

Form 5500 Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan This form is required to be filed for employee benefit plans under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and sections 6057(b) and 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ▶ Complete all entries in accordance with the instructions to the Form 5500.	OMB Nos. 1210-0110 1210-0089 2023 This Form is Open to Public Inspection
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Part I	Annual Report Identification Information
For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2023 and ending 12/31/2023	
A	This return/report is for: ☐ a multiemployer plan ☐ a multiple-employer plan (Filers checking this box must provide participating employer information in accordance with the form instructions.) ☒ a single-employer plan ☐ a DFE (specify) _____ ☐ the first return/report ☐ the final return/report ☒ an amended return/report ☐ a short plan year return/report (less than 12 months)
C	If the plan is a collectively-bargained plan, check here. ▶ ☐
D	Check box if filing under: ☒ Form 5558 ☐ automatic extension ☐ the DFVC program ☐ special extension (enter description)
E	If this is a retroactively adopted plan permitted by SECURE Act section 201, check here. ▶ ☐

Part II	Basic Plan Information—enter all requested information
1a	Name of plan TECHNICOTE, INC. EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT PLAN
1b	Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001
1c	Effective date of plan 01/01/1981
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) TECHNICOTE, INC. 222 MOUND AVE MIAMISBURG, OH 45342
2b	Employer Identification Number (EIN) 34-1313085
2c	Plan Sponsor's telephone number 937-384-2203
2d	Business code (see instructions) 322200

Caution: A penalty for the late or incomplete filing of this return/report will be assessed unless reasonable cause is established.

Under penalties of perjury and other penalties set forth in the instructions, I declare that I have examined this return/report, including accompanying schedules, statements and attachments, as well as the electronic version of this return/report, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete.

SIGN HERE	Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature.	12/27/2024	MICHELLE A DAVIS
	Signature of plan administrator	Date	Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator
SIGN HERE			
	Signature of employer/plan sponsor	Date	Enter name of individual signing as employer or plan sponsor
SIGN HERE			
	Signature of DFE	Date	Enter name of individual signing as DFE

3a Plan administrator's name and address ☒ Same as Plan Sponsor	3b Administrator's EIN 3c Administrator's telephone number
4 If the name and/or EIN of the plan sponsor or the plan name has changed since the last return/report filed for this plan, enter the plan sponsor's name, EIN, the plan name and the plan number from the last return/report: a Sponsor's name c Plan Name	4b EIN 4d PN
5 Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year	5 190
6 Number of participants as of the end of the plan year unless otherwise stated (welfare plans complete only lines 6a(1) , 6a(2) , 6b , 6c , and 6d). a(1) Total number of active participants at the beginning of the plan year a(2) Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year b Retired or separated participants receiving benefits c Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits d Subtotal. Add lines 6a(2) , 6b , and 6c e Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits f Total. Add lines 6d and 6e g(1) Number of participants with account balances as of the beginning of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item) g(2) Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item) h Number of participants who terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested	6a(1) 162 6a(2) 173 6b 13 6c 30 6d 216 6e 0 6f 216 6g(1) 186 6g(2) 212 6h 39
7 Enter the total number of employers obligated to contribute to the plan (only multiemployer plans complete this item)	7

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

2A 2E 2F 2G 2J 2K 2S 2T 3B 3D

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

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

a Pension Schedules

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

b General Schedules

- (1) ☒ **H** (Financial Information)
- (2) ☐ **I** (Financial Information – Small Plan)
- (3) ☐ **A** (Insurance Information) – Number Attached 0
- (4) ☒ **C** (Service Provider Information)
- (5) ☒ **D** (DFE/Participating Plan Information)
- (6) ☐ **G** (Financial Transaction Schedules)

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

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

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

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

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

Receipt Confirmation Code _____

SCHEDULE C (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Service Provider Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.	OMB No. 1210-0110
		2023
		This Form is Open to Public Inspection.
For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2023 and ending 12/31/2023		
A Name of plan TECHNICOTE, INC. EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT PLAN	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	001
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 TECHNICOTE, INC.	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 34-1313085	

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

1 Information on Persons Receiving Only Eligible Indirect Compensation

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

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

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

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

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

EMPOWER ANNUITY INSURANCE COMPANY

8515 EAST ORCHARD ROAD
GREENWOOD VILLAGE, CO 80111

(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?
64	RECORDKEEPER	3681	Yes ☒ No ☐	Yes ☒ No ☐	0	Yes ☒ No ☐

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

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

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

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

Part I Service Provider Information (continued)

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

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

Part II Service Providers Who Fail or Refuse to Provide Information

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

(a) Enter name and EIN or address of service provider (see instructions)	(b) Nature of Service Code(s)	(c) Describe the information that the service provider failed or refused to provide
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Part III Termination Information on Accountants and Enrolled Actuaries (see instructions)
(complete as many entries as needed)

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

Explanation:

a Name:	b EIN:
c Position:	
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a Name:	b EIN:
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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 2023 This Form is Open to Public Inspection.
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A Name of plan TECHNICOTE, INC. EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT PLAN	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ►	001
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C Plan or DFE sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 TECHNICOTE, INC.	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 34-1313085
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Part I	Information on interests in MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs (to be completed by plans and DFEs) (Complete as many entries as needed to report all interests in DFEs)
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: FLEXPATH INDEX AGGRESSIVE 2055 R1

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

c EIN-PN 47-2554270-222	d Entity code C	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 8211
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: FLEXPATH INDEX CONSERVATIVE 2025 R1

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

c EIN-PN 47-2458234-215	d Entity code C	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 7725
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: FLEXPATH INDEX MODERATE RETIRE R1

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

c EIN-PN 47-2248665-211	d Entity code C	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 1147121
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: FLEXPATH INDEX MODERATE 2055 R1

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

c EIN-PN 47-2563528-223	d Entity code C	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 346442
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: FLEXPATH INDEX AGGRESSIVE 2035 R1

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

c EIN-PN 47-2468898-216	d Entity code C	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 125660
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: FLEXPATH INDEX MODERATE 2025 R1

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

c EIN-PN 47-2285799-214	d Entity code C	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 1168686
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: FLEXPATH INDEX AGGRESSIVE 2045 R1

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

c EIN-PN 47-2503540-219	d Entity code C	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 82333
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: FLEXPATH INDEX CONSERVATIVE 2055 R1		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): GREAT GRAY		
c EIN-PN 47-2575758-224	d Entity code C	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 31718
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: FLEXPATH INDEX AGGRESSIVE RETIRE R1		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): GREAT GRAY		
c EIN-PN 47-2238264-210	d Entity code C	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 7217
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PUTNAM STABLE VALUE FUNDS		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): PUTNAM INVESTMENTS		
c EIN-PN 04-3159710-202	d Entity code C	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 101394
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: FLEXPATH INDEX CONSERVATIVE 2035 R1		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): GREAT GRAY		
c EIN-PN 47-2491300-218	d Entity code C	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 2929
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: FLEXPATH INDEX AGGRESSIVE 2025 R1		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): GREAT GRAY		
c EIN-PN 47-2275031-213	d Entity code C	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 29398
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: FLEXPATH INDEX MODERATE 2045 R1		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): GREAT GRAY		
c EIN-PN 47-2516187-220	d Entity code C	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 778695
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: CORE PLUS BOND FUND II FEE CLASS R1		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): GREAT GRAY		
c EIN-PN 38-7271377-758	d Entity code C	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 32320
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: FLEXPATH INDEX MODERATE 2035 R1		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): GREAT GRAY		
c EIN-PN 47-2478524-217	d Entity code C	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 1546512
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: EMERGING MARKETS FUND CLASS R1		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): GREAT GRAY		
c EIN-PN 86-1819869-672	d Entity code C	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 6008
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: FLEXPATH INDEX CONSERVATIVE 2045 R1		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): GREAT GRAY		
c EIN-PN 47-2529162-221	d Entity code C	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 0

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

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

a Plan name**b** Name of
plan sponsor**c** EIN-PN**a** Plan name**b** Name of
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SCHEDULE H (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Financial Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ► File as an attachment to Form 5500.	OMB No. 1210-0110
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C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 TECHNICOTE, INC.	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 34-1313085	

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

Assets		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
a Total noninterest-bearing cash	1a	0	0
b Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts):			
(1) Employer contributions	1b(1)	0	0
(2) Participant contributions	1b(2)	0	0
(3) Other	1b(3)	0	0
c General investments:			
(1) Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit)	1c(1)	0	0
(2) U.S. Government securities	1c(2)	0	0
(3) Corporate debt instruments (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(3)(A)	0	0
(B) All other	1c(3)(B)	0	0
(4) Corporate stocks (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(4)(A)	0	0
(B) Common	1c(4)(B)	0	0
(5) Partnership/joint venture interests	1c(5)	0	0
(6) Real estate (other than employer real property)	1c(6)	0	0
(7) Loans (other than to participants)	1c(7)	0	0
(8) Participant loans	1c(8)	57531	95478
(9) Value of interest in common/collective trusts	1c(9)	4234769	5422369
(10) Value of interest in pooled separate accounts	1c(10)		
(11) Value of interest in master trust investment accounts	1c(11)	0	0
(12) Value of interest in 103-12 investment entities	1c(12)	0	0
(13) Value of interest in registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds)	1c(13)	125601	326732
(14) Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts)	1c(14)		
(15) Other	1c(15)	0	0

1d Employer-related investments:		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
(1) Employer securities	1d(1)	0	0
(2) Employer real property	1d(2)	0	0
e Buildings and other property used in plan operation	1e	0	0
f Total assets (add all amounts in lines 1a through 1e)	1f	4417901	5844579
Liabilities			
g Benefit claims payable	1g	0	0
h Operating payables	1h		
i Acquisition indebtedness	1i	0	0
j Other liabilities	1j	0	0
k Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through 1j)	1k	0	0
Net Assets			
l Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f)	1l	4417901	5844579

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)	328911	
(B) Participants	2a(1)(B)	558033	
(C) Others (including rollovers)	2a(1)(C)	172958	
(2) Noncash contributions	2a(2)	0	
(3) Total contributions. Add lines 2a(1)(A) , (B) , (C) , and line 2a(2)	2a(3)		1059902
b Earnings on investments:			
(1) Interest:			
(A) Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit)	2b(1)(A)	0	
(B) U.S. Government securities	2b(1)(B)	0	
(C) Corporate debt instruments	2b(1)(C)	0	
(D) Loans (other than to participants)	2b(1)(D)	0	
(E) Participant loans	2b(1)(E)	5102	
(F) Other	2b(1)(F)	0	
(G) Total interest. Add lines 2b(1)(A) through (F)	2b(1)(G)		5102
(2) Dividends: (A) Preferred stock	2b(2)(A)	0	
(B) Common stock	2b(2)(B)	0	
(C) Registered investment company shares (e.g. mutual funds)	2b(2)(C)	7858	
(D) Total dividends. Add lines 2b(2)(A) , (B) , and (C)	2b(2)(D)		7858
(3) Rents	2b(3)		0
(4) Net gain (loss) on sale of assets: (A) Aggregate proceeds	2b(4)(A)	0	
(B) Aggregate carrying amount (see instructions)	2b(4)(B)	0	
(C) Subtract line 2b(4)(B) from line 2b(4)(A) and enter result	2b(4)(C)		
(5) Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of assets: (A) Real estate	2b(5)(A)	0	
(B) Other	2b(5)(B)	0	
(C) Total unrealized appreciation of assets. Add lines 2b(5)(A) and (B)	2b(5)(C)		

		(a) Amount	(b) Total
(6) Net investment gain (loss) from common/collective trusts.....	2b(6)		657787
(7) Net investment gain (loss) from pooled separate accounts.....	2b(7)		0
(8) Net investment gain (loss) from master trust investment accounts.....	2b(8)		0
(9) Net investment gain (loss) from 103-12 investment entities.....	2b(9)		0
(10) Net investment gain (loss) from registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds)	2b(10)		34621
c Other income	2c		0
d Total income. Add all income amounts in column (b) and enter total	2d		1765270

Expenses

e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers	2e(1)	332391	
(2) To insurance carriers for the provision of benefits.....	2e(2)	0	
(3) Other	2e(3)	0	
(4) Total benefit payments. Add lines 2e(1) through (3)	2e(4)		332391
f Corrective distributions (see instructions)	2f		0
g Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions)	2g		2520
h Interest expense	2h		0
i Administrative expenses:			
(1) Salaries and allowances	2i(1)	0	
(2) Contract administrator fees.....	2i(2)	0	
(3) Recordkeeping fees.....	2i(3)	3681	
(4) IQPA audit fees.....	2i(4)	0	
(5) Investment advisory and investment management fees	2i(5)	0	
(6) Bank or trust company trustee/custodial fees	2i(6)	0	
(7) Actuarial fees	2i(7)	0	
(8) Legal fees	2i(8)	0	
(9) Valuation/appraisal fees	2i(9)	0	
(10) Other trustee fees and expenses	2i(10)	0	
(11) Other expenses	2i(11)	0	
(12) Total administrative expenses. Add lines 2i(1) through (11)	2i(12)		3681
j Total expenses. Add all expense amounts in column (b) and enter total	2j		338592

Net Income and Reconciliation

k Net income (loss). Subtract line 2j from line 2d	2k		1426678
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) ☒ 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: **BRIXEY & MEYER, INC.**

(2) EIN: **30-0132514**

d The opinion of an independent qualified public accountant is **not attached** as part of Schedule H because:

(1) ☐ This form is filed for a CCT, PSA, DCG or MTIA. (2) ☐ It will be attached to the next Form 5500 pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.104-50.

Part IV Compliance Questions

4 CCTs and PSAs do not complete Part IV. MTIAs, 103-12 IEs, and GIAs do not complete lines 4a, 4e, 4f, 4g, 4h, 4k, 4m, 4n, or 5. 103-12 IEs also do not complete lines 4j and 4l. MTIAs also do not complete line 4l. DCGs do not complete lines 4e, 4f, 4k, 4l, and 5, and DCGs generally complete the rest of Part IV collectively for all plans in the DCG, except as otherwise provided (see instructions).

During the plan year:

	Yes	No	Amount
a Was there a failure to transmit to the plan any participant contributions within the time period described in 29 CFR 2510.3-102? Continue to answer "Yes" for any prior year failures until fully corrected. (See instructions and DOL's Voluntary Fiduciary Correction Program.)		☒	
b Were any loans by the plan or fixed income obligations due the plan in default as of the close of the plan year or classified during the year as uncollectible? Disregard participant loans secured by participant's account balance. (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part I if "Yes" is checked.)		☒	
c Were any leases to which the plan was a party in default or classified during the year as uncollectible? (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part II if "Yes" is checked.)		☒	
d Were there any nonexempt transactions with any party-in-interest? (Do not include transactions reported on line 4a. Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part III if "Yes" is checked.)		☒	
e Was this plan covered by a fidelity bond?	☒		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?		☒	
g Did the plan hold any assets whose current value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?		☒	
h Did the plan receive any noncash contributions whose value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?		☒	
i Did the plan have assets held for investment? (Attach schedule(s) of assets if "Yes" is checked, and see instructions for format requirements.)	☒		
j Were any plan transactions or series of transactions in excess of 5% of the current value of plan assets? (Attach schedule of transactions if "Yes" is checked and see instructions for format requirements.)		☒	
k Were all the plan assets either distributed to participants or beneficiaries, transferred to another plan, or brought under the control of the PBGC?		☒	
l Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan?		☒	
m If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.)		☒	
n If 4m was answered "Yes," check the "Yes" box if you either provided the required notice or one of the exceptions to providing the notice applied under 29 CFR 2520.101-3.			

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

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

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

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

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

SCHEDULE R (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Retirement Plan Information This schedule is required to be filed under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.	OMB No. 1210-0110
		2023
		This Form is Open to Public Inspection.

For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2023 and ending 12/31/2023		
A Name of plan TECHNICOTE, INC. EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT PLAN	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	001
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 TECHNICOTE, INC.	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 34-1313085	

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

1	Total value of distributions paid in property other than in cash or the forms of property specified in the instructions.....	1	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): 84-1455663		
Profit-sharing plans, ESOPs, and stock bonus plans, skip line 3.			
3	Number of participants (living or deceased) whose benefits were distributed in a single sum, during the plan year	3	

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

Part III	Amendments
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9	If this is a defined benefit pension plan, were any amendments adopted during this plan year that increased or decreased the value of benefits? If yes, check the appropriate box. If no, check the "No" box.	☐ Increase	☐ Decrease	☐ Both	☐ No
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Part IV	ESOPs (see instructions). If this is not a plan described under section 409(a) or 4975(e)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code, skip this Part.
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10	Were unallocated employer securities or proceeds from the sale of unallocated securities used to repay any exempt loan?	☐ Yes	☐ No
11	a Does the ESOP hold any preferred stock?	☐ Yes	☐ No
	b If the ESOP has an outstanding exempt loan with the employer as lender, is such loan part of a "back-to-back" loan? (See instructions for definition of "back-to-back" loan.)	☐ Yes	☐ No
12	Does the ESOP hold any stock that is not readily tradable on an established securities market?	☐ Yes	☐ No

Part V Additional Information for Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans

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

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

a Enter the percentage of plan assets held as:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

☐ Yes.

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

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

☐ No. Other. Provide explanation. _____

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

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

☒ Design-based safe harbor method

☐ "Prior year" ADP test

☐ "Current year" ADP test

☐ N/A

22 If the plan sponsor is an adopter of a pre-approved plan that received a favorable IRS Opinion Letter, enter the date of the Opinion Letter 11 / 14 / 2022 (MM/DD/YYYY) and the Opinion Letter serial number Q702518A.

**Technicote, Inc.
Employee Retirement Plan**

**Financial Statements
and Supplemental Schedule**

**As of December 31, 2023 and 2022 and for the Year Ended
December 31, 2023 with Report of Independent Auditors**



TECHNICOTE, INC.
EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT PLAN

Financial Statements
and Supplemental Schedule

*As of December 31, 2023, and 2022
and for the Year Ended December 31, 2023*

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Independent Auditor's Report

To the Plan Administrator
Technicote, Inc. Employee Retirement Plan
Miamisburg, Ohio

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

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

Management, having determined it is permissible in the circumstances, has elected to have the audits of the Plan's financial statements performed in accordance with ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's (DOL) 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 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 DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA (qualified institution).

Management has obtained certifications from a qualified institution as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, and for the year ended December 31, 2023, stating that the certified investment information, as described in Note 3 to the financial statements, is complete and accurate.

Opinion

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

- The amounts and disclosures in the accompanying financial statements, other than those agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (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 Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Plan and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audits. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit opinion.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with 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 the Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for one year after the date that the financial statements were available to be issued.

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

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Except as described in the Scope and Nature of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) Audit section of our report, our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, we:

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

Our audits did not extend to the certified investment information, except for obtaining and reading the certifications, 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 as a whole 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 H, line 4i – Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year) is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements but is supplementary information required by the DOL'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, are presented in conformity with the DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.

In our opinion:

- The form and content of the supplemental schedule, other than the information in the supplemental schedule that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, are presented, in all material respects, in conformity with the DOL'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).

Brixey & Meyer, Inc.
Miamisburg, OH
December 5, 2024

Technicote, Inc. Employee Retirement Plan
Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits

	December 31,	
	2023	2022
Assets:		
Investments:		
Common collective trusts	\$ 5,422,369	\$ 4,234,769
Mutual funds, at fair value	326,732	125,601
Total investments	5,749,101	4,360,370
Receivables:		
Employer contributions receivable	8,007	161,595
Participant contributions receivable	20,130	-
Notes receivable from participants	95,478	57,531
Total receivables	123,615	219,126
Total assets	5,872,716	4,579,496
Liabilities:		
Excess contributions payable	-	10,744
Total liabilities	-	10,744
Net assets available for benefits	\$ 5,872,716	\$ 4,568,752

Technicote, Inc. Employee Retirement Plan
Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits
For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

Additions:

Investment income, net:	
Net appreciation in fair value of investments	\$ 692,408
Interest and dividends	7,858
Total investment income, net	<u>700,266</u>
 Interest income on notes receivable from participants	 5,102
 Contributions:	
Participants	578,163
Employer	175,323
Rollovers	172,958
Total contributions	<u>926,444</u>
 Total additions	 <u>1,631,812</u>

Deductions:

Benefits paid to participants	324,167
Administrative expenses	3,681
Total deductions	<u>327,848</u>
 Net increase	 <u>1,303,964</u>

Net assets available for benefits - beginning of year	<u>4,568,752</u>
Net assets available for benefits - end of year	<u><u>\$ 5,872,716</u></u>

Technicote, Inc. Employee Retirement Plan
Notes to the Financial Statements
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Note 1 – Description of Plan

The following description of Technicote, Inc. Employee Retirement Plan (the Plan) provides only general information. Participants should refer to the plan agreement for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions.

General

The Plan is a defined contribution plan established by Technicote, Inc. (the Plan Sponsor and Company) under the provisions of Section 401(a) of the United States Internal Revenue Code (the Code), which includes a qualified cash or deferred arrangement as described in Section 401(k) of the Code, for the benefit of eligible employees of the Company and any adopting participating employers. The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), as well as certain provisions of the federal income tax laws.

All employees of the Company and any participating affiliates are subject to the following eligibility requirements:

- Age: 21
- Service: 6 months (January 1, 2023 – April 30, 2023); 3 months (May 1, 2023 – December 31, 2023)
- Status Exclusions:
 - a. Employees who are members of a specific union
 - b. Leased employees
 - c. Seasonal employees
 - d. Independent contractors
 - e. Non-resident aliens with no U.S. earned income
 - f. Part-time employees
 - g. Other exclusion

Upon satisfying the eligibility requirements, employees may participate in the Plan immediately upon eligibility.

Contributions

The Plan is funded through employee elective deferrals and Company contributions. Each year, participants may elect to contribute a portion of their compensation, subject to certain maximum limitations imposed by Section 402(g) of the Code. At the discretion of the plan administrator, participants may be permitted to deposit or “rollover” into the Plan distributions they have received from other plans and certain Individual Retirement Accounts (IRAs). Participants who have attained age 50 before the end of the plan year are eligible to make catch-up contributions.

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Note 1 – Description of Plan (continued)

Contributions (continued)

The following contribution types are allowed by the Plan:

- Rollover contributions
- Roth deferrals
- Elective deferrals
- Employer matching
- Employer profit sharing

The Plan has an automatic enrollment provision (3% salary deferral with 1% increases annually on the first day of April until reaching a maximum of 6%) whereby employees must elect out of the Plan if they do not wish to participate.

The Company makes a matching contribution of 50% of the participant deferral up to 6% of compensation.

Additionally, the Company may make discretionary profit sharing contributions which will be allocated in accordance with the plan document provisions at the discretion of the Company's Board of Directors. The Company did not make a discretionary profit sharing contribution for the year ended December 31, 2023. Participants must be employed on the last day of the plan year and have earned 1,000 hours of service to be eligible to receive discretionary profit sharing contributions.

Participant Accounts

Each participant's account is credited with the participant's contribution, allocation of the Company's contributions, and plan earnings or losses and charged with an allocation of administrative expenses that are paid by the Plan. Allocations may be charged based on participant earnings, account balances, or specific participant transactions. 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 deferral contributions, rollovers, plus any earnings they generate. Vesting in the Company's discretionary matching and profit sharing contributions, plus any earnings they generate, vest at 20% each year, beginning year two, and are fully vested after six years of service.

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Note 1 – Description of Plan (continued)

Forfeited Accounts

Forfeitures represent unvested portions of terminated participants' accounts. The Plan allows forfeitures of non-vested Company contributions to be used as follows:

- Pay administrative expenses
- Reduce Company contributions
- Reallocated as Company contributions

As of December 31, 2023 and 2022, forfeited non-vested accounts totaled \$91,753 and \$115,625, respectively. During the year ended December 31, 2023, forfeited non-vested accounts of \$43,095 were used to reduce Company contributions.

Investment Options

Upon enrollment in the Plan, a participant may direct the contributions made to the Plan, for or on behalf of the participant, to any one or more of the investment funds determined at the discretion of the plan administrator and Plan Sponsor and in such multiples as the participant prescribes. A participant may change his or her investment direction with respect to future contributions or redirect the investment of his or her account balances.

Notes Receivable from Participants

Participants who are active employees may borrow against their vested account balances a minimum of \$1,000 up to a maximum equal to the lesser of 50% of their vested account balance or \$50,000. The loans, in the form of promissory notes, are secured by the balance in the participant's account, and bear interest at reasonable rates, which are commensurate with local prevailing rates as determined by the plan administrator. Principal and interest are paid ratably through payroll deductions and generally repaid within 5 years.

Benefits Paid to Participants

Upon termination of service, disability, or retirement, a participant is entitled to receive a distribution equal to the value of the participant's vested interest in his or her account. Distribution of a deceased participant's account will be made to the designated beneficiary.

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Note 1 – Description of Plan (continued)

Benefits Paid to Participants (continued)

The following types of distributions are also allowed by the Plan:

- Hardship
- In service
- Involuntary cash-outs
- Rollover source withdrawal at any time
- Termination partial withdrawal

Plan Expenses

The Plan's expenses are paid by either the Plan or the Company, as provided by the plan document. Expenses paid directly by the Company are excluded from these financial statements. Certain expenses incurred in connection with the general administration of the Plan that are paid by the Plan are recorded as deductions in the accompanying statement of changes in net assets available for benefits. In addition, certain investment-related expenses are included in net appreciation in fair value of investments.

Termination of the Plan

Although it has not expressed any intent to do so, the Company has the right under the Plan to discontinue its contributions at any time and to terminate the Plan subject to the provisions of ERISA. Upon termination, no further contributions will be made to the Plan and all amounts credited to the participant's account will become 100% vested. The Company will direct the distribution of the participant's account in a manner permitted by the Plan as soon as practicable.

Note 2 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Basis of Accounting

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 (U.S. GAAP).

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in accordance with U.S. GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and changes therein, and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

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Note 2 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

Investment Valuation and Income Recognition

Investments held by the Plan are reported at fair value. Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. See Note 4 for discussion of fair value measurements.

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

Contributions

Contributions from Plan participants and employer contributions, if any, are recorded in the year in which the participant contributions are withheld from compensation.

Notes Receivable from Participants

Notes receivable from participants are measured at their unpaid principal balance plus any accrued but unpaid interest. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. Related fees are recorded as administrative expenses and are expensed when they are incurred. No allowance for credit losses has been recorded as of December 31, 2023 and 2022. If a participant ceases to make scheduled repayments and the plan administrator deems the participant note receivable to be in default, the participant note receivable balance is reduced and a benefit payment recorded.

Payment of Benefits

Benefits are recorded when approved.

Note 3 – Certified Investments

The plan administrator has elected the method of compliance permitted by 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosures under ERISA. Accordingly, all investment information disclosed in the accompanying financial statements and supplemental schedule, including investments held at December 31, 2023 and 2022, net appreciation in fair value of investments, and dividends and interest for the year ended December 31, 2023, were obtained or derived from information supplied to the plan administrator and certified as complete and accurate by Empower Trust Company (the Trustee).

The Plan's independent accountants did not perform auditing procedures with respect to this information, except for comparing such information to the related information included in the financial statements and supplemental schedule.

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Note 4 – 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 are described as follows:

- Level 1: Inputs to the valuation methodology are unadjusted quoted prices for identical assets or liabilities in active markets that the Plan has the ability to access.
- Level 2: Inputs to the valuation methodology include:
 - Quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets;
 - Quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in inactive markets;
 - Inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability; 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 maximize the use of relevant observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs.

Following is a description of the valuation methodologies used for assets measured at fair value, including the general classification of such instruments pursuant to the valuation hierarchy. There have been no changes in the methodologies used at December 31, 2023 and 2022.

Mutual funds: Mutual funds are stated at fair value as defined by observable quoted prices in active markets (Level 1).

Common collective trust funds: Made up of investments in a collective investment trust which invests in a collective trust fund as well as a variety of separate accounts and mutual funds. The fair value of the collective investment trust and the separate accounts are not publicly quoted pricing inputs. The fair value of mutual funds are publicly quoted pricing inputs. The fair value of the underlying investments are used in determining the Net Asset Value (NAV) of the collective investment trust. The NAV, as provided by the Trustee, is used as a practical expedient to estimate fair value. There are no restrictions on redemptions from these funds.

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Note 4 – Fair Value Measurements (continued)

The methods described above may produce a fair value calculation that may not be indicative of net realizable value or reflective of future fair values. Furthermore, while the plan administrator believes the Plan's 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 table sets forth by level, within the fair value hierarchy, the Plan's assets at fair value as of December 31, 2023:

	<u>Level 1</u>	<u>Level 2</u>	<u>Level 3</u>	<u>Total</u>
Mutual funds	\$ 326,732	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 326,732
Collective trust funds ^(a)	-	-	-	5,422,369
Total investments, at fair value	<u>\$ 326,732</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 5,749,101</u>

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

The following table sets forth by level, within the fair value hierarchy, the Plan's assets at fair value as of December 31, 2022:

	<u>Level 1</u>	<u>Level 2</u>	<u>Level 3</u>	<u>Total</u>
Mutual funds	\$ 125,601	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 125,601
Collective trust funds ^(a)	-	-	-	4,234,769
Total investments, at fair value	<u>\$ 125,601</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 4,360,370</u>

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

Note 5 – Excess Contributions Payable

Amounts payable to participants for contributions in excess of amounts allowed by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) are recorded as a liability with a corresponding reduction to contributions.

The excess contributions as of December 31, 2022 were distributed by the Plan to the applicable participants within the allowable time frame as required by ERISA.

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Note 6 – Related Party Transactions and Transactions with Parties-in-Interest

A related party is any party who can control or significantly influence plan management or operating policies. Parties-in-interest are defined under Department of Labor (DOL) regulations as any employees of the Plan, fiduciaries of the Plan, service providers to the Plan, the employer whose employees are covered by the Plan, and certain significant owners of the employer and their relatives.

Service providers may include, but are not limited to, the custodian, trustee, third-party administrator (TPA), investment managers, investment advisors, legal counsel, and plan auditor.

During the year ended December 31, 2023, the Plan made direct payments of \$3,681 to certain parties-in-interest for administration and investment advisory fees, as allowed by ERISA. The Plan Sponsor pays directly any other fees related to the operation of the Plan.

Fees incurred by the Plan for the investment management services are included in the net appreciation in fair value of the related investment, as they are paid using investment earnings rather than a direct payment.

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 values of investment securities will occur in the near term and that such changes could materially affect participants' account balances and the amounts reported in the statement of net assets available for benefits.

Note 8 – Tax Status

The underlying standardized prototype plan has received an opinion letter from the IRS dated November 14, 2022, stating that the form of the Plan is qualified under Section 401 of the Code, and therefore, the related trust is tax exempt. In accordance with Revenue Procedure 2017-41 and 2017-29 I.R.B. 92, the Plan Sponsor has determined that it is eligible for, and has chosen to rely on, the current IRS non-standardized pre-approval letter. Once qualified, the Plan is required to operate in conformity with the Code to maintain its qualification.

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require plan management to evaluate tax positions taken by the Plan and recognize a tax liability (or asset) of the Plan if the Plan has taken an uncertain tax position that is more likely than not would not be sustained upon examination by the IRS. There were no uncertain tax positions of the Plan as of December 31, 2023 or 2022.

The Plan is subject to routine audits by taxing jurisdictions. The plan administrator believes it is no longer subject to income tax examinations for years prior to 2020.

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Note 9 – Reconciliation of Financial Statements to Form 5500

The following is a reconciliation of net assets available for benefits between the financial statements and Form 5500 as of December 31:

	2023	2022
Net assets available for benefits per financial statements	\$ 5,872,716	\$ 4,568,752
Less: employer contributions receivable	(8,007)	(161,595)
Less: participant contributions receivable	(20,130)	-
Plus: corrective distributions	-	10,744
Net assets available for benefits per Form 5500	<u>\$ 5,844,579</u>	<u>\$ 4,417,901</u>

The following is a reconciliation of the change in net assets available for benefits between the financial statements and Form 5500 as of December 31, 2023:

Increase in net assets available for benefits per financial statements	\$ 1,303,964
Change in employer contributions receivable	153,588
Change in participant contributions receivable	(20,130)
Change in corrective distributions	(10,744)
Increase in net assets available for benefits per 5500	<u>\$ 1,426,678</u>

Note 10 – Subsequent Events

In connection with the preparation of the Plan's financial statements as of and for the year ended December 31, 2023, events and transactions subsequent to December 31, 2023 through December 5, 2024, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued, have been evaluated by the plan administrator for possible adjustments or disclosures. Effective January 1, 2024, the plan administrator elected to amended the Plan, resulting in certain changes, including, but not limited to updates to the excluded employees classifications within the Plan. Except as noted above, no other subsequent events requiring financial statement adjustment and/or disclosure have been identified.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

Technicote, Inc. Employee Retirement Plan
 EIN 34-1313085
 December 31, 2023

Plan # 001

Schedule H, line 4i - Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year)

(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
Common Collective Trusts				
	FLEXPATH INDEX CONSERVATIVE 2025 R1	547 shares	**	\$ 7,725
	FLEXPATH INDEX CONSERVATIVE 2035 R1	187 shares	**	2,929
	FLEXPATH INDEX CONSERVATIVE 2055 R1	1,575 shares	**	31,718
	FLEXPATH INDEX MODERATE RETIRE R1	80,726 shares	**	1,147,121
	FLEXPATH INDEX MODERATE 2025 R1	77,602 shares	**	1,168,686
	FLEXPATH INDEX MODERATE 2035 R1	90,864 shares	**	1,546,512
	FLEXPATH INDEX MODERATE 2045 R1	41,686 shares	**	778,695
	FLEXPATH INDEX MODERATE 2055 R1	18,063 shares	**	346,442
	FLEXPATH INDEX AGGRESSIVE RETIRE R1	475 shares	**	7,217
	FLEXPATH INDEX AGGRESSIVE 2025 R1	1,740 shares	**	29,398
	FLEXPATH INDEX AGGRESSIVE 2035 R1	6,548 shares	**	125,660
	FLEXPATH INDEX AGGRESSIVE 2045 R1	4,066 shares	**	82,333
	FLEXPATH INDEX AGGRESSIVE 2055 R1	404 shares	**	8,211
	EMERGING MARKETS FUNDING CLASS R1	837 shares	**	6,008
	CORE PLUS BOND FUND II FEE CLASS R1	3,611 shares	**	32,320
	PUTNAM STABLE VALUE FUND	101,394 shares	**	101,394
	Total common collective trusts			5,422,369
Mutual Funds				
	PRINCIPAL REAL ESTATE SECURITIES INST	970 shares	**	26,965
	VANGUARD SMALL CAP INDEX ADM	222 shares	**	22,672
	FIDELITY MID CAP INDEX	565 shares	**	16,924
	FIDELITY 500 INDEX	340 shares	**	56,312
	JPMORGAN LARGE CAP GROWTH R6	1,126 shares	**	71,092
	VANGUARD EQUITY-INCOME ADM	685 shares	**	57,709
	AMERICAN FUNDS AMERICAN BALANCED R6	1,943 shares	**	62,164
	AMERICAN FUNDS EUROPACIFIC GR R6	182 shares	**	9,941
	LORD ABBETT HIGH YIELD R6	267 shares	**	1,693
	PIMCO INT BOND (USD-HEDGED) INST	128 shares	**	1,260
	Total mutual funds			326,732
* Notes Receivable - Participant Loans				
		Interest rates ranging from 4.25%-9.50%, maturing at various dates through November 2028.	\$ -	95,478
				<u><u>\$ 5,844,579</u></u>

* - Represents a party-in-interest as defined by ERISA.

** - Cost has not been disclosed as all accounts are participant-directed.

December 5, 2024

To Those Charged with Governance and Management of
Technicote, Inc. Employee Retirement Plan
222 Mound Ave.
Miamisburg, OH 45342

We have conducted an Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit of the financial statements of Technicote, Inc. Employee Retirement Plan (the Plan) as of and for the year ended December 31, 2023 and have issued our report thereon dated December 5, 2024. Professional standards require that we advise you of the following information related to our audit.

Our Responsibility in Relation to the Financial Statement Audit

As communicated in our audit engagement letter for the audit of the financial statements mentioned above, our responsibility, as described by professional standards, is to conduct our audit in accordance with ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's (DOL) Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Therefore, as permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C), the audit need not extend to any statements or information related to assets held for investment of the Plan (investment information) by a bank or similar institution or insurance carrier that is regulated, supervised, and subject to periodic examination by 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 DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA (qualified institution). For an ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit, the audit will 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 requirement of accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (U.S. GAAP). Accordingly, the objective of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit is not to express an opinion about whether the financial statements as a whole are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with U.S. GAAP.

Our responsibility, as prescribed by professional standards, is to plan and perform our audit to obtain reasonable, rather than absolute, assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit of financial statements includes consideration of the system of internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing 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 of the Plan solely for the purpose of determining our audit procedures and not to provide any assurance concerning such internal control.

We are also responsible for communicating significant matters related to the audit that are, in our professional judgment, relevant to your responsibilities in overseeing the financial reporting process. However, we are not required to design procedures for the purpose of identifying other matters to communicate to you.

Planned Scope and Timing of the Audit

We conducted our audit consistent with the planned scope and timing we previously communicated to you.

Compliance with All Ethics Requirements Regarding Independence

The engagement team, others in our firm, as appropriate, our firm, and our network firms have complied with all relevant ethical requirements regarding independence.

In the normal course of our professional association with Technicote, Inc. Employee Retirement Plan, we generally discuss a variety of matters, including the application of accounting principles and auditing standards, significant events or transactions that occurred during the year, business conditions affecting the plan, and business plans and strategies that may affect the risks of material misstatement. None of the matters discussed resulted in a condition to our retention as the Plan's auditors.

Significant Risk Identified

We have identified the following significant risk that user access could be inappropriate and management overrides exist to record inappropriate journal entries. No matters have come to our attention that would indicate this has occurred.

Qualitative Aspects of the Plan's Significant Accounting Practices

Significant Accounting Policies

Management has the responsibility to select and use appropriate accounting policies. A summary of the significant accounting policies adopted by the Plan is included in Note 2 to the financial statements. There have been no initial selection of accounting policies and no changes in significant accounting policies or their application during 2023. No matters have come to our attention that would require us, under professional standards, to inform you about (1) the methods used to account for significant unusual transactions and (2) the effect of significant accounting policies in controversial or emerging areas for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus.

Significant Accounting Estimates

Accounting estimates are an integral part of the financial statements prepared by management and are based on management's current judgments. Those judgments are normally based on knowledge and experience about past and current events and assumptions about future events. Certain accounting estimates are particularly sensitive because of their significance to the financial statements and because of the possibility that future events affecting them may differ markedly from management's current judgments. The most sensitive accounting estimate affecting the financial statements is:

Management's estimate of the fair value of investments is described in Note 4 to the financial statements. We evaluated the key factors and assumptions used to develop the fair value of investments and determined that it is reasonable in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

Financial Statement Disclosures

Certain financial statement disclosures involve significant judgment and are particularly sensitive because of their significance to financial statement users. The most significant disclosures affecting the financial statements are:

Fair Value Measurements disclosure note, which describes the valuation methodologies used to estimate the fair value of investments.

Significant Unusual Transactions

We encountered no significant unusual transactions during the performance of the audit.

Form 5500 Procedures

We are required to obtain and read a substantially complete draft of the Form 5500 prior to dating our auditor's report. The purpose of this procedure is to identify any material inconsistencies between the draft Form 5500 and the Plan's financial statements. We identified no material inconsistencies in performing and completing our audit.

Identified or Suspected Fraud

We are not aware of any identified or suspected fraud.

Significant Difficulties Encountered during the Audit

We encountered no significant difficulties in dealing with management relating to the performance of the audit.

Uncorrected and Corrected Misstatements

For purposes of this communication, professional standards require us to accumulate all known and likely misstatements identified during the audit, other than those that we believe are trivial, and communicate them to the appropriate level of management. Further, professional standards require us to also communicate the effect of uncorrected misstatements related to prior periods on the relevant classes of transactions, account balances or disclosures, and the financial statements as a whole. The management representation letter described below includes an attachment that summarizes uncorrected financial statement misstatements whose effects in the current and prior periods, as determined by management, are immaterial, both individually and in the aggregate, to the financial statements taken as a whole. Uncorrected misstatements or matters underlying those uncorrected misstatements could potentially cause future-period financial statements to be materially misstated, even though the uncorrected misstatements are immaterial to the financial statements currently under audit.

In addition, professional standards require us to communicate to you all material, corrected misstatements that were brought to the attention of management as a result of our audit procedures. See financial statement footnote "Reconciliation to Form 5500", if any, for material, corrected misstatements.

Disagreements with Management

For purposes of this letter, professional standards define a disagreement with management as a matter, whether or not resolved to our satisfaction, concerning a financial accounting, reporting, or auditing matter, which could be significant to the Plan's financial statements or the auditor's report. No such disagreements arose during the course of the audit.

Representations Requested from Management

We have requested certain written representations from management, which are dated December 5, 2024.

Internal Control Matters

Except as discussed in the Our Responsibility in Relation to the Financial Statement Audit paragraph, in planning and performing our audit of the financial statements of the Plan in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, we considered the Plan's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Plan's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Plan's internal control.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the preceding paragraph and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and, therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. However, as discussed below, we identified certain deficiencies in internal controls and considered their nature as follows:

- A material weakness is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the Plan's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis.
- A significant deficiency is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.
- A control deficiency exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis.

We identified the following deficiencies in the Plan's internal control, which are also considered to be reportable findings:

Forfeiture Balances

Matters Identified: During our audit, we found that there are no procedural controls to ensure forfeited participant accounts are used by the end of the following year after the forfeitures are generated pursuant to Plan provisions. The Internal Revenue Code (IRC) requires that these forfeited accounts be used pursuant to Plan provisions. We noted forfeitures used during the audit year are less than the beginning balance of forfeitures available.

Recommendation: We recommend the Plan use or reallocate these forfeited accounts as soon as possible and plan management put in place a procedural control to monitor that all forfeitures created are used pursuant to Plan provisions. We also recommend Plan management consider consultation with ERISA counsel to determine if an official correction is necessary to ensure the Plan remains in compliance with ERISA and IRC regulations.

Eligible Compensation

During our audit procedures, it was noted that bonuses were not excluded from the definition of eligible compensation as indicated in the plan documents. We recommend that management work with their payroll service provider to ensure the bonus pay code is automatically excluded from eligible compensation to align with the plan provisions.

Net Distribution Calculations

Matters Identified: During our audit, we noted there are insufficient controls to ensure vesting and forfeitures are accurately calculated for participant distributions. We found certain participants who received distributions during the audit year had vesting and forfeitures calculated incorrectly which resulted in incorrect distribution payments to those participants.

Correction Required: Plan management needs to determine distribution corrections needed and process those corrections. We will request proof of correction when performing next year's audit.

Recommendation: We recommend Plan management consult with Plan service providers to implement policies and procedures to review all distribution payments for correct vesting and forfeitures prior to payments being made by the Custodian. We also recommend that Plan management complete a historical review of participant distributions to ensure there are no other vesting and forfeitures calculated incorrectly that would require correction.

Other Matters

The ERISA-required supplemental schedules, other than that agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, were subjected to the audit procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards (GAAS).

Our responsibility also includes communicating to you any information which we believe is a material misstatement of fact. Nothing came to our attention that caused us to believe that such information, or its manner of presentation, is materially inconsistent with the information, or manner of its presentation, appearing in the financial statements.

This communication is intended solely for the information and use of those charged with governance and management of the Plan and is not intended to be, and should not be, used by anyone other than these specified parties.



Brixey & Meyer, Inc.
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SCHEDULE OF ASSETS (HELD AT END OF YEAR)

Technicote, Inc. Employee Retirement Plan

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INVESTMENT OPTION	MATURITY DATE	INTEREST RATE	COST OF ASSETS	CURRENT VALUE
1R1F25C			7,217.81	7,724.86
1R1F35C			2,710.59	2,928.97
1R1F55C			23,991.05	31,717.95
1R1FRTM			984,404.37	1,147,120.87
1R1F25M			998,867.45	1,168,685.89
1R1F35M			1,301,600.47	1,546,511.51
1R1F45M			635,806.14	778,694.90
1R1F55M			300,419.30	346,441.77
1R1FRTA			6,708.88	7,217.40
1R1F25A			27,547.04	29,398.11
1R1F35A			105,595.62	125,660.16
1R1F45A			67,694.62	82,332.58
1R1F55A			7,125.36	8,210.72
1RERGX			9,894.28	9,941.40
1EMFCR1			5,969.06	6,008.44
1PIREX			26,180.53	26,964.66
1VSMAX			19,847.56	22,672.02
1FSMDX			15,292.20	16,923.57
1FXAIX			48,777.04	56,311.68
1JLGMX			59,059.69	71,092.04
1VEIRX			56,939.47	57,709.04
1RLBGX			58,243.04	62,163.59
1CPBCR1			30,808.68	32,320.32
1LHYVX			1,577.23	1,693.47
1PFORX			1,217.15	1,259.93
1PCSV25			7,481.77	9,641.37
			4,810,976.40	5,657,347.22
PARTICIPANT LOANS	VARIOUS	4.250-9.500	95,130.19	95,478.46
FORFEITURES			91,752.88	91,752.88

SCHEDULE OF ASSETS (HELD AT END OF YEAR)

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INVESTMENT OPTION	MATURITY DATE	INTEREST RATE	COST OF ASSETS	CURRENT VALUE
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LEGEND

INVESTMENT OPTION:

1R1F25C	flexPATH Index Conservative 2025 R1	1R1F35C	flexPATH Index Conservative 2035 R1
1R1F55C	flexPATH Index Conservative 2055 R1	1R1FRTM	flexPATH Index Moderate Retire R1
1R1F25M	flexPATH Index Moderate 2025 R1	1R1F35M	flexPATH Index Moderate 2035 R1
1R1F45M	flexPATH Index Moderate 2045 R1	1R1F55M	flexPATH Index Moderate 2055 R1
1R1FRTA	flexPATH Index Aggressive Retire R1	1R1F25A	flexPATH Index Aggressive 2025 R1
1R1F35A	flexPATH Index Aggressive 2035 R1	1R1F45A	flexPATH Index Aggressive 2045 R1
1R1F55A	flexPATH Index Aggressive 2055 R1	1RERGX	American Funds EuroPacific Gr R6
1EMFCR1	Emerging Markets Fund Class R1	1PIREX	Principal Real Estate Securities Inst
1VSMAX	Vanguard Small Cap Index Adm	1FSMDX	Fidelity Mid Cap Index
1FXAIX	Fidelity 500 Index	1JLGMX	JPMorgan Large Cap Growth R6
1VEIRX	Vanguard Equity-Income Adm	1RLBGX	American Funds American Balanced R6
1CPBCR1	Core Plus Bond Fund II Fee Class R1	1LHYVX	Lord Abbett High Yield R6
1PFORX	PIMCO Int Bond (USD-Hedged) Inst	1PCSV25	Putnam Stable Value Fund

COST OF ASSETS: The original cost of the assets in each investment option as of the last day of the plan year

CURRENT VALUE: The value of all assets in each investment option as of the last day of the plan year