

Form 5500

Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan

OMB Nos. 1210-0110 1210-0089

2023

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Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration

Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

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.

Part I Annual Report Identification Information

For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning 07/01/2023 and ending 06/30/2024

- A This return/report is for: [ ] a multiemployer plan [ ] a multiple-employer plan... [X] a single-employer plan [ ] a DFE (specify)
B This return/report is: [ ] the first return/report [ ] the final return/report [X] an amended return/report [ ] a short plan year return/report...
C If the plan is a collectively-bargained plan, check here... [ ]
D Check box if filing under: [X] Form 5558 [ ] automatic extension [ ] the DFVC program [ ] special extension...
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 THE L.S. STARRETT COMPANY EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN
1b Three-digit plan number (PN) 002
1c Effective date of plan 07/01/1994
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) THE L.S. STARRETT COMPANY 121 CRESCENT STREET ATHOL, MA 01331-1915
2b Employer Identification Number (EIN) 04-1866480
2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number 508-249-3551
2d Business code (see instructions) 339900

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.

Table with 4 columns: SIGN HERE, Signature of plan administrator, Date, Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator. Includes rows for employer/plan sponsor and DFE.

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<b>3a</b> Plan administrator's name and address <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Same as Plan Sponsor	<b>3b</b> Administrator's EIN	
	<b>3c</b> Administrator's telephone number	
<b>4</b> If the name and/or EIN of the plan sponsor or the plan name has changed since the last return/report filed for this plan, enter the plan sponsor's name, EIN, the plan name and the plan number from the last return/report: <b>a</b> Sponsor's name <b>c</b> Plan Name	<b>4b</b> EIN	
	<b>4d</b> PN	
<b>5</b> Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year	<b>5</b>	301
<b>6</b> Number of participants as of the end of the plan year unless otherwise stated (welfare plans complete only lines <b>6a(1)</b> , <b>6a(2)</b> , <b>6b</b> , <b>6c</b> , and <b>6d</b> ). <b>a(1)</b> Total number of active participants at the beginning of the plan year ..... <b>a(2)</b> Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year ..... <b>b</b> Retired or separated participants receiving benefits ..... <b>c</b> Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits ..... <b>d</b> Subtotal. Add lines <b>6a(2)</b> , <b>6b</b> , and <b>6c</b> . ..... <b>e</b> Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits ..... <b>f</b> Total. Add lines <b>6d</b> and <b>6e</b> . ..... <b>g(1)</b> Number of participants with account balances as of the beginning of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item) ..... <b>g(2)</b> Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item) ..... <b>h</b> Number of participants who terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested.....	<b>6a(1)</b>	199
	<b>6a(2)</b>	165
	<b>6b</b>	0
	<b>6c</b>	100
	<b>6d</b>	265
	<b>6e</b>	0
	<b>6f</b>	265
	<b>6g(1)</b>	301
<b>6g(2)</b>	265	
<b>6h</b>	0	
<b>7</b> Enter the total number of employers obligated to contribute to the plan (only multiemployer plans complete this item).....	<b>7</b>	

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

<b>9a</b> Plan funding arrangement (check all that apply)	<b>9b</b> Plan benefit arrangement (check all that apply)
(1) <input type="checkbox"/> Insurance	(1) <input type="checkbox"/> Insurance
(2) <input type="checkbox"/> Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts	(2) <input type="checkbox"/> Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts
(3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trust	(3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trust
(4) <input type="checkbox"/> General assets of the sponsor	(4) <input type="checkbox"/> 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)

<b>a Pension Schedules</b>	<b>b General Schedules</b>
(1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>R</b> (Retirement Plan Information)	(1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>H</b> (Financial Information)
(2) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>MB</b> (Multiemployer Defined Benefit Plan and Certain Money Purchase Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary	(2) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>I</b> (Financial Information – Small Plan)
(3) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>SB</b> (Single-Employer Defined Benefit Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary	(3) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>A</b> (Insurance Information) – Number Attached _____
(4) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>DCG</b> (Individual Plan Information) – Number Attached _____	(4) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>C</b> (Service Provider Information)
(5) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>MEP</b> (Multiple-Employer Retirement Plan Information)	(5) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>D</b> (DFE/Participating Plan Information)
	(6) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>G</b> (Financial Transaction Schedules)

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

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

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

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

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**11c** Enter the Receipt Confirmation Code for the 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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**SCHEDULE H  
(Form 5500)**

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

Department of Labor  
Employee Benefits Security Administration

Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

**Financial Information**

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

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

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**2023**

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<b>A</b> Name of plan <u>THE L.S. STARRETT COMPANY EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN</u>		<b>B</b> Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	<u>002</u>
<b>C</b> Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <u>THE L.S. STARRETT COMPANY</u>		<b>D</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>04-1866480</u>	

**Part I Asset and Liability Statement**

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

<b>Assets</b>	<b>(a) Beginning of Year</b>	<b>(b) End of Year</b>
<b>a</b> Total noninterest-bearing cash .....	<b>1a</b>	
<b>b</b> Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts):		
<b>(1)</b> Employer contributions .....	<b>1b(1)</b>	
<b>(2)</b> Participant contributions .....	<b>1b(2)</b>	
<b>(3)</b> Other .....	<b>1b(3)</b>	
<b>c</b> General investments:		
<b>(1)</b> Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit) .....	<b>1c(1)</b>	<u>1045</u>
<b>(2)</b> U.S. Government securities .....	<b>1c(2)</b>	<u>2012335</u>
<b>(3)</b> Corporate debt instruments (other than employer securities):		
<b>(A)</b> Preferred .....	<b>1c(3)(A)</b>	
<b>(B)</b> All other .....	<b>1c(3)(B)</b>	
<b>(4)</b> Corporate stocks (other than employer securities):		
<b>(A)</b> Preferred .....	<b>1c(4)(A)</b>	
<b>(B)</b> Common .....	<b>1c(4)(B)</b>	
<b>(5)</b> Partnership/joint venture interests .....	<b>1c(5)</b>	
<b>(6)</b> Real estate (other than employer real property) .....	<b>1c(6)</b>	
<b>(7)</b> Loans (other than to participants) .....	<b>1c(7)</b>	
<b>(8)</b> Participant loans .....	<b>1c(8)</b>	
<b>(9)</b> Value of interest in common/collective trusts .....	<b>1c(9)</b>	
<b>(10)</b> Value of interest in pooled separate accounts .....	<b>1c(10)</b>	
<b>(11)</b> Value of interest in master trust investment accounts .....	<b>1c(11)</b>	
<b>(12)</b> Value of interest in 103-12 investment entities .....	<b>1c(12)</b>	
<b>(13)</b> Value of interest in registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds) .....	<b>1c(13)</b>	<u>903792</u>
<b>(14)</b> Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts) .....	<b>1c(14)</b>	
<b>(15)</b> Other .....	<b>1c(15)</b>	

1d Employer-related investments:		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
(1) Employer securities .....	1d(1)	3051771	
(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	3052816	3926787
<b>Liabilities</b>			
g Benefit claims payable .....	1g		
h Operating payables .....	1h		
i Acquisition indebtedness .....	1i	2000	
j Other liabilities .....	1j		
k Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through 1j) .....	1k	2000	0
<b>Net Assets</b>			
l Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f) .....	1l	3050816	3926787

**Part II Income and Expense Statement**

2 Plan income, expenses, and changes in net assets for the year. Include all income and expenses of the plan, including any trust(s) or separately maintained fund(s) and any payments/receipts to/from insurance carriers. Round off amounts to the nearest dollar. MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs do not complete lines 2a, 2b(1)(E), 2e, 2f, and 2g.

<b>Income</b>		(a) Amount	(b) Total
<b>a Contributions:</b>			
(1) Received or receivable in cash from: (A) Employers .....	2a(1)(A)		
(B) Participants .....	2a(1)(B)		
(C) Others (including rollovers) .....	2a(1)(C)		
(2) Noncash contributions .....	2a(2)		
(3) Total contributions. Add lines 2a(1)(A), (B), (C), and line 2a(2) .....	2a(3)		0
<b>b Earnings on investments:</b>			
(1) Interest:			
(A) Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit) .....	2b(1)(A)		
(B) U.S. Government securities .....	2b(1)(B)		
(C) Corporate debt instruments .....	2b(1)(C)		
(D) Loans (other than to participants) .....	2b(1)(D)		
(E) Participant loans .....	2b(1)(E)		
(F) Other .....	2b(1)(F)		
(G) Total interest. Add lines 2b(1)(A) through (F) .....	2b(1)(G)		0
(2) Dividends:			
(A) Preferred stock .....	2b(2)(A)		
(B) Common stock .....	2b(2)(B)		
(C) Registered investment company shares (e.g. mutual funds) .....	2b(2)(C)	3990	
(D) Total dividends. Add lines 2b(2)(A), (B), and (C) .....	2b(2)(D)		3990
(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)	1483489	
(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)		
(7) Net investment gain (loss) from pooled separate accounts.....	2b(7)		
(8) Net investment gain (loss) from master trust investment accounts.....	2b(8)		
(9) Net investment gain (loss) from 103-12 investment entities.....	2b(9)		
(10) Net investment gain (loss) from registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds).....	2b(10)		
<b>c</b> Other income.....	2c		
<b>d</b> Total income. Add all <b>income</b> amounts in column (b) and enter total.....	2d		1487479

**Expenses**

<b>e</b> Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers.....	2e(1)	608739	
(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)		608739
<b>f</b> Corrective distributions (see instructions).....	2f		
<b>g</b> Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions).....	2g		
<b>h</b> Interest expense.....	2h		
<b>i</b> Administrative expenses:			
(1) Salaries and allowances.....	2i(1)		
(2) Contract administrator fees.....	2i(2)		
(3) Recordkeeping fees.....	2i(3)		
(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)	2769	
(12) Total administrative expenses. Add lines 2i(1) through (11).....	2i(12)		2769
<b>j</b> Total expenses. Add all <b>expense</b> amounts in column (b) and enter total.....	2j		611508

**Net Income and Reconciliation**

<b>k</b> Net income (loss). Subtract line 2j from line 2d.....	2k		875971
<b>l</b> Transfers of assets:			
(1) To this plan.....	2l(1)		
(2) From this plan.....	2l(2)		

**Part III Accountant's Opinion**

**3** Complete lines 3a through 3c if the opinion of an independent qualified public accountant is attached to this Form 5500. Complete line 3d if an opinion is not attached.

**a** The attached opinion of an independent qualified public accountant for this plan is (see instructions):

(1)  Unmodified (2)  Qualified (3)  Disclaimer (4)  Adverse

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

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

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

(1) Name: **CARON & BLETZER, PLLC**

(2) EIN: **04-3499945**

**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
<b>a</b> 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>b</b> Were any loans by the plan or fixed income obligations due the plan in default as of the close of the plan year or classified during the year as uncollectible? Disregard participant loans secured by participant's account balance. (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part I if "Yes" is checked.)		X	
<b>c</b> Were any leases to which the plan was a party in default or classified during the year as uncollectible? (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part II if "Yes" is checked.)		X	
<b>d</b> Were there any nonexempt transactions with any party-in-interest? (Do not include transactions reported on line 4a. Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part III if "Yes" is checked.)		X	
<b>e</b> Was this plan covered by a fidelity bond?	X		500000
<b>f</b> Did the plan have a loss, whether or not reimbursed by the plan's fidelity bond, that was caused by fraud or dishonesty?		X	
<b>g</b> Did the plan hold any assets whose current value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?		X	
<b>h</b> Did the plan receive any noncash contributions whose value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?		X	
<b>i</b> Did the plan have assets held for investment? (Attach schedule(s) of assets if "Yes" is checked, and see instructions for format requirements.)	X		
<b>j</b> Were any plan transactions or series of transactions in excess of 5% of the current value of plan assets? (Attach schedule of transactions if "Yes" is checked and see instructions for format requirements.)	X		
<b>k</b> Were all the plan assets either distributed to participants or beneficiaries, transferred to another plan, or brought under the control of the PBGC?		X	
<b>l</b> Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan?		X	
<b>m</b> If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.)		X	
<b>n</b> If 4m was answered "Yes," check the "Yes" box if you either provided the required notice or one of the exceptions to providing the notice applied under 29 CFR 2520.101-3.			

**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 0.

**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.)

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

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

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

<b>SCHEDULE R</b> <b>(Form 5500)</b>  <small>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</small>  <small>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</small>  <small>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</small>	<b>Retirement Plan Information</b>  This schedule is required to be filed under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code).  <b>▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.</b>	<small>OMB No. 1210-0110</small>  <b>2023</b>  <b>This Form is Open to Public Inspection.</b>
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<b>C</b> Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <u>THE L.S. STARRETT COMPANY</u>	<b>D</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>04-1866480</u>	

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

<b>1</b> Total value of distributions paid in property other than in cash or the forms of property specified in the instructions.....	1	
<b>2</b> 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): <u>04-2845730</u>		
<b>Profit-sharing plans, ESOPs, and stock bonus plans, skip line 3.</b>		
<b>3</b> Number of participants (living or deceased) whose benefits were distributed in a single sum, during the plan year .....	3	

<b>Part II</b>	<b>Funding Information</b> (If the plan is not subject to the minimum funding requirements of section 412 of the Internal Revenue Code or ERISA section 302, skip this Part.)
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<b>4</b> Is the plan administrator making an election under Code section 412(d)(2) or ERISA section 302(d)(2)? .....	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
<b>If the plan is a defined benefit plan, go to line 8.</b>			
<b>5</b> 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. <b>Date:</b> Month _____ Day _____ Year _____ <b>If you completed line 5, complete lines 3, 9, and 10 of Schedule MB and do not complete the remainder of this schedule.</b>			
<b>6 a</b> Enter the minimum required contribution for this plan year (include any prior year accumulated funding deficiency not waived) .....	6a		
<b>b</b> Enter the amount contributed by the employer to the plan for this plan year .....	6b		
<b>c</b> Subtract the amount in line 6b from the amount in line 6a. Enter the result (enter a minus sign to the left of a negative amount) .....	6c		
<b>If you completed line 6c, skip lines 8 and 9.</b>			
<b>7</b> Will the minimum funding amount reported on line 6c be met by the funding deadline? .....	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
<b>8</b> 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? .....	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A

<b>Part III</b>	<b>Amendments</b>
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<b>9</b> 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. ....	<input type="checkbox"/> Increase	<input type="checkbox"/> Decrease	<input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input type="checkbox"/> No
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<b>Part IV</b>	<b>ESOPs</b> (see instructions). If this is not a plan described under section 409(a) or 4975(e)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code, skip this Part.
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<b>10</b> Were unallocated employer securities or proceeds from the sale of unallocated securities used to repay any exempt loan? .....	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
<b>11 a</b> Does the ESOP hold any preferred stock? .....	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
<b>b</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.) .....	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
<b>12</b> Does the ESOP hold any stock that is not readily tradable on an established securities market? .....	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**15** Enter the ratio of the number of participants under the plan on whose behalf no employer had an obligation to make an employer contribution during the current plan year to:

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

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

<b>a</b> Enter the number of employers who withdrew during the preceding plan year .....	<b>16a</b>	
<b>b</b> If line 16a is greater than 0, enter the aggregate amount of withdrawal liability assessed or estimated to be assessed against such withdrawn employers .....	<b>16b</b>	

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

**Part VI Additional Information for Single-Employer and Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans**

**18** If any liabilities to participants or their beneficiaries under the plan as of the end of the plan year consist (in whole or in part) of liabilities to such participants and beneficiaries under two or more pension plans as of immediately before such plan year, check box and see instructions regarding supplemental information to be included as an attachment.....

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

**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 \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ (MM/DD/YYYY) and the Opinion Letter serial number \_\_\_\_\_.

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EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN**

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**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

June 30, 2024 and 2023 and  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2024



***CARON & BLETZER, PLLC***

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Certain supplemental schedules have been omitted because they are either not required or not applicable.



## Independent Auditor's Report

To the Plan Administrator of The L. S. Starrett Company Employee Stock Ownership Plan:

### ***Opinion***

We have audited the financial statements of The L. S. Starrett Company Employee Stock Ownership Plan ("the Plan"), an employee benefit plan subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 ("ERISA"), which comprise the statements of net assets available for benefits as of June 30, 2024 (in liquidation) and 2023 (ongoing), and the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits in liquidation for the year ended June 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the net assets available for benefits of the Plan as of June 30, 2024 (in liquidation) and 2023 (ongoing), and the changes in its net assets available for benefits in liquidation for the year ended June 30, 2024, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("GAAP").

### ***Basis for Opinion***

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America ("GAAS"). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Plan and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audits. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

### ***Emphasis of Matter - Plan Termination and Liquidation Basis of Accounting***

As further discussed in Notes A and H to the financial statements, the Plan Administrator approved that the Plan be terminated effective March 8, 2024, and management determined liquidation is imminent. As a result, the Plan changed its basis of accounting from the going-concern basis of accounting used in presenting the 2023 financial statements to the liquidation basis of accounting used in presenting the 2024 financial statements. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

### ***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 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***

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

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, we:

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

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.

### ***Supplemental Schedules Required by ERISA***

Our audits were conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements as a whole. The supplemental Schedule H, Line 4(i) - Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year) in liquidation as of June 30, 2024 and the Schedule H, Line 4(j) – Schedule of Reportable Transactions In Liquidation for the year ended June 30, 2024, are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the financial statements but are supplementary information required by the Department of Labor's ("DOL") 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 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.

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

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

*Caron & Bleger, PLLC*

Kingston, NH  
July 1, 2025

THE L. S. STARRETT COMPANY EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN  
 STATEMENTS OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS  
 June 30, 2024 (in Liquidation) and 2023 (Ongoing)

	<u>2024</u> <u>(in Liquidation)</u>	<u>2023</u> <u>(Ongoing)</u>
ASSETS:		
Cash	\$ 642	\$ 1,045
Investments, at fair value:		
U.S. government securities	2,012,335	-
Cash and cash equivalents	1,010,018	-
Mutual fund	903,792	-
L.S. Starrett Company common stock	<u>-</u>	<u>3,051,771</u>
Total investments	<u>3,926,145</u>	<u>3,051,771</u>
Total assets	3,926,787	3,052,816
LIABILITIES:		
Due to plan sponsor	<u>-</u>	<u>2,000</u>
Net assets available for benefits	<u>\$ 3,926,787</u>	<u>\$ 3,050,816</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral  
part of the financial statements.

THE L. S. STARRETT COMPANY EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN  
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS IN LIQUIDATION  
For the year ended June 30, 2024

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	<u>2024</u> <u>(in Liquidation)</u>
Additions:	
Net appreciation in fair value of investments	\$ 1,483,489
Dividends and interest	<u>3,990</u>
Total additions	1,487,479
Deductions:	
Benefits paid to participants	608,739
Administrative expenses	<u>2,769</u>
Total deductions	<u>611,508</u>
Net increase	875,971
Net assets available for benefits:	
Beginning of year	<u>3,050,816</u>
End of year	<u><u>\$ 3,926,787</u></u>

The accompanying notes are an integral  
part of the financial statements.

THE L. S. STARRETT COMPANY EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN  
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A. DESCRIPTION OF PLAN:

The following description of The L. S. Starrett Company Employee Stock Ownership Plan (the "Plan") provides only general information. Participants should refer to the plan document for a complete description of the Plan's provisions.

General

The Plan is a noncontributory plan covering substantially all employees of The L. S. Starrett Company (the "Company") who have attained age 21 and completed one year of service. The Plan operates, in relevant part, as an employee stock ownership Plan (ESOP) and is designed to comply with Section 4975(e)(7) and the regulations thereunder of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (IRC) and is subject to the applicable provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), as amended.

On March 8, 2024, the Company entered into an agreement of merger among Uhu Inc., a Delaware corporation Unicornfish Corp and The L.S. Starrett Company. Pursuant to this agreement all shares of the Company would be canceled in exchange for cash consideration and this Plan would be terminated March 8, 2024 (see Note H). Contributions to the plan ceased and in accordance with plan provisions, all participants of the Plan became fully vested in their account balances as of that date. Management is looking to liquidate funds by the end of 2025.

Contributions

The Company may make a discretionary contribution to the Plan. In order to share in the contributions, a participant must be a participant on the last day of the plan year, unless deceased or retired. For the plan year ended June 30, 2024, the Company did not make a discretionary contribution. Employee contributions are not permitted.

Participant Accounts

Each participant's account is credited or charged with contributions, investment income, and administrative expenses. Contributions are allocated based on a participant's eligible compensation, relative to total eligible compensation. Plan earnings are allocated to each participant's account based on the ratio of the participant's account balance. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is equal to the value of the participant's vested interest in their account.

Vesting

Participants become 100% vested in the Company's contributions and earnings thereon upon death, or attainment of normal retirement age. Otherwise, a participant's interest in the Company's contributions and earnings thereon vests according to the following schedule:

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<u>Completed Years of Service</u>	<u>Percent Vested</u>
1 year	20%
2 years	40%
3 years	60%
4 years	80%
5+ years	100%

All participants became 100% vested in their account balances on March 8, 2024 as a result of the plan termination described in Note H.

Forfeitures

When certain terminations of participation in the Plan occur, the nonvested portion of the participant's account represents a forfeiture, as defined by the Plan. Forfeited balances are first used to restore re-employed participants' accounts. Remaining forfeitures are allocated to participants in proportion to their account balance relative to all account balances eligible for the allocation.

Distribution of Benefits

Distributions on account of death or normal or late retirement are made as soon as reasonably practicable after the event. A participant who has reached the later of his or her normal retirement date and who also has reached the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the year in which such participant commenced participation in the Plan or his or her termination will begin to receive a distribution of his or her account by the 60<sup>th</sup> day of the following plan year. Distributions for early retirement or any other termination of employment may commence by the later of the participant's termination or the date on which the participant obtains age 55. Distributions for vested accounts with a balance less than \$1,000 are made as soon as practicable following a participant's termination. Distributions are made in a lump sum. The amount to be distributed is based upon the valuation date coincident with or immediately preceding the distribution. Distributions are made in the form of Company common stock plus cash for any fractional share of common stock.

Administrative Expenses

Substantially all expenses incurred in the administration of the Plan are paid by the Company. Expenses that are paid by the Company are excluded from these financial statements. Advisor fees are paid by the Plan.

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Voting Rights

The trustee shall vote all shares of Company stock held by the Plan with respect to all corporate matters upon which shareholders are entitled to vote. Each participant shall direct the trustee as to voting of shares held in his or her account with respect to any shareholder vote that is required for the approval or disapproval of any corporate merger or consolidation, recapitalization, reclassification, liquidation, dissolution, or sale of substantially all the assets of a trade or business. A participant who is entitled to such pass-through voting shall receive from the Company such proxy materials and a proxy form upon which voting directions may be indicated to the trustee. The trustee shall vote such allocated shares of Company stock as instructed by participants. Allocated shares for which no direction is received shall be voted by the trustee in its discretion. Fractional shares of Company stock for which directions are received shall be combined to the extent practicable to reflect participants' directions.

Diversification

Diversification is offered to participants close to retirement so that they may have the opportunity to move part of the value of their investment in Company stock into investments which are more diversified. Participants who are at least age 55 with at least 10 years of participation in the Plan may elect to diversify a portion of their account. Diversification is offered to each eligible participant over a six-year period. A participant may diversify up to 10% of the number of shares allocated to his or her account. Participants who elect to diversify will receive a distribution. The minimum distribution amount is \$200.

B. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES:

Basis of Accounting

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared using the accrual basis of accounting. As a result of the termination of the Plan, the Plan's 2024 financial statements are presented using the liquidation basis of accounting. The ongoing plan basis was used to present the 2023 financial statements.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and changes therein, and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Cash

Cash includes cash on hand and demand deposit accounts.

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Investment Valuation and Income Recognition

The shares of Company common stock are reported at fair value which approximates the liquidation value as of June 30, 2024. Investments are reported at fair value at June 30, 2023. See Note C for discussion of fair value measurements. Dividend income is accrued on the ex-dividend date. Purchases and sales of securities are recorded on a trade-date basis. Realized gains and losses from security transactions are reported on the average cost method. Net appreciation (depreciation) includes the Plan's gains and losses on investments bought and sold as well as held during the year.

Payment of Benefits

Benefits are recorded when paid.

C. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS:

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

*Level 1* - Inputs to the valuation methodology are unadjusted quoted prices 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.

Following is a description of the valuation methodologies used by the Plan. There have been no changes in the methodologies used at June 30, 2024 and 2023.

*U.S. government securities* – Valued using pricing models maximizing the use of observable inputs for similar securities.

*Cash and cash equivalents* – Valued at fair value or at cost, which approximates fair value.

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*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 SEC. 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.

*L.S. Starrett Company common stock* – Valued at the closing price reported on the active market on which the individual securities are traded. Stock was publicly traded until May 23, 2024 when the merger mentioned in Note A occurred. The shares are valued at fair value, which approximates the liquidation value as of June 30, 2024.

The following table sets forth by level, within the fair value hierarchy, the Plan's assets at fair value as of June 30:

<u>Description</u>	2024 (In liquidation)			
	<u>Total</u>	<u>Level 1</u>	<u>Level 2</u>	<u>Level 3</u>
U.S. government securities	\$ 2,012,335	\$ -	\$ 2,012,335	\$ -
Cash and cash equivalents	1,010,018	1,010,018	-	-
Mutual fund	<u>903,792</u>	<u>903,792</u>	-	-
Total investments in the fair value hierarchy	<u>\$ 3,926,145</u>	<u>\$ 1,913,810</u>	<u>\$ 2,012,335</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

<u>Description</u>	2023 (Ongoing)			
	<u>Total</u>	<u>Level 1</u>	<u>Level 2</u>	<u>Level 3</u>
L.S. Starrett Company common stock	<u>\$ 3,051,771</u>	<u>\$ 3,051,771</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Total investments in the fair value hierarchy	<u>\$ 3,051,771</u>	<u>\$ 3,051,771</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

D. RELATED-PARTY AND PARTIES IN INTEREST TRANSACTIONS:

Section 3(14) of ERISA defines a party in interest to include, among others, fiduciaries or employees of the Plan, any person who provides services to the Plan or an employer whose employees are covered by the Plan. Accordingly, the management of investments held by the trustee are considered party in interest transactions.

The Plan invests in Company common stock. This is a related party and party in interest transaction. As described in Note A, the Company pays all plan expenses. The Plan has a number of service providers. Such providers are parties in interest under ERISA.

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E. TAX STATUS:

The Plan has received a determination letter from the Internal Revenue Service (“IRS”) dated May 18, 2017, stating that the Plan is qualified under the IRC and, therefore, the related trust is exempt from taxation. Once qualified, the Plan is required to operate in conformity with the IRC to maintain its qualification. The Plan has been amended since receiving the determination letter. However, the Plan administrator believes that the Plan is currently designed, and being operated, in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC. Therefore, they believe that the Plan was qualified, and the related trust was tax-exempt as of the financial statement date.

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require plan management to evaluate tax positions taken by the Plan and recognize a tax liability 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.

F. RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES:

The Plan invests in publicly traded company common stock. Investment securities are exposed to various risks, such as interest rate, market, and credit risks. Market risks include global events which could impact the value of investment securities. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in the value of investment securities will occur in the near term and that such changes could materially affect participants’ account balances and the amounts reported in the statements of net assets available for benefits in liquidation and ongoing.

G. DUE TO PLAN SPONSOR:

Prior to liquidating the assets, the Company advanced \$2,000 in cash to the Trust to cover the Plan’s distribution obligations. This advance was an interest-free loan to the Plan. No collateral was taken for this loan. Plan management believes that the loan complies with the requirements of the Department of Labor Prohibited Transaction Class Exemption 80-26.

H. PLAN TERMINATION:

Effective March 8, 2024, the Company amended the Plan to terminate the Plan. In accordance with the Plan’s termination provisions, all participants of the Plan became fully vested in their account balances as of that date. Management is looking to liquidate funds by the end of 2025.

I. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS:

The Plan has evaluated subsequent events through July 1, 2025, the date these financial statements were available for issuance.

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 IN LIQUIDATION  
 June 30, 2024

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
Identity of issue, borrower, lessor or similar party	Description of investment including maturity date, rate of interest, collateral, par or maturity value	Cost	Current value	
*	Charles Schwab Bank	Cash and cash equivalent	\$ 761,018	\$ 761,018
*	Schwab Trust Bank	"	249,000	<u>249,000</u>
	Total cash and cash equivalents			1,010,018
*	Schwab Charles Family Funds Government Money Market Fund	Mutual fund	903,792	903,792
	US Treasury Bill - 912797KCO	Government obligation	1,002,419	1,007,354
	US Treasury Bill - 912797LD7	"	1,000,091	<u>1,004,981</u>
	Total government obligations			<u>2,012,335</u>
	Total investments at fair value			<u>\$ 3,926,145</u>

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SCHEDULE H, LINE 4(j) – SCHEDULE OF REPORTABLE TRANSACTIONS  
 IN LIQUIDATION  
 For the year ended June 30, 2024

(a) Identity of party involved	(b) Description of asset	(c) Purchase price	(d) Selling price	(g) Cost of asset	(h) Current value of asset on transaction date	(i) Net gain (loss)
<u>Single Transactions:</u>						
L.S. Starrett Company	Common stock	\$ -	\$ 3,910,834	\$ 3,886,567	\$ 3,910,834	\$ 24,267
Charles Schwab Bank	Cash and cash equivalent	761,018	-	-	761,018	-
Schwab Trust Bank	Cash and cash equivalent	249,000	-	-	249,000	-
Schwab Charles Family Funds - Government Money Market	Mutual fund	900,000	-	-	900,000	-
US Treasury Bill - 912797KCO	Government obligation	1,007,354	-	-	1,007,354	-
US Treasury Bill - 912797LD7	Government obligation	980,580	-	-	980,580	-
US Treasury Bill - 912796Y45	Government obligation	-	1,005,000	1,005,000	1,005,000	-

Series Transactions:

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