

Form 5500

Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan

OMB Nos. 1210-0110 1210-0089

2024

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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 2024 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2024 and ending 12/31/2024

- A This return/report is for: a multiemployer plan, a multiple-employer plan, a single-employer plan, a DFE, the first return/report, the final return/report, an amended return/report, a short plan year return/report.
B This return/report is: the first return/report, the final return/report, 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: Form 5558, automatic extension, special extension, the DFVC program.
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: NTH CONSULTANTS LTD EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN
1b Three-digit plan number (PN): 004
1c Effective date of plan: 08/01/1988
2a Plan sponsor's name, mailing address, city or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code.
2b Employer Identification Number (EIN): 38-1880747
2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number: 248-324-5338
2d Business code (see instructions): 541330

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 type="checkbox"/> Same as Plan Sponsor  <b>NTH CONSULTANTS LTD</b>  <b>41780 SIX MILE ROAD STE 200</b> <b>NORTHVILLE, MI 48168-3459</b>	<b>3b</b> Administrator's EIN <b>38-1880747</b>  <b>3c</b> Administrator's telephone number <b>248-324-5338</b>
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<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
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<b>5</b> Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year	<b>5</b>	139
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<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>6a(1)</b>	104
<b>a(2)</b> Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year .....	<b>6a(2)</b>	98
<b>b</b> Retired or separated participants receiving benefits.....	<b>6b</b>	20
<b>c</b> Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits .....	<b>6c</b>	16
<b>d</b> Subtotal. Add lines <b>6a(2)</b> , <b>6b</b> , and <b>6c</b> .....	<b>6d</b>	134
<b>e</b> Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits. ....	<b>6e</b>	1
<b>f</b> Total. Add lines <b>6d</b> and <b>6e</b> .....	<b>6f</b>	135
<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>6g(1)</b>	119
<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>6g(2)</b>	134
<b>h</b> Number of participants who terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested.....	<b>6h</b>	4

<b>7</b> Enter the total number of employers obligated to contribute to the plan (only multiemployer plans complete this item) .....	<b>7</b>	
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**8a** If the plan provides pension benefits, enter the applicable pension feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions:  
 2E 2P 2Q 3I

**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) (1) <input type="checkbox"/> Insurance (2) <input type="checkbox"/> Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts (3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trust (4) <input type="checkbox"/> General assets of the sponsor	<b>9b</b> Plan benefit arrangement (check all that apply) (1) <input type="checkbox"/> Insurance (2) <input type="checkbox"/> Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts (3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trust (4) <input type="checkbox"/> General assets of the sponsor
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**10** Check all applicable boxes in 10a and 10b to indicate which schedules are attached, and, where indicated, enter the number attached. (See instructions)

<b>a Pension Schedules</b> (1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>R</b> (Retirement Plan Information) (2) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>MB</b> (Multiemployer Defined Benefit Plan and Certain Money Purchase Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary (3) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>SB</b> (Single-Employer Defined Benefit Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary (4) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>DCG</b> (Individual Plan Information) – Number Attached _____ (5) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>MEP</b> (Multiple-Employer Retirement Plan Information)	<b>b General Schedules</b> (1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>H</b> (Financial Information) (2) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>I</b> (Financial Information – Small Plan) (3) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>A</b> (Insurance Information) – Number Attached <u>  0  </u> (4) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>C</b> (Service Provider 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

**11c** Enter the Receipt Confirmation Code for the 2024 Form M-1 annual report. If the plan was not required to file the 2024 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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<b>SCHEDULE H</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>Financial Information</b>  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).  ▶ <b>File as an attachment to Form 5500.</b>	<small>OMB No. 1210-0110</small>  <b>2024</b>  <b>This Form is Open to Public Inspection</b>
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For calendar plan year 2024 or fiscal plan year beginning <b>01/01/2024</b> and ending <b>12/31/2024</b>	
<b>A</b> Name of plan <b>NTH CONSULTANTS LTD EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN</b>	<b>B</b> Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ <b>004</b>
<b>C</b> Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <b>NTH CONSULTANTS LTD</b>	<b>D</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN) <b>38-1880747</b>

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

		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
<b>Assets</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>	427849	608500
<b>(2)</b> Participant contributions .....	<b>1b(2)</b>		
<b>(3)</b> Other .....	<b>1b(3)</b>	0	0
<b>c</b> General investments:			
<b>(1)</b> Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit) .....	<b>1c(1)</b>	299562	257851
<b>(2)</b> U.S. Government securities .....	<b>1c(2)</b>		
<b>(3)</b> Corporate debt instruments (other than employer securities):			
<b>(A)</b> Preferred .....	<b>1c(3)(A)</b>		
<b>(B)</b> All other .....	<b>1c(3)(B)</b>		
<b>(4)</b> Corporate stocks (other than employer securities):			
<b>(A)</b> Preferred .....	<b>1c(4)(A)</b>		
<b>(B)</b> Common .....	<b>1c(4)(B)</b>		
<b>(5)</b> Partnership/joint venture interests .....	<b>1c(5)</b>		
<b>(6)</b> Real estate (other than employer real property) .....	<b>1c(6)</b>		
<b>(7)</b> Loans (other than to participants) .....	<b>1c(7)</b>		
<b>(8)</b> Participant loans .....	<b>1c(8)</b>		
<b>(9)</b> Value of interest in common/collective trusts .....	<b>1c(9)</b>		
<b>(10)</b> Value of interest in pooled separate accounts .....	<b>1c(10)</b>		
<b>(11)</b> Value of interest in master trust investment accounts .....	<b>1c(11)</b>		
<b>(12)</b> Value of interest in 103-12 investment entities .....	<b>1c(12)</b>		
<b>(13)</b> Value of interest in registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds) .....	<b>1c(13)</b>		
<b>(14)</b> Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts) .....	<b>1c(14)</b>		
<b>(15)</b> Other .....	<b>1c(15)</b>		

<b>1d</b> Employer-related investments:		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
(1) Employer securities.....	<b>1d(1)</b>	4919815	5940165
(2) Employer real property.....	<b>1d(2)</b>		
<b>e</b> Buildings and other property used in plan operation.....	<b>1e</b>		
<b>f</b> Total assets (add all amounts in lines 1a through 1e).....	<b>1f</b>	5647226	6806516
<b>Liabilities</b>			
<b>g</b> Benefit claims payable.....	<b>1g</b>		
<b>h</b> Operating payables.....	<b>1h</b>		
<b>i</b> Acquisition indebtedness.....	<b>1i</b>	690257	663352
<b>j</b> Other liabilities.....	<b>1j</b>		
<b>k</b> Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through 1j).....	<b>1k</b>	690257	663352
<b>Net Assets</b>			
<b>l</b> Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f).....	<b>1l</b>	4956969	6143164

**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: <b>(A)</b> Employers.....	<b>2a(1)(A)</b>	763000	
<b>(B)</b> Participants.....	<b>2a(1)(B)</b>		
<b>(C)</b> Others (including rollovers).....	<b>2a(1)(C)</b>		
(2) Noncash contributions.....	<b>2a(2)</b>		
(3) Total contributions. Add lines <b>2a(1)(A)</b> , <b>(B)</b> , <b>(C)</b> , and line <b>2a(2)</b> .....	<b>2a(3)</b>		763000
<b>b Earnings on investments:</b>			
<b>(1) Interest:</b>			
<b>(A)</b> Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit).....	<b>2b(1)(A)</b>	57	
<b>(B)</b> U.S. Government securities.....	<b>2b(1)(B)</b>		
<b>(C)</b> Corporate debt instruments.....	<b>2b(1)(C)</b>		
<b>(D)</b> Loans (other than to participants).....	<b>2b(1)(D)</b>		
<b>(E)</b> Participant loans.....	<b>2b(1)(E)</b>		
<b>(F)</b> Other.....	<b>2b(1)(F)</b>		
<b>(G)</b> Total interest. Add lines <b>2b(1)(A)</b> through <b>(F)</b> .....	<b>2b(1)(G)</b>		57
<b>(2) Dividends:</b>			
<b>(A)</b> Preferred stock.....	<b>2b(2)(A)</b>		
<b>(B)</b> Common stock.....	<b>2b(2)(B)</b>		
<b>(C)</b> Registered investment company shares (e.g. mutual funds).....	<b>2b(2)(C)</b>		
<b>(D)</b> Total dividends. Add lines <b>2b(2)(A)</b> , <b>(B)</b> , and <b>(C)</b> .....	<b>2b(2)(D)</b>		0
(3) Rents.....	<b>2b(3)</b>		
<b>(4) Net gain (loss) on sale of assets:</b>			
<b>(A)</b> Aggregate proceeds.....	<b>2b(4)(A)</b>		
<b>(B)</b> Aggregate carrying amount (see instructions).....	<b>2b(4)(B)</b>		
<b>(C)</b> Subtract line <b>2b(4)(B)</b> from line <b>2b(4)(A)</b> and enter result.....	<b>2b(4)(C)</b>		
<b>(5) Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of assets:</b>			
<b>(A)</b> Real estate.....	<b>2b(5)(A)</b>		
<b>(B)</b> Other.....	<b>2b(5)(B)</b>	1020350	
<b>(C)</b> Total unrealized appreciation of assets. Add lines <b>2b(5)(A)</b> and <b>(B)</b> .....	<b>2b(5)(C)</b>		

		(a) Amount	(b) Total
(6) Net investment gain (loss) from common/collective trusts .....	<b>2b(6)</b>		
(7) Net investment gain (loss) from pooled separate accounts .....	<b>2b(7)</b>		
(8) Net investment gain (loss) from master trust investment accounts .....	<b>2b(8)</b>		
(9) Net investment gain (loss) from 103-12 investment entities .....	<b>2b(9)</b>		
(10) Net investment gain (loss) from registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds) .....	<b>2b(10)</b>		
<b>c</b> Other income .....	<b>2c</b>		
<b>d</b> Total income. Add all <b>income</b> amounts in column (b) and enter total.....	<b>2d</b>		1783407

**Expenses**

<b>e</b> Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers.....	<b>2e(1)</b>	575706	
(2) To insurance carriers for the provision of benefits .....	<b>2e(2)</b>		
(3) Other.....	<b>2e(3)</b>		
(4) Total benefit payments. Add lines <b>2e(1)</b> through <b>(3)</b> .....	<b>2e(4)</b>		575706
<b>f</b> Corrective distributions (see instructions) .....	<b>2f</b>		
<b>g</b> Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions).....	<b>2g</b>		
<b>h</b> Interest expense.....	<b>2h</b>		21506
<b>i</b> Administrative expenses:			
(1) Salaries and allowances .....	<b>2i(1)</b>		
(2) Contract administrator fees .....	<b>2i(2)</b>		
(3) Recordkeeping fees .....	<b>2i(3)</b>		
(4) IQPA audit fees .....	<b>2i(4)</b>		
(5) Investment advisory and investment management fees .....	<b>2i(5)</b>		
(6) Bank or trust company trustee/custodial fees .....	<b>2i(6)</b>		
(7) Actuarial fees .....	<b>2i(7)</b>		
(8) Legal fees .....	<b>2i(8)</b>		
(9) Valuation/appraisal fees .....	<b>2i(9)</b>		
(10) Other trustee fees and expenses .....	<b>2i(10)</b>		
(11) Other expenses.....	<b>2i(11)</b>		
(12) Total administrative expenses. Add lines <b>2i(1)</b> through <b>(11)</b> .....	<b>2i(12)</b>		0
<b>j</b> Total expenses. Add all <b>expense</b> amounts in column (b) and enter total.....	<b>2j</b>		597212

**Net Income and Reconciliation**

<b>k</b> Net income (loss). Subtract line <b>2j</b> from line <b>2d</b> .....	<b>2k</b>		1186195
<b>l</b> Transfers of assets:			
(1) To this plan.....	<b>2l(1)</b>		
(2) From this plan .....	<b>2l(2)</b>		

**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: **PLANTE AND MORAN LLP**

(2) EIN: **33-1498605**

**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		1000000
<b>f</b> Did the plan have a loss, whether or not reimbursed by the plan's fidelity bond, that was caused by fraud or dishonesty?		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 \_\_\_\_\_.

**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>	OMB No. 1210-0110  <b>2024</b>  <b>This Form is Open to Public Inspection.</b>
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<b>Part I</b>	<b>Distributions</b>
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**All references to distributions relate only to payments of benefits during the plan year.**

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

1		0
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**2** Enter the EIN(s) of payor(s) who paid benefits on behalf of the plan to participants or beneficiaries during the year (if more than two, enter EINs of the two payors who paid the greatest dollar amounts of benefits):  
 EIN(s): 38-2884938

**Profit-sharing plans, ESOPs, and stock bonus plans, skip line 3.**

**3** Number of participants (living or deceased) whose benefits were distributed in a single sum, during the plan year..... 

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

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

<b>6 a</b> Enter the minimum required contribution for this plan year (include any prior year accumulated funding deficiency not waived) .....	<b>6a</b>	
<b>b</b> Enter the amount contributed by the employer to the plan for this plan year .....	<b>6b</b>	
<b>c</b> Subtract the amount in line 6b from the amount in line 6a. Enter the result (enter a minus sign to the left of a negative amount).....	<b>6c</b>	

**If you completed line 6c, skip lines 8 and 9.**

**7** Will the minimum funding amount reported on line 6c be met by the funding deadline?.....  Yes  No  N/A

**8** If a change in actuarial cost method was made for this plan year pursuant to a revenue procedure or other authority providing automatic approval for the change or a class ruling letter, does the plan sponsor or plan administrator agree with the change? .....  Yes  No  N/A

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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**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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NTH Consultants, Ltd.  
Employee Stock Ownership Plan

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**Financial Report**  
**December 31, 2024**

## **NTH Consultants, Ltd. Employee Stock Ownership Plan**

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## Independent Auditor's Report

To the Plan Administrator  
NTH Consultants, Ltd.  
Employee Stock Ownership Plan

### **Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of NTH Consultants, Ltd. Employee Stock Ownership Plan (the "Plan"), an employee benefit plan subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), which comprise the statement of net assets (deficiency in net assets) available for benefits as of December 31, 2024 and 2023 and the related statement of changes in net assets (deficiency in net assets) available for benefits for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the net assets available for benefits of the Plan as of December 31, 2024 and 2023 and the changes in net assets available for benefits for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

### **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 Audits 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**

As explained in Note 5, the financial statements include investments valued at \$5,940,165 at December 31, 2024 and \$4,919,815 at December 31, 2023, whose fair values have been estimated by management in the absence of readily determinable market values. Management's estimates are based on information provided by an independent qualified appraiser. 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 accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

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

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

To the Plan Administrator  
NTH Consultants, Ltd.  
Employee Stock Ownership Plan

### ***Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audits 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 audits 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 audits in accordance with GAAS, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audits.
- 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 audits in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Plan's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audits, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audits.

### ***Supplemental Schedule Required by ERISA***

Our audits were conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements as a whole. The supplemental schedule of assets held at end of year as of December 31, 2024 is presented for the purpose of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements but is supplemental information required by the Department of Labor's (DOL) Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974. Such information is the responsibility of the Plan's management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America.

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

To the Plan Administrator  
NTH Consultants, Ltd.  
Employee Stock Ownership Plan

In our opinion, the information in the accompanying schedule 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.

*Plante & Moran, PLLC*

Ann Arbor, Michigan  
August 6, 2025

## NTH Consultants, Ltd. Employee Stock Ownership Plan

### Statement of Net Assets (Deficiency in Net Assets) Available for Benefits

December 31, 2024 and 2023

	2024			2023		
	Allocated	Unallocated	Total	Allocated	Unallocated	Total
<b>Assets</b>						
Investments at fair value:						
Money market	\$ 257,851	\$ -	\$ 257,851	\$ 299,562	\$ -	\$ 299,562
Company common stock	<u>5,261,402</u>	<u>678,763</u>	<u>5,940,165</u>	<u>4,326,412</u>	<u>593,403</u>	<u>4,919,815</u>
Total investments at fair value	5,519,253	678,763	6,198,016	4,625,974	593,403	5,219,377
Contributions receivable	608,500	-	608,500	427,849	-	427,849
<b>Liabilities</b>						
Interest payable	-	9,746	9,746	-	10,140	10,140
Loan payable	<u>-</u>	<u>653,606</u>	<u>653,606</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>680,117</u>	<u>680,117</u>
Total liabilities	<u>-</u>	<u>663,352</u>	<u>663,352</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>690,257</u>	<u>690,257</u>
<b>Net Assets (Deficiency in Net Assets) Available for Benefits</b>	<u><b>\$ 6,127,753</b></u>	<u><b>\$ 15,411</b></u>	<u><b>\$ 6,143,164</b></u>	<u><b>\$ 5,053,823</b></u>	<u><b>\$ (96,854)</b></u>	<u><b>\$ 4,956,969</b></u>

## NTH Consultants, Ltd. Employee Stock Ownership Plan

### Statement of Changes in Net Assets (Deficiency in Net Assets) Available for Benefits

Years Ended December 31, 2024 and 2023

	2024			2023		
	Allocated	Unallocated	Total	Allocated	Unallocated	Total
<b>Additions</b>						
Contributions - Employer	\$ 763,000	\$ -	\$ 763,000	\$ 700,000	\$ -	\$ 700,000
Investment income (loss):						
Interest	57	-	57	89	-	89
Net realized and unrealized gains (losses) on company common stock	897,281	123,069	1,020,350	(602,693)	(87,648)	(690,341)
Total investment income (loss)	897,338	123,069	1,020,407	(602,604)	(87,648)	(690,252)
Allocation of company common stock - At fair value	37,709	-	37,709	31,231	-	31,231
Allocation of cash and other transfers for debt service requirements	-	48,411	48,411	-	48,411	48,411
Total additions - Net	1,698,047	171,480	1,869,527	128,627	(39,237)	89,390
<b>Deductions</b>						
Benefits paid directly to participants or beneficiaries	575,706	-	575,706	257,823	-	257,823
Interest expense	-	21,506	21,506	-	22,344	22,344
Allocation of cash and other transfers for debt service requirements	48,411	-	48,411	48,411	-	48,411
Allocation of company common stock - At fair value	-	37,709	37,709	-	31,231	31,231
Total deductions	624,117	59,215	683,332	306,234	53,575	359,809
<b>Net Increase (Decrease)</b>	1,073,930	112,265	1,186,195	(177,607)	(92,812)	(270,419)
<b>Net Assets (Deficiency in Net Assets) Available for Benefits</b>						
Beginning of year	5,053,823	(96,854)	4,956,969	5,231,430	(4,042)	5,227,388
End of year	<u>\$ 6,127,753</u>	<u>\$ 15,411</u>	<u>\$ 6,143,164</u>	<u>\$ 5,053,823</u>	<u>\$ (96,854)</u>	<u>\$ 4,956,969</u>

December 31, 2024 and 2023

### Note 1 - Plan Description

The following description of NTH Consultants, Ltd. Employee Stock Ownership Plan (the "Plan") provides only general information. The Plan operates as an employee stock ownership plan and provides for the participation of employees in the profits of NTH Consultants, Ltd. (the "Company") as a means to provide funds for their retirement or for their beneficiaries in the event of death. Participants should refer to the plan agreement for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions.

#### **General**

NTH Consultants, Ltd. established the Plan effective August 1, 1988. The Plan operates as an employee stock ownership plan and is designed to comply with Section 4975(e)(7) and the regulations thereunder of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), and is subject to the applicable provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended. The Plan is administered by the ESOP council, which is appointed by the board of directors. Mark Mills is the trustee of the Plan (the "Trustee"), and NTH Consultants, Ltd. is the Plan's custodian (the "Custodian").

During plan year 2022, the Plan was releveraged and purchased 6,416 additional shares from certain participants on a promissory note totaling \$705,802 (the "ESOP Loan") (see Note 6).

#### **Eligibility**

The Plan covers all employees of NTH Consultants, Ltd. who are age 18 or older and have completed at least one year of service and worked at least 1,000 hours during the plan year. Effective January 1, 2024, the plan was amended and the requirement to complete one year of service and work at least 1,000 hours during the plan year was removed. Employees must work at least 1,000 hours during the plan year and be active as of the last day of the plan year to be eligible to receive a contribution except for employees who retired during the plan year.

#### **Contributions**

The Company makes annual contributions to the Plan, as approved by the Company's board of directors. Participants are not required or permitted to make contributions to the Plan. The Company is obligated to make ESOP contributions in cash to the Plan, which, when aggregated with the Plan's interest earnings, equal the amount necessary to enable the Plan to make its regularly scheduled payments of principal and interest on its ESOP loan.

#### **Allocations**

Plan earnings are allocated to each participant's account in the same ratio as each account bears to the aggregate of all accounts. Company contributions and forfeitures are allocated annually based on the ratio of each participant's annual compensation to the total compensation of all eligible employees employed by the Company on the last day of the plan year.

#### **Participant Accounts**

The Plan is a defined contribution plan under which a separate individual account is established for each participant. Each participant's account is credited as of the last day of each plan year with an allocation of shares of the Company's common stock released by the Trustee from the unallocated account and forfeitures of terminated participants' nonvested accounts. Only those participants who are eligible employees of the Company as of the last day of the plan year will receive an allocation. Allocations are based on a participant's eligible compensation relative to total eligible compensation.

**December 31, 2024 and 2023**

**Note 1 - Plan Description (Continued)**

***Borrowing by the Plan***

The Plan may borrow funds in order to acquire common stock of the Company. In the event the Plan does borrow funds, it may pledge the stock it acquires with the borrowed funds as collateral, and such shares will be held in escrow and will not be allocated to any single participant. During the period in which the Plan has a loan outstanding, company contributions to the Plan are first allocated to make the required payments under the loan. As the Plan repays the loan, the shares are released in proportion to the amount of the loan paid off in each plan year. The stock released is allocated to participant accounts on the same basis as discretionary contributions.

***Vesting***

Vesting in participant accounts, plus actual earnings thereon, is based on years of credited service. Participants vest in contributions made by the Company 20 percent after two years of service and an additional 20 percent per year thereafter until they become fully vested after six years of service. One year of service is defined as a minimum of 1,000 hours worked in a 12-month period.

***Benefit Payments***

Distributions are payable upon death, disability, or termination of employment for participants with account balances greater than \$7,000 in the form of installment payments equal to the vested balance of a participant's account. Participants with minimum account balances of \$1,000, but not more than \$5,000, who do not elect a distribution or specify a rollover are automatically transferred to an individual retirement account. Participants with balances below \$1,000 receive their account balances in a lump-sum payout. Participants that are 59½ or older may also receive a one-time distribution of their full account. Amounts allocated to participants who have elected to withdraw from the Plan but have not yet been paid as of plan year end amounted to \$821,539 and \$203,131 at December 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively.

***Forfeitures***

If a participant is not fully vested on his or her termination date, the nonvested amount of the account is forfeited. The Company allocates forfeitures to participants based on the participant's compensation, as defined. Allocations of forfeitures are considered additional company contributions and are subject to the vesting provisions of company contributions. Forfeitures may also be used to pay administrative expenses of the Plan.

***Termination***

While it has not expressed any intent to do so, the Company has the right under the Plan to discontinue its contributions at any time and to terminate the Plan subject to the provisions set forth in the plan agreement and ERISA. Upon termination of the Plan, participants become 100 percent vested in their account balances. Upon such termination of the Plan, the interest of each participant in the trust fund will be distributed to such participant or his or her beneficiary at the time prescribed by the plan terms and the Internal Revenue Code. Upon termination of the Plan, the employee benefits administration committee shall direct the Trustee to pay all liabilities and expenses of the trust fund and to sell shares of financed stock held in the loan suspense account to the extent it determines such sale to be necessary in order to repay the loan.

***Administration***

The Plan's assets, which consist principally of NTH Consultants, Ltd. common shares, are held by the Trustee of the Plan.

Company contributions are held and managed by the Trustee, who invests cash received, interest, and dividend income and makes distributions to participants. The Trustee also administers the payment of interest and principal on any outstanding loans.

**December 31, 2024 and 2023**

**Note 1 - Plan Description (Continued)**

Certain administrative functions are performed by officers or employees of the Company. No such officer or employee receives compensation from the Plan.

***Voting Rights***

Each participant is entitled to exercise, in certain matters, voting rights attributable to the shares allocated to his or her account as long as the Trustee is notified prior to the time that such rights are to be exercised.

***Party-in-interest Transactions***

The Plan's sponsor, NTH Consultants, Ltd., paid certain administrative expenses on behalf of the Plan during the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023. Additionally, certain plan assets were invested in the stock of the plan sponsor; therefore, these transactions qualify as party-in-interest transactions, as defined under ERISA guidelines.

***Put Option***

Under federal income tax regulations, the company stock that is held by the Plan and its participants and is not readily tradable on an established market or is subject to trading limitations includes a put option. The put option is a right to demand that the Company buy any shares of its stock distributed to participants for which there is no market. The first put option period shall be for at least 60 days following the date of distribution. The second put option period shall be for at least 60 days beginning after the new determination of the most recently completed valuation in the following plan year. The put price is representative of the fair value of the stock. The Company can pay for the purchase in a lump sum or in five approximately equal annual installments, with the first payment due 30 days after the option is exercised. The purpose of the put option is to ensure that the participant has the ability to ultimately obtain cash.

***Unallocated and Allocated Shares***

The borrowing is collateralized by the unallocated shares of stock and is guaranteed by the Company. The lender has no rights against shares once they are allocated under the ESOP. Accordingly, the financial statements of the Plan as of December 31, 2024 and 2023 and for the years then ended present separately the assets and liabilities and changes therein pertaining to the following:

- The accounts of employees with vested rights in allocated stock (allocated)
- Stock not yet allocated to employees (unallocated)

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

***Investment Valuation***

The common shares of the Company are stated at fair value. Fair value is determined by annual independent appraisals. The money market account is valued at its outstanding balance, which approximates fair value. See Note 5 for additional information.

Purchases and sales of securities are recorded on a trade-date basis. Interest income is recorded as earned. Dividends are recorded on the ex-dividend date. Realized gains and losses from security transactions are reported using the average cost method.

***Benefit Payments***

Benefits are recorded when distributed by the Plan.

**December 31, 2024 and 2023**

**Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)**

***Use of Estimates***

The preparation of financial statements in conformity 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 disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of additions and deductions during the reporting period. The most significant assumptions and estimates relate to the valuation of company common stock. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

***Risks and Uncertainties***

The Plan's primary investment is company stock. The company stock value is based on an independent appraisal as of December 31, 2024 and 2023. There are significant assumptions inherent in the appraisal of the common stock, and changes in these assumptions could have a significant impact on the financial statements. Due to the level of risk associated with the investment in company stock and the level of uncertainty related to changes in the value of such stock, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in the value of the company stock will occur in the near term and that such changes could materially affect participants' account balances and the amounts reported in the statement of net assets available for benefits.

***Subsequent Events***

The financial statements and related disclosures include evaluation of events up through and including August 6, 2025, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

**Note 3 - Tax Status**

The Plan has received a determination letter from the Internal Revenue Service indicating that the Plan, as designed, is qualified for tax-exempt treatment under the applicable section of the Internal Revenue Code. Although the Plan has been amended since receiving the determination letter, management believes that the Plan is designed and is currently being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the Code.

**Note 4 - Diversification**

As part of the Plan, qualified participants can elect to transfer up to 25 percent of the employer stock portion of their account balances during the qualified election period. Participants can direct the investment of their account balances among the investment options offered by the Neyer, Tiseo & Hindo, Ltd. Profit Sharing Plan; to another qualified plan of the participant's choice; or as a direct distribution to the participant. A participant becomes a qualified participant after benefiting under the Plan 10 years or more and attaining the age of 55. The qualified election period is the first 6 years a participant becomes qualified. In the last year of the 6-year period, a participant may elect to diversify up to 50 percent of his or her account balance.

**Note 5 - Fair Value Measurements**

Accounting standards require certain assets and liabilities be reported at fair value in the financial statements and provide a framework for establishing that fair value. The framework for determining fair value is based on a hierarchy that prioritizes the valuation techniques and inputs used to measure fair value.

***Level 1***

Fair values determined by Level 1 inputs use quoted prices in active markets for identical assets that the Plan has the ability to access.

**Note 5 - Fair Value Measurements (Continued)**

**Level 2**

Fair values determined by Level 2 inputs use other inputs that are observable, either directly or indirectly. These Level 2 inputs include quoted prices for similar assets in active markets, quoted prices for identical or similar assets in markets that are not active, and inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset.

**Level 3**

Level 3 inputs are unobservable inputs, including inputs that are available in situations where there is little, if any, market activity for the related asset. These Level 3 fair value measurements are based primarily on management's own estimates using pricing models, discounted cash flow methodologies, or similar techniques taking into account the characteristics of the asset. The Company's common stock is classified as a Level 3 investment in the hierarchy and is based on the fair value determined through third-party appraisal, which utilized a combination of both market and income approaches, including the discounted cash flow methods and merger and acquisition (M&A) method. The unobservable inputs for the discounted cash flow methods were the weighted-average cost of capital, revenue growth, discount for lack of marketability, and market and company risk premiums. The unobservable inputs for the M&A method were enterprise value, revenue growth, and EBITDA growth.

In instances where inputs used to measure fair value fall into different levels of the fair value hierarchy, fair value measurements in their entirety are categorized based on the lowest level input that is significant to the valuation. The Plan's assessment of the significance of particular inputs to these fair value measurements requires judgment and considers factors specific to each asset.

The following tables present information about the Plan's assets measured at fair value on a recurring basis at December 31, 2024 and 2023:

Assets Measured at Fair Value on a Recurring Basis at December 31, 2024			
	Investments (at Fair Value)	Level 2	Level 3
NTH Consultants, Ltd. common stock	\$ 5,940,165	\$ -	\$ 5,940,165
Money market account	257,851	257,851	-
Total	<u>\$ 6,198,016</u>	<u>\$ 257,851</u>	<u>\$ 5,940,165</u>
Assets Measured at Fair Value on a Recurring Basis at December 31, 2023			
	Investments (at Fair Value)	Level 2	Level 3
NTH Consultants, Ltd. common stock	\$ 4,919,815	\$ -	\$ 4,919,815
Money market account	299,562	299,562	-
Total	<u>\$ 5,219,377</u>	<u>\$ 299,562</u>	<u>\$ 4,919,815</u>

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#### Note 5 - Fair Value Measurements (Continued)

During the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023, there were no purchases, sales, or issuances of Level 3 investments.

#### Note 6 - Notes Payable - Employer

On July 15, 2022, the Plan obtained a note payable to the Company. The proceeds of the loan were used to purchase 6,416 shares of company common stock. The note was for \$705,802 and bears interest at 3.22 percent compounded annually. Principal and interest payments totaling \$48,411 are due annually beginning on July 15, 2023, with the last payment scheduled in July 2042.

The note payable is collateralized by the Plan's unallocated investment in company stock, and approximately 320 shares are released annually from the collateral pledge and allocated annually to participants.

Minimum principal payments on this loan to maturity are as follows:

Years Ending	Amount
2025	\$ 27,365
2026	28,246
2027	29,156
2028	30,095
2029	31,064
Thereafter	507,680
Total	<u>\$ 653,606</u>

#### Note 7 - Investments in Common Stock

The Plan's investments in company stock at December 31, 2024 and 2023 are presented in the following table:

	2024		2023	
	Allocated	Unallocated	Allocated	Unallocated
Number of shares	44,763	5,774	44,442	6,095
Cost	\$ 2,552,705	\$ 635,221	\$ 2,517,415	\$ 670,511
Fair value	\$ 5,261,402	\$ 678,763	\$ 4,326,412	\$ 593,403

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**Schedule of Assets Held at End of Year**

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(a)(b) Identity of Issuer	(c) Description of Investment	(d) Cost	(e) Current Value
NTH Consultants, Ltd.* Huntington Bank*	Company common stock - NTH Consultants, Ltd. Money market fund	\$ 3,187,926 257,851	\$ 5,940,165 257,851
Total investments		<b>\$ 3,445,777</b>	<b>\$ 6,198,016</b>

\*Party in interest