Fair Value Measurements**

The framework for measuring fair value provides a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3). The three levels of the fair value hierarchy under FASB ASC 820 are described as follows:

Level 1 - Inputs to the valuation methodology are unadjusted quoted prices in active markets that are accessible at the measurement date for identical, unrestricted assets or liabilities.

Level 2 - Inputs to the valuation methodology include quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets, quoted prices for identical assets or liabilities in inactive markets, inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability, or 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's 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. The following is a description of the valuation methodologies used for assets measured at fair value.

*Mutual fund:* Valued at the daily closing price as reported by the fund. This fund is open-ended and is registered with the SEC, whereby it is required to publish its daily net asset value (NAV) and transact at that price. The fund held by the Plan is deemed to be actively traded.

*Freeport Welding & Fabricating, Inc. preferred stock:* Valued based upon an independent third-party appraisal conducted each year as of December 31. The following tables depict the fair value appraisal of the Company preferred stock as of December 31, 2022 and 2021, including the principle valuation techniques and unobservable inputs:

**As of December 31, 2022**

Investment	Fair Value	Principal Valuation Technique	Unobservable Inputs
Freeport Welding & Fabricating, Inc. preferred stock	\$ 2,299,284	Asset	Liquidation discounts

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<b>As of December 31, 2021</b>			
Investment	Fair Value	Principal Valuation Technique	Unobservable Inputs
Freeport Welding & Fabricating, Inc. preferred stock	\$ 2,399,830	Income	EBITDA Net income Weighted average cost of capital Discount rate Discount for lack of marketability
		Market	Public comparables Revenue multiple EBITDA multiple Discount for lack of marketability
		Asset	Liquidation discounts

The preceding methods described may produce a fair value calculation that may not be indicative of net realizable value or reflective of future fair values. Furthermore, although the Plan believes its valuation methods are appropriate and consistent with other market participants, the use of different methodologies or assumptions to determine the fair value of certain financial instruments could result in a different fair value measurement at the reporting date.

The following tables sets forth by level, within the fair value hierarchy, the Plan's assets measured on a recurring basis at fair value as of December 31,:

	<b>As of December 31, 2022</b>			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Freeport Welding & Febricaing, Inc. preferred stock	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,299,284	\$ 2,299,284
Mutual fund	2	-	-	2
Investments at fair value	<u>\$ 2</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 2,299,284</u>	<u>\$ 2,299,286</u>
	<b>As of December 31, 2021</b>			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Freeport Welding & Febricaing, Inc. preferred stock	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,399,830	\$ 2,399,830
Mutual fund	1	-	-	1
Investments at fair value	<u>\$ 1</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 2,399,830</u>	<u>\$ 2,399,831</u>

*Changes in fair value of Level 3 assets:* During the year ended December 31, 2022, the Plan distributed 5,103 shares valued at \$62,160 of the Plan's Level 3 assets.

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### Note 4 - Investments and Concentrations

The Plan's investment in the Company as of December 31 is presented in the following table:

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Freeport Welding & Fabricating, Inc.:		
Number of preferred shares	191,927	197,030
Cost	\$ 4,782,179	\$ 4,909,996
Estimated fair value	\$ 2,299,284	\$ 2,399,830

This investment represents substantially all of the Plan's total assets at December 31, 2022 and 2021.

### Note 5 - Plan Termination

Although it has not expressed any intent to do so, the Company has the right to terminate the Plan at any time, subject to the provisions of ERISA. If the Plan is terminated or partially terminated, the date of termination or partial termination will be a valuation date and after all adjustments required on a valuation date have been made, participants' benefits will be nonforfeitable. If the participant remains an employee of the Company after termination of the Plan, the amount of their benefits will be retained in trust and paid based on the defined distribution terms that existed under the Plan. If the participant's employment with the Company is terminated at the same time that the Plan is terminated, or if the participant is affected by a partial termination of the Plan, their benefits will be paid in a lump sum.

### Note 6 - Tax Status

The Plan is an individually designed plan and has received a favorable opinion letter from the IRS dated September 13, 2013, stating that the Plan is qualified under the IRS and therefore, the related trust is exempt from taxation. The Plan Sponsor believes that the Plan is currently designed and being operated in compliance with applicable requirements of the IRC. Therefore, the Plan Sponsor believes that the Plan was qualified, and the related trust was tax-exempt as of the financial statement date.

GAAP requires Plan management to evaluate tax positions taken by the Plan and recognize a tax liability if the Plan has taken a significant uncertain position that more likely than not would not be sustained upon examination by the IRS. As of December 31, 2022 and 2021, the Plan Administrator believes that the Plan has no uncertain tax positions that qualify for either recognition or disclosure in the financial statements. The Plan is subject to routine audits by taxing jurisdictions; however, there are currently no audits in progress for any tax periods.

### Note 7 - Related Parties and Party-in-Interest Transactions

The Plan invests in Company preferred stock and as described in Note 1, the Company pays Plan administrative expenses. These are related party and party-in-interest transactions. The Plan has service providers who are considered parties-in-interest under ERISA. However, these transactions are not considered prohibited transactions under 29 CFR 408(b) of the ERISA regulations.

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**Note 8 - Risks and Uncertainties**

The Plan's investments consist primarily of Company preferred stock, which is exposed to various risks such as interest rate, market, credit and risks resulting from global events, as well as valuation assumptions based on earnings, cash flows and other such techniques. Due to the level of risk associated with Company preferred stock and to uncertainties inherent in the estimates and assumptions, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in the value of Company preferred stock will occur in the near term and that such changes could materially affect participant accounts and the amounts reported in the statements of net assets available for benefits.

**SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULE**

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**SCHEDULE OF ASSETS (HELD AT END OF YEAR)  
DECEMBER 31, 2022  
Schedule H, Line 4(i)  
Plan Sponsor No. 74-1658530 / PLAN 002**

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
Identity of Issuer, Borrower, Lessor or Similar Party	Description of Investment Including Maturity Date, Rate of Interest, Collateral, Par or Maturity Value	Cost	Current Value	
*	Freeport Welding & Fabricating, Inc. Federated	191,927 shares of preferred stock Treasury Obligations Fund Institutional Class	\$ 4,782,179 <u>2</u>	\$ 2,299,284 <u>2</u>
	Total assets (held at end of year)	<u>\$ 4,782,181</u>	<u>\$ 2,299,286</u>	

\* Denotes party-in-interest as defined by ERISA.

**Schedule H, Line 4i**  
**Schedule of Assets (Held At End of Year)**

Name of Plan:

► Freeport Welding & Fabricating, Inc. Employee Stock Ownership Plan & Trust

Employer Identification Number: ► 74-1658530

For plan year (beginning/ending): ► 01/01/2022 - 12/31/2022

Plan number: ► 002

(a)	(b) Identity of issue, borrower, lessor, or similar party	(c) Description of investment including maturity date, rate of interest, collateral, par or maturity value	(d) Cost	(e) Current value
*	Freeport Welding & Fabricating, Inc.	191,926.9118 Shares Preferred Stock	4,782,179	2,299,284