

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 ASCENT INDUSTRIES CO. 401(K) PLAN
1b	Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 003
1c	Effective date of plan 12/01/2016
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) DANCHEM TECHNOLOGIES, INC. ASCENT INDUSTRIES CO. 1400 16TH STREET STE 270 OAK BROOK, IL 60523-8801
2b	Employer Identification Number (EIN) 57-0426694
2c	Plan Sponsor's telephone number 434-797-8120
2d	Business code (see instructions) 541990

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.	02/26/2025	JENNY PATRICK
	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 DANCHEM TECHNOLOGIES, INC. c Plan Name DANCHEM TECHNOLOGIES, INC. 401(K) PLAN	4b EIN 54-1526703 4d PN 003
5 Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year	5 356
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) 316 6a(2) 490 6b 0 6c 154 6d 644 6e 4 6f 648 6g(1) 153 6g(2) 521 6h 0
7 Enter the total number of employers obligated to contribute to the plan (only multiemployer plans complete this item)	7
8a If the plan provides pension benefits, enter the applicable pension feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions: 2E 2F 2G 2J 2K 2T 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
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 <u>0</u> (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 ASCENT INDUSTRIES CO. 401(K) PLAN	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	003
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 DANCHEM TECHNOLOGIES, INC.	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 57-0426694	

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)

T. ROWE PRICE RPS, INC.

52-1309931

(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?
15 21 25 28 37 38 49 50 52 57 59 62 63 64 65	NONE	64333	Yes ☒ No ☐	Yes ☒ No ☐	0	Yes ☒ No ☐

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

PRUDENTIAL FUNDS

22-3703799

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
28 59	NONE	0	Yes ☒ No ☐	Yes ☐ No ☒	0	Yes ☒ No ☐

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

AMERICAN FUNDS

95-1411037

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
28 59	NONE	0	Yes ☒ No ☐	Yes ☐ No ☒	0	Yes ☒ No ☐

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

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

PRINCIPAL FUNDS

42-1520346

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
28 59	NONE	0	Yes ☒ No ☐	Yes ☐ No ☒	0	Yes ☒ No ☐

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

VANGUARD GROUP

23-1945930

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
28 59	NONE	0	Yes ☒ No ☐	Yes ☐ No ☒	0	Yes ☒ No ☐

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

JANUS FUNDS

43-1804048

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
28 59	NONE	0	Yes ☒ No ☐	Yes ☐ No ☒	0	Yes ☒ No ☐

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

GALLIARD FUNDS

800 LASALLE AVENUE,
SUITE 1400
MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55402

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
28 59	NONE	0	Yes ☒ No ☐	Yes ☐ No ☒	0	Yes ☒ No ☐

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

ALLIANCE BERNSTEIN

75-2401150

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
28 59	NONE	0	Yes ☒ No ☐	Yes ☐ No ☒	0	Yes ☒ No ☐

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

FIDELITY

ONE DESTINY WAY
WAJ37
WESTLAKE, TX 76262

04-2647786

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
28 59	NONE	0	Yes ☒ No ☐	Yes ☐ No ☒	0	Yes ☒ No ☐

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

AMERICAN BEACON FUNDS

4151 AMON CARTER BLVD
MD 2450
FORT WORTH, TX 76155

75-2401150

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
28 59	NONE	0	Yes ☒ No ☐	Yes ☐ No ☒	0	Yes ☒ No ☐

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			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
T ROWE PRICE RPS, INC	15 21 25 28 37 38 49 50 52 57 59 62 63 64 65	0
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
AMERICAN FUNDS EUROPAC GRW R6 5300 ROBIN HOOD ROAD NORFOLK, VA 23513 95-1411037	FEE FOR SHAREHOLDER SERVICING BASED UPON 0.00%	
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
T ROWE PRICE RPS, INC	15 21 25 28 37 38 49 50 52 57 59 62 63 64 65	0
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
PGIM TOTAL RETURN BOND R6 P.O. BOX 9658 PROVIDENCE, RI 02940 22-3703799	FEE FOR SHAREHOLDER SERVICING BASED UPON 0.00%	
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
T ROWE PRICE RPS, INC	15 21 25 28 37 38 49 50 52 57 59 62 63 64 65	0
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
VANGUARD SMALL CAP INDEX ADM POST OFFICE BOX 1110 VALLEY FORGE, PA 19482 23-1945930	FEE FOR SHAREHOLDER SERVICING BASED UPON 0.00%	

Part I Service Provider Information (continued)

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(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
VANGUARD MID CAP INDEX ADM 23-1945930 POST OFFICE BOX 1110 VALLEY FORGE, PA 19482	FEE FOR SHAREHOLDER SERVICING BASED UPON 0.00%	
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
T ROWE PRICE RPS, INC	15 21 25 28 37 38 49 50 52 57 59 62 63 64 65	0
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
VANGUARD TTL BOND MKT IDX ADM 23-1945930 POST OFFICE BOX 1110 VALLEY FORGE, PA 19482	FEE FOR SHAREHOLDER SERVICING BASED UPON 0.00%	
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
T ROWE PRICE RPS, INC	15 21 25 28 37 38 49 50 52 57 59 62 63 64 65	0
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
GALLIARD STABLE RETURN C 800 LASALLE AVENUE, MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55402	FEE FOR SHAREHOLDER SERVICING BASED UPON 0.00%	

Part I Service Provider Information (continued)

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JANUS HENDERSON TRITON N 151 DETROIT STREET DENVER, CO 80206 43-1804048	FEE FOR SHAREHOLDER SERVICING BASED UPON 0.00%	
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
T ROWE PRICE RPS, INC	15 21 25 28 37 38 49 50 52 57 59 62 63 64 65	0
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
FIDELITY 500 INDEX FUND ONE DESTINY WAY WESTLAKE, TX 76262 04-2647786	FEE FOR SHAREHOLDER SERVICING BASED UPON 0.00%	
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
T ROWE PRICE RPS, INC	15 21 25 28 37 38 49 50 52 57 59 62 63 64 65	0
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
AMERICAN BEACON SM CAP VAL R6 4151 AMON CARTER BLVD FORT WORTH, TX 76155 75-2401150	FEE FOR SHAREHOLDER SERVICING BASED UPON 0.00%	

Part I Service Provider Information (continued)

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(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
FIDELITY TOTAL INTL INDEX FUND 04-2647786 ONE DESTINY WAY WESTLAKE, TX 76262	FEE FOR SHAREHOLDER SERVICING BASED UPON 0.00%	
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
T ROWE PRICE RPS, INC	15 21 25 28 37 38 49 50 52 57 59 62 63 64 65	0
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
PRINCIPAL EQUITY IT A1 42-1312301 30 DAN ROAD CANTON, MA 02021	FEE FOR SHAREHOLDER SERVICING BASED UPON 0.00%	
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
T ROWE PRICE RPS, INC	15 21 25 28 37 38 49 50 52 57 59 62 63 64 65	0
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
AB US LARGE CAP GROWTH CI 1345 AVENUE OF THE AMERICAS NEW YORK, NY 10105	FEE FOR SHAREHOLDER SERVICING BASED UPON 0.00%	

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
AMERICAN FUNDS	28 59	0
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
AMERICAN FUNDS EUROPAC GRW R6 5300 ROBIN HOOD ROAD NORFOLK, VA 23513 95-1411037	INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT FEE BASED UPON 0.46%	
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
PRUDENTIAL JENNISON	28 59	0
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
PGIM TOTAL RETURN BOND R6 P.O. BOX 9658 PROVIDENCE, RI 02940 22-3703799	INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT FEE BASED UPON 0.39%	
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
VANGUARD GROUP	28 59	0
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
VANGUARD SMALL CAP INDEX ADM POST OFFICE BOX 1110 VALLEY FORGE, PA 19482 23-1945930	INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT FEE BASED UPON 0.05%	

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
VANGUARD GROUP	28 59	0
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
VANGUARD MID CAP INDEX ADM POST OFFICE BOX 1110 VALLEY FORGE, PA 19482 23-1945930	INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT FEE BASED UPON 0.05%	
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
VANGUARD GROUP	28 59	0
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
VANGUARD TTL BOND MKT IDX ADM POST OFFICE BOX 1110 VALLEY FORGE, PA 19482 23-1945930	INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT FEE BASED UPON 0.05%	
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
GALLIARD FUNDS	28 59	0
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
GALLIARD STABLE RETURN C 800 LASALLE AVENUE, MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55402	INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT FEE BASED UPON 0.37%	

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:	RSM US LLP	b EIN:	42-0714325
c Position:	ACCOUNTANTS		
d Address:	30 S WACKER DR SUITE 3300 CHICAGO, IL 60606	e Telephone:	312-634-3400

Explanation: CHANGED AUDITORS

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

Explanation:

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

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

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

Explanation:

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

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

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

a Plan name**b** Name of
plan sponsor**c** EIN-PN**a** Plan name**b** Name of
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plan sponsor**c** EIN-PN

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

For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2023 and ending 12/31/2023		
A Name of plan ASCENT INDUSTRIES CO. 401(K) PLAN	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ►	003
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 DANCHEM TECHNOLOGIES, INC.	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 57-0426694	

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		
b Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts):			
(1) Employer contributions	1b(1)	0	146590
(2) Participant contributions	1b(2)		
(3) Other	1b(3)	0	839
c General investments:			
(1) Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit)	1c(1)	12015	1271
(2) U.S. Government securities	1c(2)		
(3) Corporate debt instruments (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(3)(A)		
(B) All other	1c(3)(B)		
(4) Corporate stocks (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(4)(A)		
(B) Common	1c(4)(B)	0	633097
(5) Partnership/joint venture interests	1c(5)		
(6) Real estate (other than employer real property)	1c(6)		
(7) Loans (other than to participants)	1c(7)		
(8) Participant loans	1c(8)	343831	586002
(9) Value of interest in common/collective trusts	1c(9)	713915	1735294
(10) Value of interest in pooled separate accounts	1c(10)		
(11) Value of interest in master trust investment accounts	1c(11)		
(12) Value of interest in 103-12 investment entities	1c(12)		
(13) Value of interest in registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds)	1c(13)	8409413	26121938
(14) Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts)	1c(14)		
(15) Other	1c(15)		

1d Employer-related investments:		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
(1) Employer securities	1d(1)		
(2) Employer real property	1d(2)		
e Buildings and other property used in plan operation	1e		
f Total assets (add all amounts in lines 1a through 1e)	1f	9479174	29225031
Liabilities			
g Benefit claims payable	1g		
h Operating payables	1h		
i Acquisition indebtedness	1i		
j Other liabilities	1j		
k Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through 1j)	1k	0	0
Net Assets			
l Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f)	1l	9479174	29225031

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)	1180772	
(B) Participants	2a(1)(B)	1818565	
(C) Others (including rollovers)	2a(1)(C)	136963	
(2) Noncash contributions	2a(2)		
(3) Total contributions. Add lines 2a(1)(A) , (B) , (C) , and line 2a(2)	2a(3)		3136300
b Earnings on investments:			
(1) Interest:			
(A) Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit)	2b(1)(A)	92111	
(B) U.S. Government securities	2b(1)(B)		
(C) Corporate debt instruments	2b(1)(C)		
(D) Loans (other than to participants)	2b(1)(D)		
(E) Participant loans	2b(1)(E)	24828	
(F) Other	2b(1)(F)		
(G) Total interest. Add lines 2b(1)(A) through (F)	2b(1)(G)		116939
(2) Dividends: (A) Preferred stock	2b(2)(A)		
(B) Common stock	2b(2)(B)		
(C) Registered investment company shares (e.g. mutual funds)	2b(2)(C)	6495	
(D) Total dividends. Add lines 2b(2)(A) , (B) , and (C)	2b(2)(D)		6495
(3) Rents	2b(3)		
(4) Net gain (loss) on sale of assets: (A) Aggregate proceeds	2b(4)(A)		
(B) Aggregate carrying amount (see instructions)	2b(4)(B)		
(C) Subtract line 2b(4)(B) from line 2b(4)(A) and enter result	2b(4)(C)		
(5) Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of assets: (A) Real estate	2b(5)(A)		
(B) Other	2b(5)(B)		
(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)		42363
(7) Net investment gain (loss) from pooled separate accounts.....	2b(7)		
(8) Net investment gain (loss) from master trust investment accounts.....	2b(8)		
(9) Net investment gain (loss) from 103-12 investment entities.....	2b(9)		
(10) Net investment gain (loss) from registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds)	2b(10)		3818756
c Other income	2c		
d Total income. Add all income amounts in column (b) and enter total	2d		7120853

Expenses

e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers	2e(1)	5569107	
(2) To insurance carriers for the provision of benefits.....	2e(2)		
(3) Other	2e(3)		
(4) Total benefit payments. Add lines 2e(1) through (3)	2e(4)		5569107
f Corrective distributions (see instructions)	2f		
g Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions)	2g		
h Interest expense	2h		
i Administrative expenses:			
(1) Salaries and allowances	2i(1)		
(2) Contract administrator fees.....	2i(2)		
(3) Recordkeeping fees.....	2i(3)	119895	
(4) IQPA audit fees.....	2i(4)		
(5) Investment advisory and investment management fees	2i(5)		
(6) Bank or trust company trustee/custodial fees	2i(6)		
(7) Actuarial fees	2i(7)		
(8) Legal fees	2i(8)		
(9) Valuation/appraisal fees	2i(9)		
(10) Other trustee fees and expenses	2i(10)		
(11) Other expenses	2i(11)		
(12) Total administrative expenses. Add lines 2i(1) through (11)	2i(12)		119895
j Total expenses. Add all expense amounts in column (b) and enter total	2j		5689002

Net Income and Reconciliation

k Net income (loss). Subtract line 2j from line 2d	2k		1431851
l Transfers of assets:			
(1) To this plan	2l(1)		18314006
(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: **MOSS ADAMS LLP**

(2) EIN: **91-0189318**

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?	☒		1000000
f Did the plan have a loss, whether or not reimbursed by the plan's fidelity bond, that was caused by fraud or dishonesty?		☒	
g Did the plan hold any assets whose current value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?		☒	
h Did the plan receive any noncash contributions whose value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?		☒	
i Did the plan have assets held for investment? (Attach schedule(s) of assets if "Yes" is checked, and see instructions for format requirements.)	☒		
j Were any plan transactions or series of transactions in excess of 5% of the current value of plan assets? (Attach schedule of transactions if "Yes" is checked and see instructions for format requirements.)		☒	
k Were all the plan assets either distributed to participants or beneficiaries, transferred to another plan, or brought under the control of the PBGC?		☒	
l Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan?		☒	
m If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.)		☒	
n If 4m was answered "Yes," check the "Yes" box if you either provided the required notice or one of the exceptions to providing the notice applied under 29 CFR 2520.101-3.			

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

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

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

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

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

SCHEDULE R (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Retirement Plan Information This schedule is required to be filed under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.	OMB No. 1210-0110 2023 This Form is Open to Public Inspection.
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For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2023 and ending 12/31/2023

A Name of plan ASCENT INDUSTRIES CO. 401(K) PLAN	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 003
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 DANCHEM TECHNOLOGIES, INC.	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 57-0426694

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): 04-3157927 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)? If the plan is a defined benefit plan, go to line 8.	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A
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

For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the Instructions for Form 5500.

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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).)

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(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 <u>06 / 30 / 2020</u> (MM/DD/YYYY) and the Opinion Letter serial number <u>Q702763A</u> .	

**Ascent Industries Co. 401(k) Plan
(f/k/a DanChem Technologies, Inc. 401(k) Plan)**

Financial Statements and Supplemental Schedule
As of December 31, 2023 and 2022 and for the Year Ended December 31, 2023

**Ascent Industries Co. 401(k) Plan
(f/k/a DanChem Technologies, Inc. 401(k) Plan)**

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Report of Independent Auditors

The Plan Administrator of
Ascent Industries Co. 401(k) Plan (formerly DanChem Technologies, Inc. 401(k) Plan)

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

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

We have performed audits of the financial statements of Ascent Industries Co. 401(k) Plan (formerly DanChem Technologies, Inc. 401(k) 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 Ascent Industries Co. 401(k) Plan (formerly DanChem Technologies, Inc. 401(k) Plan)'s financial statements performed in accordance with ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. As permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C), our audits need not extend to any statements or information related to assets held for investment of the plan (investment information) by a bank or similar institution or insurance carrier that is regulated, supervised, and subject to periodic examination by a state or federal agency, provided that the statements or information regarding assets so held are prepared and certified to by the bank or similar institution or insurance carrier in accordance with 29 CFR 2520.103-5 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA (qualified institution).

Management has obtained certifications from a qualified institution as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, and for the year ended December 31, 2023, stating that the certified investment information, as described in Note 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 (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 Ascent Industries Co. 401(k) Plan (formerly DanChem Technologies, Inc. 401(k) 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 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 Ascent Industries Co. 401(k) Plan (formerly DanChem Technologies, Inc. 401(k) Plan)'s ability to continue as a going concern within one year after the date that the financial statements are available to be issued.

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

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

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

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, we:

- exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Ascent Industries Co. 401(k) Plan (formerly DanChem Technologies, Inc. 401(k) 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 Ascent Industries Co. 401(k) Plan (formerly DanChem Technologies, Inc. 401(k) Plan)'s ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

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

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

In our opinion:

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

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Moss Adams LLP". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Woodland Hills, California
December 20, 2024

**Ascent Industries Co. 401(k) Plan
(f/k/a DanChem Technologies, Inc. 401(k) Plan)**

Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits

<i>December 31,</i>	2023	2022
Assets		
Investments, at fair value	\$ 28,491,600	\$ 9,135,343
Receivables		
Notes receivable from participants	586,002	343,831
Employer contributions	146,590	-
Accrued income	839	-
Total receivables	733,431	343,831
Net Assets Available for Benefits	\$ 29,225,031	\$ 9,479,174

See accompanying notes to the financial statements.

**Ascent Industries Co. 401(k) Plan
(f/k/a DanChem Technologies, Inc. 401(k) Plan)**

Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits

Year ended December 31, 2023

Additions

Net investment income	
Net appreciation in fair value of investments	\$ 3,861,119
Interest and dividends	98,606

Total net investment income	3,959,725
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Interest income on notes receivable from participants	24,828
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Contributions

Participant	1,818,565
Employer	1,180,772
Rollover	136,963

Total contributions	3,136,300
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Total additions	7,120,853
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Deductions

Benefits paid to participants	5,569,107
Administrative expenses	119,895

Total deductions	5,689,002
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Net increase	1,431,851
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Transfer from Ascent Industries Co. 401(k) Plan (f/k/a Synalloy Corporation 401(k) Employee Stock Ownership Plan)	18,314,006
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Net Assets Available for Benefits, beginning of year	9,479,174
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Net Assets Available for Benefits, end of year	\$ 29,225,031
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See accompanying notes to the financial statements.

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Notes to Financial Statements

1. Plan Description

The following description of the Ascent Industries Co. 401(k) Plan (f/k/a DanChem Technologies, Inc. 401(k) 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 covering substantially all employees of DanChem Technologies, Inc. (the Company) who are age 21 or older. Excluded employees include nonresident aliens, temporary employees, and seasonal employees. Effective January 1, 2023, the Plan was amended and restated to exclude part-time employees whose regularly scheduled service is less than 1,000 hours of service and union employees working at Specialty Pipe and Tube and Bristol Metals, LLC. Employees can enter the Plan immediately upon meeting the eligibility requirements. The Plan Administrator is responsible for oversight of the Plan. The Compensation Committee of the Company determines the appropriateness of the Plan's investment offerings and monitors investment performance. The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).

Effective January 1, 2023, the Plan was amended and restated to merge the Ascent Industries 401(k) Plan (f/k/a Synalloy Corporation 401(k) Employee Stock Ownership Plan) into the Plan. The total amount of assets merged into the Plan was approximately \$18,300,000 during 2023. The Ascent Industries Co. common stock held by the Ascent Industries 401(k) Plan (f/k/a Synalloy Corporation 401(k) Employee Stock Ownership Plan) remains under the custodianship of Bank of America.

Effective February 7, 2023, the Plan was amended and restated to change the employer of the Plan to Ascent Industries Co. and the Plan name to Ascent Industries Co. 401(k) Plan.

The Plan was further amended and restated effective May 1, 2023.

Contributions

Each year, participants may contribute pre-tax deferrals up to the maximum amount allowed by law. Participants are also permitted to contribute Roth after-tax deferrals to the Plan. Participants who have attained the age 50 before the end of the Plan year are eligible to make catch-up contributions. Participants may also contribute amounts representing distributions from other qualified defined benefit or contribution plans (rollovers). The Plan includes an auto-enrollment provision whereby all newly eligible employees are automatically enrolled in the Plan unless they affirmatively elect not to participate in the Plan. Automatically enrolled participants have their deferral rate set at 6 percent of eligible compensation and their contributions are invested in a designated balanced fund until changed by the participant. Effective January 1, 2023 the Plan was amended to add an auto-escalation provision to the Plan whereby there are scheduled increases of 1 percent up to a maximum of 10 percent of compensation to be effective on April 1 of each year. The escalation provision will apply as of the second change date period after the participant first has contributions made pursuant to a default election.

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Effective January 1, 2023, the Plan's safe harbor matching contribution amount was amended to be 100 percent of the participant's elective deferrals that do not exceed 4 percent of the participant's compensation. Prior to January 1, 2023, the safe harbor matching contributions on participants' contributions equaled 100 percent of the first 3 percent of eligible compensation and 50 percent of the next 3 percent of eligible compensation. The Company may also make discretionary profit-sharing contributions to the Plan. There were no discretionary profit-sharing contributions for the year ended December 31, 2023.

The Plan allows for additional non-elective employer contributions on behalf of certain union employees who were employed as of June 1, 2013. These additional contributions totaled \$34,773 for the year ended December 31, 2023.

Contributions are subject to certain Internal Revenue Service (IRS) limitations.

Investment Options

Upon enrollment in the Plan, a participant may direct all contributions to selected investments, as made available and determined by the Plan Administrator in 1 percent increments. Participants may change their investment options daily.

Participant Accounts

Each participant's account is credited with the participant's contribution, the employer matching contributions, as well as allocations of any profit-sharing contributions, if any, and an allocation of Plan earnings. The allocation conditions for profit-sharing do not apply to the non-elective employer contributions made on behalf of the eligible union employees. The non-elective employer contributions made on behalf of the union employees will be pro-rated in the last year of an employee's employment. Participant accounts are charged with an allocation of Plan losses, if any, and administrative expenses that are paid by the Plan. Allocations are based on participant earnings, account balances, or specific participant transactions, as defined. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the benefit that can be provided from the participant's vested account.

Vesting

Participants are vested immediately in their contributions, the non-elective employer contributions made to eligible union employees, and the Company's matching contributions plus actual earnings thereon. Vesting in the Company's discretionary profit-sharing contribution portion of their accounts plus actual earnings thereon is based on years of continuous service as follows: Less than one year of continuous service - 0 percent, two years - 20 percent, three years - 40 percent, four years - 60 percent, five years - 80 percent, and six years - 100 percent. Participants become fully vested in the event of retirement, total and permanent disability, and death.

Effective January 1, 2023, the Plan was amended to allow profit-sharing participant account balances from the Ascent Industries 401(k) Plan (f/k/a Synalloy Corporation 401(k) Employee Stock Ownership Plan) to be subject to a three-year cliff vesting schedule and waived for death, disability, and Early Retirement Age which is defined as age 55 and 10 years of service. Also, certain pre-2007 profit sharing assets are subject to a five-year cliff vesting schedule.

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Payment of Benefits

On termination of service due to death, disability, or retirement, a participant may elect to receive an amount equal to the value of the participant's vested interest in his or her account in a lump-sum amount with certain exceptions as provided by the Plan. Participants with vested account balances of \$5,000 or less will be rolled-over to an Individual Retirement Account (IRA) provider unless the participant requests a lump sum payment. Participants with vested account balances of \$5,000 or more may leave their balance in the Plan, elect to receive a single lump-sum amount, or choose to roll over their balance into another qualified retirement plan or IRA. In-service withdrawals are also permitted for certain financial hardships or when a participant attains age 59½.

Forfeited Accounts

At December 31, 2023 and 2022, forfeited nonvested accounts totaled \$39,634 and \$12,015, respectively. There were no forfeitures used during the year ended December 31, 2023.

Notes Receivable from Participants

Participants may borrow from their accounts a minimum of \$1,000 up to a maximum equal to the lesser of \$50,000 or 50 percent of their vested account balance. Notes receivable terms range from one to five years or over a reasonable period of time in excess of five years, not to exceed 30 years, if used for the purchase of a principal residence. The notes receivable are collateralized by the balance in the participant's account and bear interest at fixed rates established at the initial date of borrowing. Participants may have one regular and one principal residence loan outstanding at a time. Principal and interest are paid ratably through payroll deductions.

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Basis of Accounting

The financial statements of the Plan are prepared on the accrual basis of accounting.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) requires Plan 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.

Investment Valuation and Income Recognition

Investments are reported at fair value. Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. The Plan's Compensation Committee determines the Plan's valuation policies utilizing information provided by the trustee. See Note 4 for a discussion of fair value measurements.

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

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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 an 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 or 2022. If a participant ceases to make loan repayments and the Plan Administrator deems the participant's loan to be in default, the participant's loan balance is reduced and a benefit payment is recorded.

Payment of Benefits

Benefits are recorded when paid.

Administrative Expenses

Certain expenses of maintaining the Plan are paid directly by the Company and are excluded from these financial statements. Fees related to specific participant transactions (distributions and use of the trustee's investment advice service) are charged directly to the participant's account and are included in administrative expenses. Certain investment-related expenses are included in net appreciation in fair value of investments.

Contributions

Contributions from Plan participants and Company matching contributions are recorded in the year in which the employee contributions are withheld from compensation. Company profit-sharing contributions are recognized upon authorization and in the year the underlying compensation is recognized under the Plan.

Subsequent Events

The Plan has evaluated subsequent events through December 20, 2024, the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

3. Certified Investments

Certain information disclosed in the accompanying financial statements and ERISA-required supplemental schedule, including investments held and notes receivable from participants at December 31, 2023 and 2022, and net appreciation in fair value of investments, interest and dividends, and interest income on notes receivable from participants for the year ended December 31, 2023, was obtained by management and agreed to or derived from information certified as complete and accurate by Reliance Trust Company and Bank of America, the trustee and custodian of the Plan, respectively.

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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.
- 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. There have been no changes in the methodologies used at December 31, 2022 and 2021.

Money Market - Valued at the daily closing price as reported by the fund.

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

Ascent Industries Co. Common Stock - This asset is valued at the closing price reported on the active market on which the individual securities are traded.

Common Collective Trust Funds (CCT) - Valued at the NAV of units of collective trust funds. The NAV, as provided by the trustee of the CCT, is used as a practical expedient to estimate fair value. The NAV is based on the fair value of the underlying investments held by the fund less its liabilities. This practical expedient is not used when it is determined to be probable that the fund will sell the investment for an amount different than the reported NAV. Participant transactions (purchases and sales) may occur daily.

The preceding methods described may produce a fair value calculation which may not be indicative of net realizable value or reflective of future fair values. Furthermore, although the Plan believes

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its valuation methods are appropriate and consistent with other market participants, the use of different methodologies or assumptions to determine the fair value of certain financial instruments could result in a different fair value measurement at the reporting date.

The following tables set forth by level, within the fair value hierarchy, the Plan's fair value measurements as of December 31, 2023 and 2022:

December 31, 2023

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Mutual Funds	\$ 26,121,938	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 26,121,938
Money Market	1,271	-	-	1,271
Ascent Industries Co. common stock	633,097	-	-	633,097
Total Assets , in the fair value hierarchy	\$ 26,756,306	\$ -	\$ -	26,756,306
Investments , measured at NAV ^(a)				1,735,294
Investments , at fair value				\$ 28,491,600

December 31, 2022

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Mutual Funds	\$ 8,421,428	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,421,428
Total Assets , in the fair value hierarchy	\$ 8,421,428	\$ -	\$ -	8,421,428
Investments , measured at NAV ^(a)				713,915
Investments , at fair value				\$ 9,135,343

(a) Certain investments in CCTs that were measured at NAV per share or its equivalent have not been classified in the fair value hierarchy. The fair value amounts presented in these tables are intended to permit reconciliation of the fair value hierarchy to the amounts presented in the statements of net assets available for benefits.

The following tables for December 31, 2023 and 2022 set forth a summary of the Plan's investments reported at NAV as a practical expedient to estimate fair value:

December 31, 2023

	Fair Value	Unfunded Commitment	Redemption Frequency	Redemption Notice Period
Common Collective Trust				
Galliard Stable Return Fund C	\$1,072,610	\$ -	Daily	(b)
T. Rowe Price Stable Value	<u>662,684</u>	-	Daily	(c)
Total	\$1,735,294			

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	Fair Value	Unfunded Commitment	Redemption Frequency	Redemption Notice Period
Common Collective Trust				
T. Rowe Price Stable Value	\$ 713,915	\$ -	Daily	(c)

(b) Withdrawals initiated by Plan participants are honored at any time without penalty. If the Plan sponsor were to initiate the withdrawal from the Fund, a 12-month written notice of intent to withdraw assets from the Fund would be required.

(c) Under the terms of the Declaration of Trust, retirement plans invested in the trust are required to provide either 12 or 30 months' advance written notice to the trustee prior to redemption of trust units. The notice period may be shortened or waived by the trustee in its sole discretion.

5. Nonparticipant-Directed Investments

The Company's common stock held in the Plan are nonparticipant-directed investments. Information about the net assets and the significant components of the changes in net assets relating to the nonparticipant-directed investments is as follows:

<i>December 31,</i>	2023	2022
Net Assets		
Ascent Industries Co. common stock	\$ 633,097	\$ -
	\$ 633,097	\$ -

December 31, 2023

Changes in Net Assets	
Transfer from Ascent Industries Co. 401(k) Plan (f/k/a Synalloy Corporation 401(k) Employee Stock Ownership Plan)	\$ 651,661
Net appreciation from Ascent Industries Co. common stock	46,479
Benefits paid to participants	(65,043)
	\$ 633,097

6. Related Party and Party-in-Interest Transactions

Certain Plan investments are shares of Ascent Industries Co. common stock which were transferred into the Plan effective January 1, 2023. Ascent Industries Co. is the Plan Sponsor as defined by the Plan and, therefore, these transactions qualify as party-in-interest transactions. The Plan held 66,223.5825 shares at December 31, 2023.

Certain Plan investments are managed by an affiliate of T. Rowe Price. T. Rowe Price Retirement Plan Services, Inc. is the recordkeeper for the Plan; and therefore, these transactions qualify as party-in-interest transactions. The Company also paid certain administrative expenses of the Plan. These transactions qualify as exempt party-in-interest transactions.

Loans to participants also qualify as party-in-interest transactions.

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7. Plan Termination

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. In the event of Plan termination, participants would become 100 percent vested in their Company discretionary profit-sharing contributions.

8. Tax Status

The Plan adopted a pre-approved defined contribution plan document from DST Retirement Solutions, LLC, which received an opinion letter from the IRS on June 30, 2020 stating that the pre-approved defined contribution plan document, as then designed, was in compliance with the applicable requirements of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC). Although the Plan has been amended and restated since the date of the IRS opinion letter, the Plan Administrator believes that the Plan is designed and is currently being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC and, therefore, believes that the Plan is qualified, and the related trust is tax-exempt.

GAAP requires Plan management to evaluate tax positions taken by the Plan and recognize a tax liability (or asset) if the Plan has taken an uncertain position that more likely than not would not be sustained upon examination by the IRS. The Plan is subject to routine audits by taxing jurisdictions; however, there are currently no audits for any tax periods in progress.

9. Risks, Uncertainties and Concentrations

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

At December 31, 2023, approximately 19 percent, 16 percent, and 15 percent of the Plan's investments were invested in the Retirement 2030 TR-E Fund, Retirement 2035 TR-E Fund, and Retirement 2025 TR-E Fund, respectively.

10. SECURE Act 2.0

On December 23, 2022, Congress passed the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2023 which included SECURE Act 2.0. SECURE Act 2.0 contains over 90 new retirement provisions, with varying effective dates through 2027. Since SECURE Act 2.0 provisions include both required and optional

elements, the Plan Administrator will determine the optional provisions to elect and amend the Plan document accordingly. Certain provisions will become effective in 2023 and thereafter. Accordingly, there is no material impact to the Plan's 2022 financial statements.

Supplemental Schedule

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

EIN: 57-0426694

Plan Number: 003

December 31, 2023

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
	Identity of Issuer, Borrower, Lessor or Similar Party	Description of Investment, Including Maturity Date, Rate of Interest, Collateral, Par or Maturity Value	Cost	Current Value
Common Stock				
*	Ascent Industries Co.	Ascent Industries Co. Common Stock	\$ 686,734	\$ 633,097
Money Market				
	Vanguard	Federal Money Markey Inv	**	1,271
Common Collective Trust Funds				
	Galliard	Stable Return Fund C	**	1,072,610
*	T. Rowe Price	Stable Value	**	662,684
Total Common Collective Trust Funds				1,735,294
Mutual Funds				
*	T. Rowe Price	Retirement 2030 TR-E	**	5,546,000
*	T. Rowe Price	Retirement 2035 TR-E	**	4,681,292
*	T. Rowe Price	Retirement 2025 TR-E	**	4,150,038
*	T. Rowe Price	Retirement 2040 TR-E	**	4,087,793
*	T. Rowe Price	Retirement 2045 TR-E	**	1,675,085
*	T. Rowe Price	Retirement 2020 TR-E	**	1,650,187
*	T. Rowe Price	Retirement 2055 TR-E	**	1,323,193
*	T. Rowe Price	Retirement 2050 TR-E	**	855,145
*	T. Rowe Price	Retirement 2015 TR-E	**	554,062
*	T. Rowe Price	Retirement 2060 TR-E	**	439,695
*	T. Rowe Price	Retirement 2010 TR-E	**	390,863
	Fidelity	500 Index	**	207,393
	AB	US Large Cap Growth (w Sers) CL L	**	180,170
	Vanguard	Mid Cap Index	**	119,155
*	T. Rowe Price	Retirement 2065 TR-E	**	105,555
*	T. Rowe Price	Government Money Inv	**	39,635
	Vanguard	Total Bond Mkt Index	**	21,824
	American Beacon	Small Cap Value R6	**	17,791
	Fidelity	Total Intl Index	**	15,395
	Vanguard	Small Cap Index Adm	**	15,019
	American Funds	Europacific Growth R6	**	12,348
	PGIM	Total Return Bond R6	**	11,615
	Principal	Equity Income Tier A-1	**	9,458
	Janus	Triton N	**	7,853
*	T. Rowe Price	Retirement I 2040 FD	**	1,333
*	T. Rowe Price	Retirement I 2035 FD	**	1,324
*	T. Rowe Price	Retirement I 2030 FD	**	1,311
*	T. Rowe Price	Retirement 2005 TR-E	**	892
*	T. Rowe Price	Retirement Balanced TR-E	**	514
Total Mutual Funds				26,121,938
Total Investments				28,491,600
*	Participant Loans	Interest rates ranging from 3.25 percent to 9.50 percent with maturities through 2049	-0-	586,002
Total				\$ 29,077,602

* Indicates a party-in-interest to the Plan

** Cost information omitted due to participant-directed funds

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*	T. ROWE PRICE GOVERNMENT MONEY INV	INTEREST-BEARING CASH		39637
*	T. ROWE PRICE STABLE VALUE E	COMMON COLLECTIVE TRUST		662684
*	T. ROWE PRICE RETIREMENT 2035 TR E	MUTUAL FUND		4681292
*	T. ROWE PRICE RETIREMENT 2040 TR-E	MUTUAL FUND		4087793
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*	T. ROWE PRICE RETIREMENT 2065 TR-E	MUTUAL FUND		105555
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*	T. ROWE PRICE RETIREMENT 2010 TR-E	MUTUAL FUND		390863
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*	T. ROWE PRICE RETIREMENT 2030 TR-E	MUTUAL FUND		5546000
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*	T. ROWE PRICE RETIREMENT 2025 TR-E	MUTUAL FUND		4150038
	PGIM TOTAL RETURN BOND R6	MUTUAL FUND		11615
	AMERICAN FUNDS EUROPACIFIC GROWTH R6	MUTUAL FUND		12348
	GALLIARD STABLE RETURN C	MUTUAL FUND		1072611
	VANGUARD MID CAP INDEX	MUTUAL FUND		119155
	VANGUARD SMALL CAP INDEX ADM	MUTUAL FUND		15019
	VANGUARD TOTAL BOND MKT INDEX	MUTUAL FUND		21824
	JANUS HENDERSON TRITON N	MUTUAL FUND		7853
	FIDELITY 500 INDEX	MUTUAL FUND		207393
	AMERICAN BEACON SMALL CAP VALUE R6	MUTUAL FUND		17791
	FIDELITY TOTAL INTL INDEX	MUTUAL FUND		15395
	PRINCIPAL EQUITY INCOME TIER A-1	MUTUAL FUND		9458
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