

Form 5500-SF

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Department of Labor
Employee Benefits Security Administration
Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

Short Form Annual Return/Report of Small Employee Benefit Plan

This form is required to be filed 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-SF.**

OMB Nos. 1210-0110
1210-0089

2023

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Part I Annual Report Identification Information

For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning 10/01/2023 and ending 09/30/2024

- A** This return/report is for: a single-employer plan a multiple-employer plan (not multiemployer) (Pension Plan filers checking this box must attach Schedule MEP. Other plans must attach a list of participating employer information in accordance with the form instructions.)
- B** This return/report is the first return/report the final return/report
 an amended return/report a short plan year return/report (less than 12 months)
- C** Check box if filing under: Form 5558 automatic extension DFVC program
 special extension (enter description)
- D** If the plan is a collectively-bargained plan, check here ▶
- 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 <u>L & L GOLD ASSOCIATES, INC. CASH BALANCE PLAN</u>		1b Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ <u>002</u>
		1c Effective date of plan <u>10/01/2012</u>
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) <u>L & L GOLD ASSOCIATES, INC.</u> <u>20450 GREENFIELD ROAD</u> <u>DETROIT, MI 48235</u>		2b Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>38-2225977</u>
		2c Sponsor's telephone number <u>313-345-4000</u>
		2d Business code (see instructions) <u>453990</u>
3a Plan administrator's name and address <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Same as Plan Sponsor.		3b Administrator's EIN
		3c Administrator's telephone number
4 If the name and/or EIN of the plan sponsor or the plan name has changed since the last return/report filed for this plan, enter the plan sponsor's name, EIN, the plan name and the plan number from the last return/report. a Sponsor's name c Plan Name		4b EIN
		4d PN
5a Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year	5a	<u>19</u>
b Total number of participants at the end of the plan year.....	5b	<u>19</u>
c(1) Number of participants with account balances as of the beginning of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item)	5c(1)	
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e Number of participants who terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested.....	5e	<u>0</u>

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SIGN HERE	Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature.	07/07/2025	SETH GOLD
	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

- 6a** Were all of the plan's assets during the plan year invested in eligible assets? (See instructions.)..... Yes No
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- c** If the plan is a defined benefit plan, is it covered under the PBGC insurance program (see ERISA section 4021)? Yes No Not determined
- If "Yes" is checked, enter the My PAA confirmation number from the PBGC premium filing for this plan year 529560. (See instructions.)

Part III Financial Information			
7		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
7	Plan Assets and Liabilities		
a	Total plan assets.....	1280455	1454695
b	Total plan liabilities.....	0	0
c	Net plan assets (subtract line 7b from line 7a).....	1280455	1454695
8		(a) Amount	(b) Total
8	Income, Expenses, and Transfers for this Plan Year		
a	Contributions received or receivable from:		
(1)	Employers.....	0	
(2)	Participants.....	0	
(3)	Others (including rollovers).....	0	
b	Other income (loss).....	183907	
c	Total income (add lines 8a(1), 8a(2), 8a(3), and 8b).....		183907
d	Benefits paid (including direct rollovers and insurance premiums to provide benefits).....	0	
e	Certain deemed and/or corrective distributions (see instructions).....	0	
f	Administrative service providers (salaries, fees, commissions).....	9667	
g	Other expenses.....	0	
h	Total expenses (add lines 8d, 8e, 8f, and 8g).....		9667
i	Net income (loss) (subtract line 8h from line 8c).....		174240
j	Transfers to (from) the plan (see instructions).....		

Part IV Plan Characteristics	
9a	If the plan provides pension benefits, enter the applicable pension feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristic Codes in the instructions: 1C 3D 11
b	If the plan provides welfare benefits, enter the applicable welfare feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristic Codes in the instructions:

Part V Compliance Questions				
10		Yes	No	Amount
10	During the plan year:			
a	Was there a failure to transmit to the plan any participant contributions within the time period described in 29 CFR 2510.3-102? Continue to answer "Yes" for any prior year failures until fully corrected. (See instructions and DOL's Voluntary Fiduciary Correction Program).....		X	
b	Were there any nonexempt transactions with any party-in-interest? (Do not include transactions reported on line 10a.).....		X	
c	Was the plan covered by a fidelity bond?.....	X		500000
d	Did the plan have a loss, whether or not reimbursed by the plan's fidelity bond, that was caused by fraud or dishonesty?.....		X	
e	Were any fees or commissions paid to any brokers, agents, or other persons by an insurance carrier, insurance service, or other organization that provides some or all of the benefits under the plan? (See instructions.).....		X	
f	Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan?.....		X	
g	Did the plan have any participant loans? (If "Yes," enter amount as of year-end.).....		X	
h	If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.).....		X	
i	If 10h was answered "Yes," check the box if you either provided the required notice or one of the exceptions to providing the notice applied under 29 CFR 2520.101-3.....			

Part VI Pension Funding Compliance

11 Is this a defined benefit plan subject to minimum funding requirements? (If "Yes," see instructions and complete Schedule SB (Form 5500) and lines 11a and b below.) If this is a defined contribution pension plan, leave line 11 blank and complete line 12 below. Yes No

a Enter the unpaid minimum required contributions for all years from Schedule SB (Form 5500) line 40 **11a** 0

b PBGC missed contribution reporting requirements. If the plan is covered by PBGC and the amount reported on line 11a is greater than \$0, 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 _____

12 Is this a defined contribution plan subject to the minimum funding requirements of section 412 of the Code or section 302 of ERISA? Yes No
 (If "Yes," complete line 12a or lines 12b, 12c, 12d, and 12e below, as applicable.) If this is a defined benefit pension plan, leave line 12 blank and complete line 11 above.

a 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 letter ruling granting the waiver. Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

If you completed line 12a, complete lines 3, 9, and 10 of Schedule MB (Form 5500), and skip to line 13.

b Enter the minimum required contribution for this plan year **12b**

c Enter the amount contributed by the employer to the plan for this plan year **12c**

d Subtract the amount in line 12c from the amount in line 12b. Enter the result (enter a minus sign to the left of a negative amount) **12d**

e Will the minimum funding amount reported on line 12d be met by the funding deadline? Yes No N/A

Part VII Plan Terminations and Transfers of Assets

13a Has a resolution to terminate the plan been adopted in any plan year? Yes No

a If "Yes," enter the amount of any plan assets that reverted to the employer this year..... **13a**

b Were all the plan assets distributed to participants or beneficiaries, transferred to another plan, or brought under the control of the PBGC? Yes No

c 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.)

13c(1) Name of plan(s):	13c(2) EIN(s)	13c(3) PN(s)

Part VIII IRS Compliance Questions

14a 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

14b 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

15 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 02/28/2023 (MM/DD/YYYY) and the Opinion Letter serial number Q705311A.

SCHEDULE SB (Form 5500) <small>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</small> <small>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</small> <small>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</small>	Single-Employer Defined Benefit Plan Actuarial Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and section 6059 of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500 or 5500-SF.	<small>OMB No. 1210-0110</small> 2023 This Form is Open to Public Inspection
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▶ **Round off amounts to nearest dollar.**
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C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 or 5500-SF <u>L & L GOLD ASSOCIATES, INC.</u>	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>38-2225977</u>	
E Type of plan: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Single <input type="checkbox"/> Multiple-A <input type="checkbox"/> Multiple-B	F Prior year plan size: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 100 or fewer <input type="checkbox"/> 101-500 <input type="checkbox"/> More than 500	

Part I Basic Information

1	Enter the valuation date: Month <u>10</u> Day <u>01</u> Year <u>2023</u>		
2	Assets:		
	a Market value	2a	<u>1280455</u>
	b Actuarial value	2b	<u>1280455</u>
3	Funding target/participant count breakdown	(1) Number of participants	(2) Vested Funding Target
	a For retired participants and beneficiaries receiving payment	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	b For terminated vested participants	<u>8</u>	<u>19316</u>
	c For active participants	<u>11</u>	<u>1061506</u>
	d Total	<u>19</u>	<u>1080822</u>
4	If the plan is in at-risk status, check the box and complete lines (a) and (b)		
	a Funding target disregarding prescribed at-risk assumptions	4a	
	b Funding target reflecting at-risk assumptions, but disregarding transition rule for plans that have been in at-risk status for fewer than five consecutive years and disregarding loading factor	4b	
5	Effective interest rate	5	<u>5.71 %</u>
6	Target normal cost		
	a Present value of current plan year accruals	6a	<u>0</u>
	b Expected plan-related expenses	6b	<u>5000</u>
	c Target normal cost	6c	<u>5000</u>

Statement by Enrolled Actuary
 To the best of my knowledge, the information supplied in this schedule and accompanying schedules, statements and attachments, if any, is complete and accurate. Each prescribed assumption was applied in accordance with applicable law and regulations. In my opinion, each other assumption is reasonable (taking into account the experience of the plan and reasonable expectations) and such other assumptions, in combination, offer my best estimate of anticipated experience under the plan.

SIGN HERE		<u>07/07/2025</u>
	Signature of actuary	Date
	<u>MICHAEL STROME, FSA, EA, MAAA</u>	<u>23-06160</u>
	Type or print name of actuary	Most recent enrollment number
	<u>FOSTER & FOSTER, INC.</u>	<u>248-461-3625</u>
	Firm name	Telephone number (including area code)
	<u>31313 NORTHWESTERN HWY SUITE 114 FARMINGTON HILLS, MI 48334</u>	
	Address of the firm	

If the actuary has not fully reflected any regulation or ruling promulgated under the statute in completing this schedule, check the box and see instructions

Part II Beginning of Year Carryover and Prefunding Balances		(a) Carryover balance	(b) Prefunding balance
7	Balance at beginning of prior year after applicable adjustments (line 13 from prior year)	0	225632
8	Portion elected for use to offset prior year's funding requirement (line 35 from prior year)	0	27215
9	Amount remaining (line 7 minus line 8)	0	198417
10	Interest on line 9 using prior year's actual return of <u>11.41</u> %	0	22639
11	Prior year's excess contributions to be added to prefunding balance:		
	a Present value of excess contributions (line 38a from prior year)		0
	b(1) Interest on the excess, if any, of line 38a over line 38b from prior year Schedule SB, using prior year's effective interest rate of <u>5.89</u> %		0
	b(2) Interest on line 38b from prior year Schedule SB, using prior year's actual return		0
	c Total available at beginning of current plan year to add to prefunding balance		0
	d Portion of (c) to be added to prefunding balance		
12	Other reductions in balances due to elections or deemed elections	0	0
13	Balance at beginning of current year (line 9 + line 10 + line 11d - line 12)	0	221056

Part III Funding Percentages			
14	Funding target attainment percentage	14	98.01 %
15	Adjusted funding target attainment percentage	15	%
16	Prior year's funding percentage for purposes of determining whether carryover/prefunding balances may be used to reduce current year's funding requirement	16	92.30 %
17	If the current value of the assets of the plan is less than 70 percent of the funding target, enter such percentage	17	%

Part IV Contributions and Liquidity Shortfalls		18 Contributions made to the plan for the plan year by employer(s) and employees:					
(a) Date (MM-DD-YYYY)	(b) Amount paid by employer(s)	(c) Amount paid by employees	(a) Date (MM-DD-YYYY)	(b) Amount paid by employer(s)	(c) Amount paid by employees		
Totals ▶			18(b)	0	18(c)	0	

19	Discounted employer contributions – see instructions for small plan with a valuation date after the beginning of the year:	
	a Contributions allocated toward unpaid minimum required contributions from prior years.	19a 0
	b Contributions made to avoid restrictions adjusted to valuation date	19b 0
	c Contributions allocated toward minimum required contribution for current year adjusted to valuation date	19c 0
20	Quarterly contributions and liquidity shortfalls:	
	a Did the plan have a "funding shortfall" for the prior year?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
	b If line 20a is "Yes," were required quarterly installments for the current year made in a timely manner?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
	c If line 20a is "Yes," see instructions and complete the following table as applicable:	
Liquidity shortfall as of end of quarter of this plan year		
(1) 1st	(2) 2nd	(3) 3rd
(4) 4th		

Part V Assumptions Used to Determine Funding Target and Target Normal Cost				
21 Discount rate:				
a Segment rates:	1st segment: 4.75 %	2nd segment: 5.00 %	3rd segment: 5.74 %	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A, full yield curve used
b Applicable month (enter code).....				21b 0
22 Weighted average retirement age				22 66
23 Mortality table(s) (see instructions)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prescribed - combined <input type="checkbox"/> Prescribed - separate <input type="checkbox"/> Substitute			

Part VI Miscellaneous Items				
24 Has a change been made in the non-prescribed actuarial assumptions for the current plan year? If "Yes," see instructions regarding required attachment..... <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No				
25 Has a method change been made for the current plan year? If "Yes," see instructions regarding required attachment. <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No				
26 Demographic and benefit information				
a Is the plan required to provide a Schedule of Active Participants? If "Yes," see instructions regarding required attachment. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No				
b Is the plan required to provide a projection of expected benefit payments? If "Yes," see instructions regarding required attachment ... <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No				
27 If the plan is subject to alternative funding rules, enter applicable code and see instructions regarding attachment.....				27

Part VII Reconciliation of Unpaid Minimum Required Contributions For Prior Years				
28 Unpaid minimum required contributions for all prior years				28 0
29 Discounted employer contributions allocated toward unpaid minimum required contributions from prior years (line 19a).....				29 0
30 Remaining amount of unpaid minimum required contributions (line 28 minus line 29)				30 0

Part VIII Minimum Required Contribution For Current Year				
31 Target normal cost and excess assets (see instructions):				
a Target normal cost (line 6c).....				31a 5000
b Excess assets, if applicable, but not greater than line 31a				31b 0
32 Amortization installments:	Outstanding Balance		Installment	
a Net shortfall amortization installment	21423		2296	
b Waiver amortization installment	0		0	
33 If a waiver has been approved for this plan year, enter the date of the ruling letter granting the approval (Month _____ Day _____ Year _____) and the waived amount				33
34 Total funding requirement before reflecting carryover/prefunding balances (lines 31a - 31b + 32a + 32b - 33).....				34 7296
	Carryover balance	Prefunding balance	Total balance	
35 Balances elected for use to offset funding requirement	0	7296	7296	
36 Additional cash requirement (line 34 minus line 35).....				36 0
37 Contributions allocated toward minimum required contribution for current year adjusted to valuation date (line 19c).....				37 0
38 Present value of excess contributions for current year (see instructions)				
a Total (excess, if any, of line 37 over line 36)				38a 0
b Portion included in line 38a attributable to use of prefunding and funding standard carryover balances				38b
39 Unpaid minimum required contribution for current year (excess, if any, of line 36 over line 37)				39 0
40 Unpaid minimum required contributions for all years				40 0

Part IX Pension Funding Relief Under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (See Instructions)				
41 If an election was made to use the extended amortization rule for a plan year beginning on or before December 31, 2021, check the box to indicate the first plan year for which the rule applies. <input type="checkbox"/> 2019 <input type="checkbox"/> 2020 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2021				

L & L Gold Associates, Inc. Cash Balance Plan
EIN: 38-2225977
PN: 002

Attachment to the 2023 Form 5500 Schedule SB

B. Methods & Assumptions

Traditional Unit Credit

The actuarial cost method used in the valuation is the Unit Credit cost method.

The normal cost is the sum of all the individual normal costs for each participant. For active participants, the individual normal cost is the present value of the benefit earned during the year being valued. For active participants whose credited service equals or exceeds the plan maximum, if any, and for any inactive participants, the normal cost is zero.

The actuarial accrued liability is the sum of the individual accrued liabilities for all participants. The individual accrued liability for a participant is the present value of the accrued benefit as of the valuation date. The unfunded liability is the actuarial accrued liability less the valuation assets, and is referred to as the "shortfall."

The total annual cost of the Plan is the normal cost plus an amount to amortize the shortfall amount.

Projected Unit Credit

The Projected Unit Credit cost method is used in one portion of the calculation of the maximum deductible contribution.

Under this method, the normal cost is the sum of the individual normal costs for all participants. For an active participant, the individual normal cost is the present value at the current age of the projected benefit at the assumed retirement age, based on the actuarial assumption, divided by the participant's expected years of credited service at that age. For an inactive participant, the normal cost is zero.

The actuarial accrued liability is the sum of the individual accrued liabilities for all plan participants. For an active participant, the individual accrued liability is the product of the normal cost and the total years of credited service at the current age. For inactive participants, the individual accrued liability is the present value at the current age of future benefits. The unfunded actuarial accrued liability equals the actuarial accrued liability less the valuation assets.

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Valuation Assets Market Value

Minimum Funding Mandated Discount Rates

Segment 1 - Payments within 5 years	4.75%
Segment 2 - Payments between 5 and 20 years	5.00%
Segment 3 - Payments after 20 years	5.74%

Effective Interest Rate	5.71%
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Look-Back Month	October
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Maximum Deductible Contribution Mandated Discount Rates

Segment 1 - Payments within 5 years	3.82%
Segment 2 - Payments between 5 and 20 years	4.59%
Segment 3 - Payments after 20 years	4.63%

Look-Back Month	October
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Salary Scale	None
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Retirement Rates	Age	Rate
	65+	100%

Termination Rates	None
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Mortality (Pre-Retirement)	None
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Post-retirement Mortality (for Annuitants)	As set forth in IRS Regulation 1.430(h)(3); static table, separate for males and females
Post-retirement Mortality (to value lump sums)	Under 1.430(d)-1(f)(4)(iii)(B), when valuing a lump sum distribution, the current Sec. 417(e) mortality table is substituted for the Sec. 430(h)(3) annuitant table that would otherwise be used in combination with valuation interest rates under Sec. 430(h)(2)
Rates of Disablement	None
Administrative Expenses	None
Percent Married	100% of males and 100% of females were assumed to be married
Age of Spouse	The female spouse is assumed to be the same age as the male spouse
Probability of Payment Form	Lump Sum of Cash Balance - 100%
Changes since Prior Valuation	None

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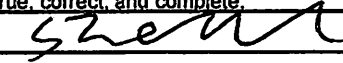
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SIGN HERE		<u>10/7/23</u>	SETH GOLD
	Signature of plan administrator	Date	Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator
SIGN HERE			
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Part III Financial Information

7 Plan Assets and Liabilities		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
a Total plan assets.....	7a	1,280,455	1,454,695
b Total plan liabilities.....	7b	0	0
c Net plan assets (subtract line 7b from line 7a).....	7c	1,280,455	1,454,695
8 Income, Expenses, and Transfers for this Plan Year		(a) Amount	(b) Total
a Contributions received or receivable from:			
(1) Employers.....	8a(1)	0	
(2) Participants.....	8a(2)	0	
(3) Others (including rollovers).....	8a(3)	0	
b Other income (loss).....	8b	183,907	
c Total income (add lines 8a(1), 8a(2), 8a(3), and 8b).....	8c		183,907
d Benefits paid (including direct rollovers and insurance premiums to provide benefits).....	8d	0	
e Certain deemed and/or corrective distributions (see instructions).	8e	0	
f Administrative service providers (salaries, fees, commissions).....	8f	9,667	
g Other expenses.....	8g	0	
h Total expenses (add lines 8d, 8e, 8f, and 8g).....	8h		9,667
i Net income (loss) (subtract line 8h from line 8c).....	8i		174,240
j Transfers to (from) the plan (see instructions).....	8j		

Part IV Plan Characteristics

- 9a** If the plan provides pension benefits, enter the applicable pension feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristic Codes in the instructions:
 1C 3D 1I
- b** If the plan provides welfare benefits, enter the applicable welfare feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristic Codes in the instructions:

Part V Compliance Questions

10 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).....	10a		X	
b Were there any nonexempt transactions with any party-in-interest? (Do not include transactions reported on line 10a.).....	10b		X	
c Was the plan covered by a fidelity bond?.....	10c	X		500,000
d Did the plan have a loss, whether or not reimbursed by the plan's fidelity bond, that was caused by fraud or dishonesty?.....	10d		X	
e Were any fees or commissions paid to any brokers, agents, or other persons by an insurance carrier, insurance service, or other organization that provides some or all of the benefits under the plan? (See instructions.).....	10e		X	
f Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan?.....	10f		X	
g Did the plan have any participant loans? (If "Yes," enter amount as of year-end.).....	10g		X	
h If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.).....	10h		X	
i If 10h was answered "Yes," check the box if you either provided the required notice or one of the exceptions to providing the notice applied under 29 CFR 2520.101-3.....	10i			

Part VI Pension Funding Compliance

11 Is this a defined benefit plan subject to minimum funding requirements? (If "Yes," see instructions and complete Schedule SB (Form 5500) and lines 11a and b below.) If this is a defined contribution pension plan, leave line 11 blank and complete line 12 below. Yes No

a Enter the unpaid minimum required contributions for all years from Schedule SB (Form 5500) line 40..... **11a** 0

b PBGC missed contribution reporting requirements. If the plan is covered by PBGC and the amount reported on line 11a is greater than \$0, 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 _____

12 Is this a defined contribution plan subject to the minimum funding requirements of section 412 of the Code or section 302 of ERISA? Yes No

(If "Yes," complete line 12a or lines 12b, 12c, 12d, and 12e below, as applicable.) If this is a defined benefit pension plan, leave line 12 blank and complete line 11 above.

a 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 letter ruling granting the waiver. Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

If you completed line 12a, complete lines 3, 9, and 10 of Schedule MB (Form 5500), and skip to line 13.

b Enter the minimum required contribution for this plan year **12b**

c Enter the amount contributed by the employer to the plan for this plan year **12c**

d Subtract the amount in line 12c from the amount in line 12b. Enter the result (enter a minus sign to the left of a negative amount) **12d**

e Will the minimum funding amount reported on line 12d be met by the funding deadline? Yes No N/A

Part VII Plan Terminations and Transfers of Assets

13a Has a resolution to terminate the plan been adopted in any plan year? Yes No

a If "Yes," enter the amount of any plan assets that reverted to the employer this year **13a**

b Were all the plan assets distributed to participants or beneficiaries, transferred to another plan, or brought under the control of the PBGC? Yes No

c 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.)

13c(1) Name of plan(s):	13c(2) EIN(s)	13c(3) PN(s)

Part VIII IRS Compliance Questions

14a 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

14b 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

15 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 02/28/2023 (MM/DD/YYYY) and the Opinion Letter serial number Q705311a.

**SCHEDULE SB
(Form 5500)**

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service
Department of Labor
Employee Benefits Security Administration
Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

**Single-Employer Defined Benefit Plan
Actuarial Information**

This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and section 6059 of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code).

▶ **File as an attachment to Form 5500 or 5500-SF.**

OMB No. 1210-0110

2023

This Form is Open to Public Inspection

For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning 10/01/2023 and ending 09/30/2024

▶ **Round off amounts to nearest dollar.**

▶ **Caution:** A penalty of \$1,000 will be assessed for late filing of this report unless reasonable cause is established.


A Name of plan L & L GOLD ASSOCIATES, INC. CASH BALANCE PLAN		B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	002
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 or 5500-SF L & L GOLD ASSOCIATES, INC.		D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 38-2225977	
E Type of plan: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Single <input type="checkbox"/> Multiple-A <input type="checkbox"/> Multiple-B		F Prior year plan size: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 100 or fewer <input type="checkbox"/> 101-500 <input type="checkbox"/> More than 500	

Part I Basic Information

1 Enter the valuation date: Month <u>10</u> Day <u>01</u> Year <u>2023</u>			
2 Assets:			
a Market value.....	2a	1,280,455	
b Actuarial value.....	2b	1,280,455	
3 Funding target/participant count breakdown	(1) Number of participants	(2) Vested Funding Target	(3) Total Funding Target
a For retired participants and beneficiaries receiving payment.....	0	0	0
b For terminated vested participants.....	8	19,316	19,316
c For active participants.....	11	1,061,506	1,061,506
d Total.....	19	1,080,822	1,080,822
4 If the plan is in at-risk status, check the box and complete lines (a) and (b)..... <input type="checkbox"/>			
a Funding target disregarding prescribed at-risk assumptions.....	4a		
b Funding target reflecting at-risk assumptions, but disregarding transition rule for plans that have been in at-risk status for fewer than five consecutive years and disregarding loading factor.....	4b		
5 Effective interest rate.....	5	5.71%	
6 Target normal cost			
a Present value of current plan year accruals.....	6a	0	
b Expected plan-related expenses.....	6b	5,000	
c Target normal cost.....	6c	5,000	

Statement by Enrolled Actuary

To the best of my knowledge, the information supplied in this schedule and accompanying schedules, statements and attachments, if any, is complete and accurate. Each prescribed assumption was applied in accordance with applicable law and regulations. In my opinion, each other assumption is reasonable (taking into account the experience of the plan and reasonable expectations) and such other assumptions, in combination, offer my best estimate of anticipated experience under the plan.

SIGN HERE		<u>7/7/2025</u>
	Signature of actuary	Date
	MICHAEL STROME, FSA, EA, MAAA	2306160
	Type or print name of actuary	Most recent enrollment number
	FOSTER & FOSTER, INC.	248-461-3625
	Firm name	Telephone number (including area code)
	31313 NORTHWESTERN HWY SUITE 114 FARMINGTON HILLS MI 48334	
	Address of the firm	

If the actuary has not fully reflected any regulation or ruling promulgated under the statute in completing this schedule, check the box and see instructions

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

Part II Beginning of Year Carryover and Prefunding Balances		(a) Carryover balance	(b) Prefunding balance
7	Balance at beginning of prior year after applicable adjustments (line 13 from prior year).....	0	225,632
8	Portion elected for use to offset prior year's funding requirement (line 35 from prior year).....	0	27,215
9	Amount remaining (line 7 minus line 8).....	0	198,417
10	Interest on line 9 using prior year's actual return of <u>11.41%</u>	0	22,639
11	Prior year's excess contributions to be added to prefunding balance:		
a	Present value of excess contributions (line 38a from prior year).....		0
b(1)	Interest on the excess, if any, of line 38a over line 38b from prior year Schedule SB, using prior year's effective interest rate of <u>5.89%</u>		0
b(2)	Interest on line 38b from prior year Schedule SB, using prior year's actual return.....		0
c	Total available at beginning of current plan year to add to prefunding balance.....		0
d	Portion of (c) to be added to prefunding balance.....		
12	Other reductions in balances due to elections or deemed elections.....	0	0
13	Balance at beginning of current year (line 9 + line 10 + line 11d - line 12).....	0	221,056

Part III Funding Percentages			
14	Funding target attainment percentage.....	14	98.01 %
15	Adjusted funding target attainment percentage.....	15	%
16	Prior year's funding percentage for purposes of determining whether carryover/prefunding balances may be used to reduce current year's funding requirement.....	16	92.30 %
17	If the current value of the assets of the plan is less than 70 percent of the funding target, enter such percentage.....	17	%

Part IV Contributions and Liquidity Shortfalls					
18 Contributions made to the plan for the plan year by employer(s) and employees:					
(a) Date (MM-DD-YYYY)	(b) Amount paid by employer(s)	(c) Amount paid by employees	(a) Date (MM-DD-YYYY)	(b) Amount paid by employer(s)	(c) Amount paid by employees
Totals ▶			18(b)	0	18(c) 0

19	Discounted employer contributions -- see instructions for small plan with a valuation date after the beginning of the year:		
a	Contributions allocated toward unpaid minimum required contributions from prior years.....	19a	0
b	Contributions made to avoid restrictions adjusted to valuation date.....	19b	0
c	Contributions allocated toward minimum required contribution for current year adjusted to valuation date.....	19c	0

20	Quarterly contributions and liquidity shortfalls:		
a	Did the plan have a "funding shortfall" for the prior year?.....	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
b	If line 20a is "Yes," were required quarterly installments for the current year made in a timely manner?.....	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
c	If line 20a is "Yes," see instructions and complete the following table as applicable:		

Liquidity shortfall as of end of quarter of this plan year			
(1) 1st	(2) 2nd	(3) 3rd	(4) 4th

Part V Assumptions Used to Determine Funding Target and Target Normal Cost

21 Discount rate:

a Segment rates:

1st segment: 4.75 %	2nd segment: 5.00 %	3rd segment: 5.74 %	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A, full yield curve used
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b Applicable month (enter code)..... **21b** 0

22 Weighted average retirement age **22** 66

23 Mortality table(s) (see instructions) Prescribed - combined Prescribed - separate Substitute

Part VI Miscellaneous Items

24 Has a change been made in the non-prescribed actuarial assumptions for the current plan year? If "Yes," see instructions regarding required attachment. Yes No

25 Has a method change been made for the current plan year? If "Yes," see instructions regarding required attachment. Yes No

26 Demographic and benefit information

a Is the plan required to provide a Schedule of Active Participants? If "Yes," see instructions regarding required attachment. Yes No

b Is the plan required to provide a projection of expected benefit payments? If "Yes," see instructions regarding required attachment ... Yes No

27 If the plan is subject to alternative funding rules, enter applicable code and see instructions regarding attachment **27**

Part VII Reconciliation of Unpaid Minimum Required Contributions For Prior Years

28 Unpaid minimum required contributions for all prior years..... **28** 0

29 Discounted employer contributions allocated toward unpaid minimum required contributions from prior years (line 19a) **29** 0

30 Remaining amount of unpaid minimum required contributions (line 28 minus line 29) **30** 0

Part VIII Minimum Required Contribution For Current Year

31 Target normal cost and excess assets (see instructions):

a Target normal cost (line 6c)..... **31a** 5,000

b Excess assets, if applicable, but not greater than line 31a **31b** 0

32 Amortization installments:

	Outstanding Balance	Installment
a Net shortfall amortization installment	21,423	2,296
b Waiver amortization installment.....	0	0

33 If a waiver has been approved for this plan year, enter the date of the ruling letter granting the approval (Month _____ Day _____ Year _____) and the waived amount **33**

34 Total funding requirement before reflecting carryover/prefunding balances (lines 31a - 31b + 32a + 32b - 33).... **34** 7,296

	Carryover balance	Prefunding balance	Total balance
35 Balances elected for use to offset funding requirement.....	0	7,296	7,296

36 Additional cash requirement (line 34 minus line 35)..... **36** 0

37 Contributions allocated toward minimum required contribution for current year adjusted to valuation date (line 19c)..... **37** 0

38 Present value of excess contributions for current year (see instructions)

a Total (excess, if any, of line 37 over line 36)..... **38a** 0

b Portion included in line 38a attributable to use of prefunding and funding standard carryover balances **38b**

39 Unpaid minimum required contribution for current year (excess, if any, of line 36 over line 37)..... **39** 0

40 Unpaid minimum required contributions for all years..... **40** 0

Part IX Pension Funding Relief Under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (See Instructions)

41 If an election was made to use the extended amortization rule for a plan year beginning on or before December 31, 2021, check the box to indicate the first plan year for which the rule applies. 2019 2020 2021

L & L Gold Associates, Inc. Cash Balance Plan

EIN: 38-2225977

PN: 002

Attachment to the 2023 Form 5500 Schedule SB

Schedule SB, Line 15 – Reconciliation of differences between valuation results and amounts used to calculate AFTAP

No AFTAP was certified for the Plan Year beginning 10/1/2023.

L & L Gold Associates, Inc. Cash Balance Plan

EIN: 38-2225977

PN: 002

Attachment to the 2023 Form 5500 Schedule SB

Schedule SB, Line 22 – Descriptions of Weighted Average Retirement Age

All Participants are assumed to retire on the greater of a) their current age or b) the Plan's Normal Retirement Age of 65.

The weighted average retirement age for the 2023 Plan Year is 66.

L & L Gold Associates, Inc. Cash Balance Plan
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Attachment to the 2023 Form 5500 Schedule SB

A. Plan Provisions

Plan Name	L & L Gold Associates, Inc. Cash Balance Plan
Plan Effective Date	October 1, 2012
Eligibility Provisions	
Participation	Completion of 3 Months of Service
Normal Retirement	Age 65 and 5 Years of Service
Early Retirement	N/A
Late Retirement	Employment continues after normal retirement date
Vesting Schedule	3 Year Cliff
Disability	No disability benefit
Pre-retirement Death	Beneficiary receives death benefit equal to Actuarial Equivalent of the Accrued Benefit
Accrued Benefit	Actuarial Equivalent of Cash Balance
Cash Balance	Cash Balance is the accumulated value of a participant's Hypothetical Allocations and Interest Credits.
Hypothetical Allocations	Benefits are frozen effective October 1, 2017.
Cash Balance Interest Credit	5.00% per year

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Actuarial Equivalence

General	Applicable Mortality Table, 5.00% Pre and Post-Retirement Interest
Unreduced payment form	Single Life Annuity
Optional payment forms	Joint and survivor with 50%, 66 2/3%, 75%, or 100% continuing to beneficiary (spouse or non-spouse); Lump Sum; 10-Year Certain & Life; 15-Year Certain & Life; Payments over a certain period not to exceed life expectancy
Changes since Prior Valuation	None
Other Qualified Retirement Plans	L & L Gold Associates, Inc. 401(K) Plan and Trust

L & L Gold Associates, Inc. Cash Balance Plan
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Attachment to the 2023 Form 5500 Schedule SB

Schedule SB, Line 32 – Schedule of Amortization Bases

The table below lists the Funding Target Shortfall amortization bases included in the calculation of the Plan's Minimum Required Contribution as of October 1, 2023.

Date Established	Initial Period	Period Remaining	Balance		Annual Payment
			Original	Remaining	
Shortfall Charge Bases					
10/1/2022	15	14	\$78,074	<u>\$75,139</u>	<u>\$7,215</u>
Total Charges				\$75,139	\$7,215
Shortfall Credit Bases					
10/1/2023	15	15	\$53,716	<u>\$53,716</u>	<u>\$4,919</u>
Total Credits				\$53,716	\$4,919
Total				\$21,423	\$2,296