

<b>Form 5500</b>  Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service  Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration  Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	<b>Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan</b>  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).  <b>▶ Complete all entries in accordance with the instructions to the Form 5500.</b>	OMB Nos. 1210-0110 1210-0089  <h1 style="margin: 0;">2023</h1>  <b>This Form is Open to Public Inspection</b>
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**Part I Annual Report Identification Information**  
 For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning 11/01/2023 and ending 10/31/2024

**A** This return/report is for:  a multiemployer plan  a multiple-employer plan (Filers checking this box must provide participating employer information in accordance with the form instructions.)

a single-employer plan  a DFE (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

**B** This return/report is:  the first return/report  the final return/report

an amended return/report  a short plan year return/report (less than 12 months)

**C** If the plan is a collectively-bargained plan, check here. . . . .

**D** Check box if filing under:  Form 5558  automatic extension  the DFVC program

special extension (enter description)

**E** If this is a retroactively adopted plan permitted by SECURE Act section 201, check here. . . . .

**Part II Basic Plan Information—enter all requested information**

<b>1a</b> Name of plan <u>SHEPARD STEEL CO., INC. SECTION 401(K) PROFIT SHARING PLAN</u>	<b>1b</b> Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ <u>001</u>
<b>2a</b> Plan sponsor's name (employer, if for a single-employer plan) Mailing address (include room, apt., suite no. and street, or P.O. Box) City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code (if foreign, see instructions) <u>SHEPARD STEEL CO., INC.</u>  <u>110 MEADOW STREET</u> <u>HARTFORD, CT 06114</u>	<b>1c</b> Effective date of plan <u>11/01/1975</u>  <b>2b</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>06-0743773</u>  <b>2c</b> Plan Sponsor's telephone number <u>860-525-4446</u>  <b>2d</b> Business code (see instructions) <u>332300</u>

**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.

<b>SIGN HERE</b>	Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature.	08/14/2025	KEITH WOLF
	Signature of plan administrator	Date	Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator
<b>SIGN HERE</b>			
	Signature of employer/plan sponsor	Date	Enter name of individual signing as employer or plan sponsor
<b>SIGN HERE</b>			
	Signature of DFE	Date	Enter name of individual signing as DFE

<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>	116
<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>	88
	<b>6a(2)</b>	81
	<b>6b</b>	11
	<b>6c</b>	16
	<b>6d</b>	108
	<b>6e</b>	1
	<b>6f</b>	109
	<b>6g(1)</b>	108
<b>6g(2)</b>	108	
<b>6h</b>	3	
<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:  
 2E 2F 2H 2J 2K 2T 3D

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

<b>9a</b> Plan funding arrangement (check all that apply)	<b>9b</b> Plan benefit arrangement (check all that apply)
(1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Insurance	(1) <input checked="" 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)

**a Pension Schedules**

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

**b General Schedules**

- (1)  **H** (Financial Information)
- (2)  **I** (Financial Information – Small Plan)
- (3)  **A** (Insurance Information) – Number Attached   1
- (4)  **C** (Service Provider Information)
- (5)  **D** (DFE/Participating Plan Information)
- (6)  **G** (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 A  
(Form 5500)**

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

Department of Labor  
Employee Benefits Security Administration

Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

**Insurance Information**

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

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

▶ Insurance companies are required to provide the information pursuant to ERISA section 103(a)(2).

OMB No. 1210-0110

**2023**

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For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning **11/01/2023** and ending **10/31/2024**

<b>A</b> Name of plan <b>SHEPARD STEEL CO., INC. SECTION 401(K) PROFIT SHARING PLAN</b>		<b>B</b> Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	<b>001</b>
<b>C</b> Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <b>SHEPARD STEEL CO., INC.</b>		<b>D</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN) <b>06-0743773</b>	

**Part I Information Concerning Insurance Contract Coverage, Fees, and Commissions** Provide information for each contract on a separate Schedule A. Individual contracts grouped as a unit in Parts II and III can be reported on a single Schedule A.

**1 Coverage Information:**

**(a)** Name of insurance carrier

**JOHN HANCOCK LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY**

<b>(b)</b> EIN	<b>(c)</b> NAIC code	<b>(d)</b> Contract or identification number	<b>(e)</b> Approximate number of persons covered at end of policy or contract year	<b>Policy or contract year</b>	
				<b>(f)</b> From	<b>(g)</b> To
<b>01-0233346</b>	<b>65838</b>	<b>89180</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>11/01/2023</b>	<b>10/31/2024</b>

**2 Insurance fee and commission information.** Enter the total fees and total commissions paid. List in line 3 the agents, brokers, and other persons in descending order of the amount paid.

<b>(a)</b> Total amount of commissions paid <b>21065</b>	<b>(b)</b> Total amount of fees paid <b>5823</b>
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**3 Persons receiving commissions and fees.** (Complete as many entries as needed to report all persons).

**(a)** Name and address of the agent, broker, or other person to whom commissions or fees were paid

**MML INSURANCE AGENCY, LLC**

**100 CROSBY PARKWAY  
COVINGTON, KY 41015**

<b>(b)</b> Amount of sales and base commissions paid	<b>Fees and other commissions paid</b>		<b>(e)</b> Organization code
	<b>(c)</b> Amount	<b>(d)</b> Purpose	
<b>21065</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>BROKER COMMISSION</b>	<b>3</b>

**(a)** Name and address of the agent, broker, or other person to whom commissions or fees were paid

**PENSION CONSULTANTS, INC.**

**10 WATERSIDE DRIVE  
SUITE 200  
FARMINGTON, CT 06032**

<b>(b)</b> Amount of sales and base commissions paid	<b>Fees and other commissions paid</b>		<b>(e)</b> Organization code
	<b>(c)</b> Amount	<b>(d)</b> Purpose	
<b>0</b>	<b>5823</b>	<b>TPA FEES AND COMPENSATION</b>	<b>5</b>

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Schedule A (Form 5500) 2023  
v. 230707

(a) Name and address of the agent, broker, or other person to whom commissions or fees were paid

(b) Amount of sales and base commissions paid	Fees and other commissions paid		(e) Organization code
	(c) Amount	(d) Purpose	

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<b>Part II</b>	<b>Investment and Annuity Contract Information</b>	
	Where individual contracts are provided, the entire group of such individual contracts with each carrier may be treated as a unit for purposes of this report.	
<b>4</b>	Current value of plan's interest under this contract in the general account at year end .....	430327
<b>5</b>	Current value of plan's interest under this contract in separate accounts at year end.....	10126082
<b>6</b>	<b>Contracts With Allocated Funds:</b>	
<b>a</b>	State the basis of premium rates ▶	
<b>b</b>	Premiums paid to carrier .....	<b>6b</b>
<b>c</b>	Premiums due but unpaid at the end of the year.....	<b>6c</b>
<b>d</b>	If the carrier, service, or other organization incurred any specific costs in connection with the acquisition or retention of the contract or policy, enter amount. .... Specify nature of costs ▶	<b>6d</b>
<b>e</b>	Type of contract: (1) <input type="checkbox"/> individual policies (2) <input type="checkbox"/> group deferred annuity (3) <input type="checkbox"/> other (specify) ▶	
<b>f</b>	If contract purchased, in whole or in part, to distribute benefits from a terminating plan, check here ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>7</b>	<b>Contracts With Unallocated Funds (Do not include portions of these contracts maintained in separate accounts)</b>	
<b>a</b>	Type of contract: (1) <input type="checkbox"/> deposit administration (2) <input type="checkbox"/> immediate participation guarantee (3) <input type="checkbox"/> guaranteed investment (4) <input type="checkbox"/> other ▶	
<b>b</b>	Balance at the end of the previous year .....	<b>7b</b> 418900
<b>c</b>	Additions: (1) Contributions deposited during the year .....	<b>7c(1)</b> 36665
	(2) Dividends and credits .....	<b>7c(2)</b> 0
	(3) Interest credited during the year .....	<b>7c(3)</b> 3686
	(4) Transferred from separate account.....	<b>7c(4)</b> 2481
	(5) Other (specify below) .....	<b>7c(5)</b> 164
	▶ JOHN HANCOCK CREDITS TO PARTICIPANTS	
	(6) Total additions .....	<b>7c(6)</b> 42996
<b>d</b>	Total of balance and additions (add lines <b>7b</b> and <b>7c(6)</b> ) .....	<b>7d</b> 461896
<b>e</b>	<b>Deductions:</b>	
	(1) Disbursed from fund to pay benefits or purchase annuities during year .....	<b>7e(1)</b> 2570
	(2) Administration charge made by carrier .....	<b>7e(2)</b> 60
	(3) Transferred to separate account.....	<b>7e(3)</b> 28939
	(4) Other (specify below) .....	<b>7e(4)</b> 0
	(5) Total deductions .....	<b>7e(5)</b> 31569
<b>f</b>	Balance at the end of the current year (subtract line <b>7e(5)</b> from line <b>7d</b> ) .....	<b>7f</b> 430327

**Part III Welfare Benefit Contract Information**  
 If more than one contract covers the same group of employees of the same employer(s) or members of the same employee organizations(s), the information may be combined for reporting purposes if such contracts are experience-rated as a unit. Where contracts cover individual employees, the entire group of such individual contracts with each carrier may be treated as a unit for purposes of this report.

**8** Benefit and contract type (check all applicable boxes)

- a**  Health (other than dental or vision)
- b**  Dental
- c**  Vision
- d**  Life insurance
- e**  Temporary disability (accident and sickness)
- f**  Long-term disability
- g**  Supplemental unemployment
- h**  Prescription drug
- i**  Stop loss (large deductible)
- j**  HMO contract
- k**  PPO contract
- l**  Indemnity contract
- m**  Other (specify) ▶

**9** Experience-rated contracts:

<b>a</b>	Premiums: (1) Amount received .....	<b>9a(1)</b>		
	(2) Increase (decrease) in amount due but unpaid.....	<b>9a(2)</b>		
	(3) Increase (decrease) in unearned premium reserve .....	<b>9a(3)</b>		
	(4) Earned ((1) + (2) - (3)).....		<b>9a(4)</b>	0
<b>b</b>	Benefit charges (1) Claims paid.....	<b>9b(1)</b>		
	(2) Increase (decrease) in claim reserves .....	<b>9b(2)</b>		
	(3) Incurred claims (add (1) and (2)).....		<b>9b(3)</b>	0
	(4) Claims charged .....		<b>9b(4)</b>	
<b>c</b>	Remainder of premium: (1) Retention charges (on an accrual basis) --			
	(A) Commissions .....	<b>9c(1)(A)</b>		
	(B) Administrative service or other fees .....	<b>9c(1)(B)</b>		
	(C) Other specific acquisition costs .....	<b>9c(1)(C)</b>		
	(D) Other expenses .....	<b>9c(1)(D)</b>		
	(E) Taxes .....	<b>9c(1)(E)</b>		
	(F) Charges for risks or other contingencies.....	<b>9c(1)(F)</b>		
	(G) Other retention charges .....	<b>9c(1)(G)</b>		
	(H) Total retention .....		<b>9c(1)(H)</b>	0
	(2) Dividends or retroactive rate refunds. (These amounts were <input type="checkbox"/> paid in cash, or <input type="checkbox"/> credited.) .....		<b>9c(2)</b>	
<b>d</b>	Status of policyholder reserves at end of year: (1) Amount held to provide benefits after retirement .....		<b>9d(1)</b>	
	(2) Claim reserves .....		<b>9d(2)</b>	
	(3) Other reserves.....		<b>9d(3)</b>	
<b>e</b>	Dividends or retroactive rate refunds due. (Do not include amount entered in line 9c(2).) .....		<b>9e</b>	

**10** Nonexperience-rated contracts:

<b>a</b>	Total premiums or subscription charges paid to carrier .....	<b>10a</b>	
<b>b</b>	If the carrier, service, or other organization incurred any specific costs in connection with the acquisition or retention of the contract or policy, other than reported in Part I, line 2 above, report amount .....	<b>10b</b>	

Specify nature of costs.

**Part IV Provision of Information**

**11** Did the insurance company fail to provide any information necessary to complete Schedule A?.....  Yes  No

**12** If the answer to line 11 is "Yes," specify the information not provided. ▶

<b>SCHEDULE C</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>Service Provider Information</b>  This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).  <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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**Part I Service Provider Information (see instructions)**

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

**1 Information on Persons Receiving Only Eligible Indirect Compensation**

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

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

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

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

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

WILSHIRE ASSOCIATES INC (USA)

1299 OCEAN AVE #600  
SANTA MONICA, CA 90401

95-2755361

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
26	REGISTERED INVESTMENT AD	1959	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

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

JOHN HANCOCK LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

PO BOX 600  
BUFFALO, NY 14201

01-0233346

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
15	RECORDKEEPER	408	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

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

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

**Part I Service Provider Information (continued)**

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

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

**Part II Service Providers Who Fail or Refuse to Provide Information**

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

<b>(a)</b> Enter name and EIN or address of service provider (see instructions)	<b>(b)</b> Nature of Service Code(s)	<b>(c)</b> Describe the information that the service provider failed or refused to provide

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**Part III Termination Information on Accountants and Enrolled Actuaries (see instructions)**  
(complete as many entries as needed)

<b>a</b> Name:	<b>b</b> EIN:
<b>c</b> Position:	
<b>d</b> Address:	<b>e</b> Telephone:

Explanation:

<b>a</b> Name:	<b>b</b> EIN:
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Explanation:

<b>SCHEDULE D</b> <b>(Form 5500)</b>  Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service  Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration	<b>DFE/Participating Plan Information</b>  This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).  <b>▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.</b>	OMB No. 1210-0110  <hr/> <b>2023</b>  <b>This Form is Open to Public Inspection.</b>
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For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning 11/01/2023 and ending 10/31/2024

<b>A</b> Name of plan <u>SHEPARD STEEL CO., INC. SECTION 401(K) PROFIT SHARING PLAN</u>	<b>B</b> Three-digit plan number (PN)	<u>001</u>
<b>C</b> Plan or DFE sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <u>SHEPARD STEEL CO., INC.</u>	<b>D</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>06-0743773</u>	

<b>Part I</b>	<b>Information on interests in MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs (to be completed by plans and DFEs)</b> (Complete as many entries as needed to report all interests in DFEs)
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<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:	<u>500 INDEX FUND</u>		
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):	<u>JOHN HANCOCK USA</u>		
<b>c</b> EIN-PN	<u>01-0233346-000</u>	<b>d</b> Entity code	<u>P</u>
<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	<u>217504</u>		
<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:	<u>AF AMERICAN BALANCED FUND</u>		
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):	<u>JOHN HANCOCK USA</u>		
<b>c</b> EIN-PN	<u>01-0233346-000</u>	<b>d</b> Entity code	<u>P</u>
<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	<u>474021</u>		
<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:	<u>AF CAPITAL INCOME BUILDER</u>		
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):	<u>JOHN HANCOCK USA</u>		
<b>c</b> EIN-PN	<u>01-0233346-000</u>	<b>d</b> Entity code	<u>P</u>
<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	<u>173209</u>		
<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:	<u>AF THE GROWTH FUND OF AMERICA</u>		
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):	<u>JOHN HANCOCK USA</u>		
<b>c</b> EIN-PN	<u>01-0233346-000</u>	<b>d</b> Entity code	<u>P</u>
<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	<u>217254</u>		
<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:	<u>AMERICAN CENTURY HERITAGE</u>		
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):	<u>JOHN HANCOCK USA</u>		
<b>c</b> EIN-PN	<u>01-0233346-000</u>	<b>d</b> Entity code	<u>P</u>
<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	<u>83935</u>		
<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:	<u>AMERICAN FUNDS 2030 TD</u>		
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):	<u>JOHN HANCOCK USA</u>		
<b>c</b> EIN-PN	<u>01-0233346-000</u>	<b>d</b> Entity code	<u>P</u>
<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	<u>247560</u>		
<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:	<u>AMERICAN FUNDS 2035 TD</u>		
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):	<u>JOHN HANCOCK USA</u>		
<b>c</b> EIN-PN	<u>01-0233346-000</u>	<b>d</b> Entity code	<u>P</u>
<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	<u>74038</u>		

<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: AMERICAN FUNDS 2040 TD		
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA		
<b>c</b> EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	<b>d</b> Entity code P	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 36195
<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: AMERICAN FUNDS 2045 TD		
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA		
<b>c</b> EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	<b>d</b> Entity code P	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 16730
<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: AMERICAN FUNDS 2060 TD		
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA		
<b>c</b> EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	<b>d</b> Entity code P	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 31868
<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: AMERICAN FUNDS 2065 TD		
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA		
<b>c</b> EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	<b>d</b> Entity code P	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 81687
<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: AMERICAN FUNDS EUROPAC GROWTH		
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA		
<b>c</b> EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	<b>d</b> Entity code P	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 119111
<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: AMERICAN FUNDS NEW PERSPECTIVE		
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA		
<b>c</b> EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	<b>d</b> Entity code P	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 49904
<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: AMERICAN FUNDS NEW WORLD FUND		
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA		
<b>c</b> EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	<b>d</b> Entity code P	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 40994
<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: BLACKROCK GLOBAL ALLOCATION		
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA		
<b>c</b> EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	<b>d</b> Entity code P	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 23142
<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: BLUE CHIP GROWTH FUND		
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA		
<b>c</b> EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	<b>d</b> Entity code P	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 37951
<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: CAPITAL WORLD GROWTH & INCOME		
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA		
<b>c</b> EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	<b>d</b> Entity code P	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 3593

<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: DFA U.S. SMALL CAP FUND		
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA		
<b>c</b> EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	<b>d</b> Entity code P	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 13505
<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: FIDELITY ADVISOR TOTAL BOND		
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA		
<b>c</b> EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	<b>d</b> Entity code P	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 120382
<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: FIDELITY CONTRAFUND		
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA		
<b>c</b> EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	<b>d</b> Entity code P	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 1765782
<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: FRANKLIN SMALL-MID GROWTH		
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA		
<b>c</b> EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	<b>d</b> Entity code P	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 19489
<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: HIGH YIELD FUND		
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA		
<b>c</b> EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	<b>d</b> Entity code P	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 24534
<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: INTL EQUITY INDEX FUND		
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA		
<b>c</b> EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	<b>d</b> Entity code P	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 14801
<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: INVESCO DIVERSIFIED DIVIDEND		
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA		
<b>c</b> EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	<b>d</b> Entity code P	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 16959
<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: INVESCO SMALL CAP GROWTH		
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA		
<b>c</b> EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	<b>d</b> Entity code P	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 53388
<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: JH DISCIPLINED VALUE INTL FUND		
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA		
<b>c</b> EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	<b>d</b> Entity code P	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 3047
<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: JH MULTIMANAGER AGGRESSIVE LS		
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA		
<b>c</b> EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	<b>d</b> Entity code P	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 253078

<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <a href="#">JH MULTIMANAGER BALANCED LS</a>		
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <a href="#">JOHN HANCOCK USA</a>		
<b>c</b> EIN-PN <a href="#">01-0233346-000</a>	<b>d</b> Entity code <a href="#">P</a>	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <a href="#">273904</a>
<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <a href="#">JH MULTIMANAGER CONSERV LS</a>		
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <a href="#">JOHN HANCOCK USA</a>		
<b>c</b> EIN-PN <a href="#">01-0233346-000</a>	<b>d</b> Entity code <a href="#">P</a>	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <a href="#">452799</a>
<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <a href="#">JH MULTIMANAGER GROWTH LS</a>		
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <a href="#">JOHN HANCOCK USA</a>		
<b>c</b> EIN-PN <a href="#">01-0233346-000</a>	<b>d</b> Entity code <a href="#">P</a>	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <a href="#">829828</a>
<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <a href="#">JH MULTIMANAGER MODERATE LS</a>		
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <a href="#">JOHN HANCOCK USA</a>		
<b>c</b> EIN-PN <a href="#">01-0233346-000</a>	<b>d</b> Entity code <a href="#">P</a>	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <a href="#">255944</a>
<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <a href="#">JOHN HANCOCK DISCIPLINED VALUE</a>		
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <a href="#">JOHN HANCOCK USA</a>		
<b>c</b> EIN-PN <a href="#">01-0233346-000</a>	<b>d</b> Entity code <a href="#">P</a>	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <a href="#">336541</a>
<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <a href="#">JPMORGAN MIDCAP VALUE FUND</a>		
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <a href="#">JOHN HANCOCK USA</a>		
<b>c</b> EIN-PN <a href="#">01-0233346-000</a>	<b>d</b> Entity code <a href="#">P</a>	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <a href="#">489575</a>
<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <a href="#">JPMORGAN U.S. EQUITY FUND</a>		
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <a href="#">JOHN HANCOCK USA</a>		
<b>c</b> EIN-PN <a href="#">01-0233346-000</a>	<b>d</b> Entity code <a href="#">P</a>	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <a href="#">97988</a>
<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <a href="#">MFS UTILITIES FUND</a>		
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <a href="#">JOHN HANCOCK USA</a>		
<b>c</b> EIN-PN <a href="#">01-0233346-000</a>	<b>d</b> Entity code <a href="#">P</a>	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <a href="#">1534</a>
<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <a href="#">MID CAP INDEX FUND</a>		
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <a href="#">JOHN HANCOCK USA</a>		
<b>c</b> EIN-PN <a href="#">01-0233346-000</a>	<b>d</b> Entity code <a href="#">P</a>	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <a href="#">69780</a>
<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <a href="#">MONEY MARKET FUND</a>		
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <a href="#">JOHN HANCOCK USA</a>		
<b>c</b> EIN-PN <a href="#">01-0233346-000</a>	<b>d</b> Entity code <a href="#">P</a>	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <a href="#">1534640</a>

<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PIMCO REAL RETURN		
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA		
<b>c</b> EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	<b>d</b> Entity code P	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 20126
<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: REAL EST. SECURITIES FUND		
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA		
<b>c</b> EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	<b>d</b> Entity code P	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 29028
<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY FUND		
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA		
<b>c</b> EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	<b>d</b> Entity code P	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 37336
<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: SMALL CAP INDEX FUND		
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA		
<b>c</b> EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	<b>d</b> Entity code P	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 41463
<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: STRATEGIC INCOME OPP FUND		
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA		
<b>c</b> EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	<b>d</b> Entity code P	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 36495
<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: T. ROWE PRICE EQUITY INC		
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA		
<b>c</b> EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	<b>d</b> Entity code P	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 206364
<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: T. ROWE PRICE HEALTH SCI		
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA		
<b>c</b> EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	<b>d</b> Entity code P	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 48857
<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: T. ROWE PRICE SCI & TECH		
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA		
<b>c</b> EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	<b>d</b> Entity code P	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 184170
<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: T. ROWE PRICE SPECTRUM INC		
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA		
<b>c</b> EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	<b>d</b> Entity code P	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 177564
<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: TEMPLETON FOREIGN SMALLER CO		
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA		
<b>c</b> EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	<b>d</b> Entity code P	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 16345

<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <b>TEMPLETON WORLD</b>		
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <b>JOHN HANCOCK USA</b>		
<b>c</b> EIN-PN <b>01-0233346-000</b>	<b>d</b> Entity code <b>P</b>	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <b>20412</b>
<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <b>TOTAL BOND MARKET FUND</b>		
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <b>JOHN HANCOCK USA</b>		
<b>c</b> EIN-PN <b>01-0233346-000</b>	<b>d</b> Entity code <b>P</b>	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <b>19618</b>
<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <b>TOTAL STOCK MARKET INDEX FUND</b>		
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <b>JOHN HANCOCK USA</b>		
<b>c</b> EIN-PN <b>01-0233346-000</b>	<b>d</b> Entity code <b>P</b>	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <b>21926</b>
<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <b>VANGUARD ENERGY FUND</b>		
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <b>JOHN HANCOCK USA</b>		
<b>c</b> EIN-PN <b>01-0233346-000</b>	<b>d</b> Entity code <b>P</b>	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <b>36140</b>
<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <b>VANGUARD EXPLORER FUND</b>		
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <b>JOHN HANCOCK USA</b>		
<b>c</b> EIN-PN <b>01-0233346-000</b>	<b>d</b> Entity code <b>P</b>	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <b>326699</b>
<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <b>VANGUARD MID-CAP GROWTH ETF</b>		
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <b>JOHN HANCOCK USA</b>		
<b>c</b> EIN-PN <b>01-0233346-000</b>	<b>d</b> Entity code <b>P</b>	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <b>19086</b>
<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <b>VANGUARD MID-CAP VALUE ETF</b>		
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <b>JOHN HANCOCK USA</b>		
<b>c</b> EIN-PN <b>01-0233346-000</b>	<b>d</b> Entity code <b>P</b>	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <b>4541</b>
<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <b>VANGUARD SHORT-TERM FEDERAL</b>		
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <b>JOHN HANCOCK USA</b>		
<b>c</b> EIN-PN <b>01-0233346-000</b>	<b>d</b> Entity code <b>P</b>	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <b>112844</b>
<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <b>VANGUARD SMALL CAP GROW INDEX</b>		
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <b>JOHN HANCOCK USA</b>		
<b>c</b> EIN-PN <b>01-0233346-000</b>	<b>d</b> Entity code <b>P</b>	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <b>30768</b>
<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <b>VANGUARD SMALL CAP VALUE INDEX</b>		
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <b>JOHN HANCOCK USA</b>		
<b>c</b> EIN-PN <b>01-0233346-000</b>	<b>d</b> Entity code <b>P</b>	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <b>1448</b>

**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: VANGUARD VALUE INDEX FUND

**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA

<b>c</b> EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	<b>d</b> Entity code P	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 24479
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**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: WASHINGTON MUTUAL INVESTORS

**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA

<b>c</b> EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	<b>d</b> Entity code P	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 154182
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**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:

**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):

<b>c</b> EIN-PN	<b>d</b> Entity code	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)
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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>2023</b>  <b>This Form is Open to Public Inspection</b>
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For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning <b>11/01/2023</b> and ending <b>10/31/2024</b>	
<b>A</b> Name of plan <b>SHEPARD STEEL CO., INC. SECTION 401(K) PROFIT SHARING PLAN</b>	<b>B</b> Three-digit plan number (PN) <b>001</b>
<b>C</b> Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <b>SHEPARD STEEL CO., INC.</b>	<b>D</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN) <b>06-0743773</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>	2848	4016
<b>b</b> Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts):			
<b>(1)</b> Employer contributions .....	<b>1b(1)</b>	212083	270188
<b>(2)</b> Participant contributions .....	<b>1b(2)</b>	0	7788
<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>	164809	317916
<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>	124833	142610
<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>	7621763	10126082
<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>	2413860	2886771
<b>(14)</b> Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts) .....	<b>1c(14)</b>	384122	393253
<b>(15)</b> Other .....	<b>1c(15)</b>		

<b>1d</b> Employer-related investments:		<b>(a)</b> Beginning of Year	<b>(b)</b> End of Year
(1) Employer securities .....	<b>1d(1)</b>		
(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>	10924318	14148624
<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>		
<b>j</b> Other liabilities .....	<b>1j</b>		
<b>k</b> Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through 1j) .....	<b>1k</b>	0	0
<b>Net Assets</b>			
<b>l</b> Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f) .....	<b>1l</b>	10924318	14148624

**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>		<b>(a)</b> Amount	<b>(b)</b> Total
<b>a Contributions:</b>			
(1) Received or receivable in cash from: <b>(A)</b> Employers .....	<b>2a(1)(A)</b>	270188	
<b>(B)</b> Participants .....	<b>2a(1)(B)</b>	425210	
<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>		695398
<b>b Earnings on investments:</b>			
(1) Interest:			
<b>(A)</b> Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit) .....	<b>2b(1)(A)</b>		
<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>	9682	
<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>		9682
(2) Dividends: <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>		
(3) Rents .....	<b>2b(3)</b>		
(4) Net gain (loss) on sale of assets: <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>		
(5) Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of assets: <b>(A)</b> Real estate .....	<b>2b(5)(A)</b>		
<b>(B)</b> Other .....	<b>2b(5)(B)</b>		
<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>		531433
(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>		2308181
<b>c</b> Other income.....	<b>2c</b>		3596
<b>d</b> Total income. Add all <b>income</b> amounts in column (b) and enter total.....	<b>2d</b>		3548290

**Expenses**

<b>e</b> Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers.....	<b>2e(1)</b>	322576	
(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>		322576
<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>		
<b>i</b> Administrative expenses:			
(1) Salaries and allowances.....	<b>2i(1)</b>		
(2) Contract administrator fees.....	<b>2i(2)</b>	1378	
(3) Recordkeeping fees.....	<b>2i(3)</b>	30	
(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>		1408
<b>j</b> Total expenses. Add all <b>expense</b> amounts in column (b) and enter total.....	<b>2j</b>		323984

**Net Income and Reconciliation**

<b>k</b> Net income (loss). Subtract line <b>2j</b> from line <b>2d</b> .....	<b>2k</b>		3224306
<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: **NICOLA, YESTER & COMPANY, P.C.**

(2) EIN: **06-1181787**

**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		650000
<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>2023</b>  <b>This Form is Open to Public Inspection.</b>
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<b>A</b> Name of plan <u>SHEPARD STEEL CO., INC. SECTION 401(K) PROFIT SHARING PLAN</u>	<b>B</b> Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	<u>001</u>
<b>C</b> Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <u>SHEPARD STEEL CO., INC.</u>	<b>D</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>06-0743773</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	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): 01-0233346

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

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

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

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(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) \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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(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) \_\_\_\_\_

(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 05 / 26 / 2021 (MM/DD/YYYY) and the Opinion Letter serial number Q704488A.

**SHEPARD STEEL CO., INC. SECTION 401(K) PROFIT SHARING PLAN**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**

**Years Ended October 31, 2024 and 2023**

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Plan Administrator of  
Shepard Steel Co., Inc. Section 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan  
Hartford, Connecticut

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

We have performed an audit of the accompanying financial statements of Shepard Steel Co., Inc. Section 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan (the "Plan"), an employee benefit plan subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 ("ERISA"), as permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C). The financial statements comprise the statements of net assets available for benefits as of October 31, 2024 and 2023, and the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended October 31, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management, having determined it is permissible in the circumstances, has elected to have the audit of the financial statements performed in accordance with ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. As permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C), our audit need not extend to any statements or information related to assets held for investment of the Plan (investment information) by a bank or similar institution or insurance carrier that is regulated, supervised, and subject to periodic examination by a state or federal agency, provided that the statements or information regarding assets so held are prepared and certified to by the bank or similar institution or insurance carrier in accordance with 29 CFR 2520.103-5 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA (qualified institution).

Management has obtained a certification from a qualified institution as of October 31, 2024 and 2023, and for the year ended October 31, 2024, stating that the certified investment information, as described in Note 4 to the financial statements, is complete and accurate.

### Opinion

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

- the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements referred to above, other than those agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.
- the information in the financial statements referred to above related to assets held by and certified to by a qualified institution agrees to, or is derived from, in all material respects, the information prepared and certified by an institution that management determined meets the requirements of ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C).

### Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America ("GAAS"). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Plan and to meet our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audits. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit opinion.

## **Responsibility 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. Management's election of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit does not affect management's responsibility for the financial statements.

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

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

## **Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements**

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

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, we:

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

Our audits did not extend to the certified investment information, except for obtaining and reading the certification, comparing the certified investment information with the related information presented and disclosed in the financial statements, and reading the disclosures relating to the certified investment information to assess whether they are in accordance with the presentation and disclosure requirements of accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Accordingly, the objective of an ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit is not to express an opinion about whether the financial statements as a whole are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

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

#### **Other Matter - Supplemental Schedule Required by ERISA**

The supplemental schedule of assets (held at end of year) (Schedule H, Line 4i) as of October 31, 2024 is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements but is supplementary information required by the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information included in the supplemental schedule, other than that agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, has been subjected to 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 generally accepted auditing standards. For information included in the supplemental schedule that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, we compared such information to the related certified investment information.

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

In our opinion:

- the form and content of the supplemental schedule, other than the information in the supplemental schedule that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, is presented, in all material respects, in conformity with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.
- the information in the supplemental schedule related to assets held by and certified to by a qualified institution agrees to, or is derived from, in all material respects, the information prepared and certified by an institution that management determined meets the requirements of ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C).

*Nicola, Yester & Company, P.C.*

Glastonbury, Connecticut  
August 14, 2025

**SHEPARD STEEL CO., INC. SECTION 401(K) PROFIT SHARING PLAN**

**STATEMENTS OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS**

*October 31, 2024 and 2023*

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
<i>Assets</i>		
Participant - directed investments:		
Guaranteed interest accounts	\$ 393,253	\$ 384,122
Pooled separate accounts	<u>10,126,082</u>	<u>7,621,763</u>
	10,519,335	8,005,885
Non-participant - directed investments:		
Money market and mutual funds	<u>3,208,703</u>	<u>2,581,517</u>
	13,728,038	10,587,402
Total investments	13,728,038	10,587,402
<i>Receivables:</i>		
Contributions receivable - employer	67,244	62,083
Contributions receivable - employer profit sharing	202,944	150,000
Contributions receivable - participants'	7,788	0
Notes receivable from participants	<u>142,610</u>	<u>124,833</u>
Total receivables	<u>420,586</u>	<u>336,916</u>
Net assets available for benefits	<u>\$ 14,148,624</u>	<u>\$ 10,924,318</u>

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

**SHEPARD STEEL CO., INC. SECTION 401(K) PROFIT SHARING PLAN**

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS**

*For the year ended October 31, 2024*

*Additions*

Net additions to net assets attributed to:

Investment income:

Net appreciation in fair value of investments	\$ 2,779,958
Interest and dividend income	<u>66,196</u>
	2,846,154

Interest income on notes receivable from participants	9,682
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Contributions:

Employer's	67,244
Employer's profit sharing	200,000
Participants'	<u>425,210</u>
	<u>692,454</u>

Total additions	3,548,290
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*Deductions*

Deductions from net assets attributed to:

Benefits paid to participants	322,576
Administrative expenses	<u>1,408</u>
Total deductions	<u>323,984</u>

Net increase	3,224,306
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Net assets available for benefits:

Beginning of year	<u>10,924,318</u>
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End of year	<u><u>\$ 14,148,624</u></u>
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The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

**SHEPARD STEEL CO., INC. SECTION 401(K) PROFIT SHARING PLAN**

**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**1. DESCRIPTION OF PLAN:**

The following description of the Shepard Steel Co., Inc. (the “Company”) Section 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan (the “Plan”) provides only general information. Participants should refer to the Plan document and any amendments thereto, for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions.

1. *General.* The Plan was established on November 1, 1975. The Plan is a defined contribution plan covering all eligible employees of the Company. All employees of the Company, excluding union employees, who have completed one year of service and are at least 18 years of age are eligible to participate in the Plan as of the first day of May or November of the Plan year following the completion of eligibility. The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (“ERISA”).

The Plan is administered by the Company and third-party advised by Pension Consultants, Inc. Participant directed assets of the Plan are held and invested by John Hancock Life Insurance Company (“John Hancock”).

2. *Contributions.* Each year, participants may contribute up to 100% of pre-tax annual compensation, as defined in the Plan. Participants who have attained age 50 before the end of the Plan year are eligible to make catch-up contributions. Participants may also contribute amounts representing distributions from other qualified (and certain nonqualified) defined benefit or defined contribution plans. Participants direct the investment of their contributions into various investment options offered by the Plan. The Company may provide discretionary matching and profit sharing contributions at the option of the Company’s Board of Directors. At the employer’s discretion, the Company shall annually contribute and allocate to each eligible participant’s account a percentage of the participant’s elective deferral contributed for the year. The Company shall set such percentage prior to the end of the Plan year. The discretionary matching contribution was 25% of each participant’s elective deferral contribution up to 6% of compensation for the year ended October 31, 2024. Participants must be employed on the last day of the Plan year or have performed at least 1,000 hours of service during the Plan year to be eligible to receive a discretionary profit sharing contribution. The Company elected to contribute \$200,000 to the Plan as an additional profit sharing contribution for the year ended October 31, 2024. Contributions are subject to certain limitations imposed by the Plan and the Internal Revenue Code (“Code”).

3. *Participant Accounts/Benefits.* Each participant's account is credited with the participant's contributions and allocations of the Company's contributions and Plan earnings. Participant accounts are charged with an allocation of administrative expenses paid by the Plan. Allocations of Company contributions, investment income, and administrative expenses are based on participants’ compensation or account balances, as defined.

The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the benefit that can be provided from the participant's vested account.

4. *Vesting.* Participants are immediately vested in their contributions, plus actual earnings thereon. Vesting in the Company’s discretionary match and profit sharing contribution portions of their accounts plus actual earnings thereon is based on years of continuous service. A participant vests in the Company’s discretionary match and profit sharing contributions according to the following schedule:

Less than 2 years	0%
At least 2 years, but less than 3 years	20%
At least 3 years, but less than 4 years	40%
At least 4 years, but less than 5 years	60%
At least 5 years, but less than 6 years	80%
6 years or more	100%

# SHEPARD STEEL CO., INC. SECTION 401(K) PROFIT SHARING PLAN

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### 1. DESCRIPTION OF PLAN (CONTINUED):

5. *Notes Receivable from Participants.* Participants may borrow from their fund accounts up to the lesser of \$50,000 or 50% of their vested account balance. The loans are secured by the vested balance in the participant's account and bear interest at a rate of prime rate plus 1%. The notes currently bear interest at rates ranging from 5.00% to 9.50% as of October 31, 2024. Principal and interest are paid ratably through payroll deductions.
6. *Investment Options.* Upon enrollment in the Plan, a participant may direct their deferral, rollover, and matching contributions into any of the funds offered by the Plan, which are held at John Hancock. These funds include a variety of investment options with various objectives and degrees of financial risk. All employer profit sharing contributions are deposited to a trustee-directed brokerage account held at Charles Schwab and a money market account held at Santander, which are not participant directed.
7. *Payment of Benefits.* Upon retirement, disability, death or termination of employment, the participant shall become entitled to the total value of his or her vested account. Distributions will be paid in a lump-sum or in installments over a number of years, based upon election of the participant or as defined in the Plan or the Code. If a participant terminates employment for any reason and his or her vested account balance does not exceed \$1,000, the Plan administrator may distribute such amount in a lump-sum payment to the participant without consent of the participant. If the participant's balance is between \$1,000 and \$5,000, the Plan administrator may roll the amount into an individual retirement account on behalf of the participant without the consent of the participant.

The Plan also provides for in-service withdrawals by participants who have attained the normal retirement age. In addition, upon financial hardship, a participant is entitled to the value of his or her deferral accounts, which is payable immediately in a lump-sum distribution.

8. *Forfeited Accounts.* Forfeitures of discretionary matching contributions are used to reduce the Company's future matching contributions. Forfeitures of discretionary profit sharing contributions are allocated or accrued to be allocated to the remaining participants at the end of the Plan year in proportion to their compensation. Forfeited non-vested discretionary matching and profit sharing accounts totaled \$5,190 and \$3,926 at October 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively. Forfeited non-vested discretionary profit sharing amounts totaling \$1,264 were accrued to be evenly distributed among plan participants based on compensation for the year ended October 31, 2024.

### 2. SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES:

**Basis of Accounting** - The financial statements of the Plan are prepared on the accrual basis of accounting.

Investment contracts held by a defined contribution plan are required to be reported at fair value, except for fully benefit-responsive investment contracts. Contract value is the relevant measure for that portion of the net assets available for benefits of a defined contribution plan attributable to fully benefit-responsive investment contracts because contract value is the amount participants normally would receive if they were to initiate permitted transactions under the terms of the Plan.

**Notes Receivable from Participants** - Notes receivable from participants are measured at their unpaid principal balances plus any accrued but unpaid interest. Interest income on notes receivable from participants is recorded on the accrual basis. Delinquent participant loans are reclassified as distributions based upon the terms of the Plan document.

# SHEPARD STEEL CO., INC. SECTION 401(K) PROFIT SHARING PLAN

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### 2. SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED):

**Investment Valuation and Income Recognition** - The Plan's investments are reported at fair value. Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. The Plan administrator determines the Plan's valuation policies utilizing information provided by the asset custodian. See Note 3 for a discussion of fair value measurements.

Purchases and sales of securities are recorded on a trade-date basis. Dividends are recorded on the ex-dividend date. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis.

The Plan presents in the statement of changes in net assets available for benefits the net change in fair value for each type of investment held by the Plan, which includes gains and losses on investments bought and sold, as well as held during the year.

**Plan Expenses** - Certain expenses of maintaining the Plan may be paid by the Company. Fees related to the administration of notes receivable from participants and distributions are charged directly to the participant's account and are included in administrative expenses. Investment-related expenses are included in net appreciation (depreciation) in fair value of investments.

**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.

**Payment of Benefits** - Benefits are recorded when paid.

**Subsequent Events** - The Company has evaluated events and transactions for potential recognition of disclosure through August 14, 2025, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

### 3. 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 Accounting Standards Codification 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 measurements.

**SHEPARD STEEL CO., INC. SECTION 401(K) PROFIT SHARING PLAN**

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**3. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS (CONTINUED):**

The asset or liability 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 measurements. Valuation techniques maximize the use of relevant observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs. Assets valued using the net asset practical expedient are not required to be reported within the hierarchy.

The following is a description of the valuation methodologies used for assets measured at fair value. There have been no changes in the methodologies used at October 31, 2024 and 2023.

*Money Market and Mutual Funds:* Money market and mutual funds are valued at the net asset value of shares held by the Plan at year end using market prices on active markets (Level 1). Level 1 instrument valuations are obtained from real-time quotes for transactions in active exchange markets involving identical assets.

*Pooled Separate Accounts:* Pooled separate accounts are stated at their net asset values as reported by the investment manager of the fund based on the fair value of the underlying assets and liabilities at the measurement date. The net asset value is used as a practical expedient to estimate fair value.

*Guaranteed Interest Accounts:* Guaranteed interest accounts are carried at fair value. Fair value is calculated by discounting the related cash flows based on current yields of similar instruments with comparable durations considering the creditworthiness of the issuer. John Hancock maintains the contributions in a general account. The account is credited with earnings on the underlying investments and charged for participant withdrawals and administrative expenses. The guaranteed investment contract issuer is contractually obligated to repay the principal and a specific interest rate guaranteed to the Plan. The guaranteed interest accounts promise contract value for a benefit event (termination, death, disability, and retirement); however, there is a possible surrender charge when funds are withdrawn prior to their maturity, and thus, the guaranteed interest accounts are not considered as fully benefit responsive. Fair value is the amount that would be received were the funds to be withdrawn or transferred within the Plan prior to maturity. There are no reserves against the contract value for credit risk of the contract issuer or otherwise.

Financial assets carried at fair value at October 31, 2024 and 2023 are classified in the table below in one of the three categories described above:

	October 31, 2024			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Money market and mutual funds	\$ 3,208,703	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 3,208,703
Guaranteed interest accounts	0	0	393,253	393,253
	3,208,703	0	393,253	3,601,956
Investments measured at Net Asset Value (a) - Pooled separate accounts	0	0	0	10,126,082
Total assets at fair value	\$ 3,208,703	\$ 0	\$ 393,253	\$ 13,728,038

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**3. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS (CONTINUED):**

	October 31, 2023			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Money market and mutual funds	\$ 2,581,517	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 2,581,517
Guaranteed interest accounts	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>384,122</u>	<u>384,122</u>
	2,581,517	0	384,122	2,965,639
Investments measured at Net Asset Value (a) - Pooled separate accounts	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>7,621,763</u>
Total assets at fair value	<u>\$ 2,581,517</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 384,122</u>	<u>\$ 10,587,402</u>

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

Investments in pooled separate accounts provide for daily liquidity and have no redemption features or other restrictions.

The methods described above may produce a fair value calculation that may not be indicative of net realizable value or reflective of future fair values. Furthermore, while the Plan believes its valuation methods are appropriate and consistent with other market participants, the use of different methodologies or assumptions to determine the fair value of certain financial instruments could result in a different fair value measurement at the reporting date.

The table below sets forth a summary of changes in the fair of the Plan's Level 3 assets for the year ended October 31, 2024:

	<u>Guaranteed Interest Accounts</u>
Balance – Beginning of year	\$ 384,122
Net investment gains on contracts	1,390
Deposits and transfers in	39,310
Withdrawals and transfers out	(31,569)
Balance – End of year	<u>\$ 393,253</u>

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**3. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS (CONTINUED):**

The following table presents information about significant unobservable inputs related to the Plan’s investment in Level 3 assets at October 31, 2024:

Type	Fair Value	Valuation Technique	Significant Unobservable Inputs	Range
10-year interest account	\$ 341,933	Discounted cash flow  Theoretical transfer (exit value)	Risk-adjusted discount rate applied	2.70%
5-year interest account	\$ 13,419	Discounted cash flow  Theoretical transfer (exit value)	Risk-adjusted discount rate applied	2.65%
3-year interest account	\$ 37,901	Discounted cash flow  Theoretical transfer (exit value)	Risk-adjusted discount rate applied	2.55%

**4. INFORMATION CERTIFIED BY THE PLAN’S CUSTODIAN:**

The Plan administrator has elected the method of compliance permitted by 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor’s Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Accordingly, John Hancock, the custodian of the Plan, has certified to the completeness and accuracy of all participant directed investments reflected on the accompanying statements of net assets available for benefits as of October 31, 2024 and 2023 and the schedule of assets (held at end of year) for investment purposes as of October 31, 2024, and the related investment activity reflected in the statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended October 31, 2024.

The following is a summary of information certified to be complete and accurate by John Hancock as of October 31,:

	2024	2023
Investments, at fair value:		
Guaranteed interest accounts	\$ 393,253	\$ 384,122
Pooled separate accounts	\$ 10,126,082	\$ 7,621,763
Receivable:		
Notes receivable from participants	\$ 129,828	\$ 114,289

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**4. INFORMATION CERTIFIED BY THE PLAN'S CUSTODIAN (CONTINUED):**

The following is a summary of information certified to be complete and accurate by John Hancock for the year ended October 31, 2024:

Net appreciation in fair value of investments	\$	2,311,035
Interest and dividend income	\$	3,686
Interest income on notes receivable from participants	\$	8,804

**5. PLAN TERMINATION:**

Although it has not expressed any intent to do so, the Company has the right under the Plan to discontinue its contributions at any time and to terminate the Plan subject to the provisions of ERISA. In the event of Plan termination, participants would become 100% vested in their employer contributions.

**6. TAX STATUS OF THE PLAN:**

The Plan has adopted a volume submitter plan that received a favorable opinion letter on May 26, 2021 from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) that it was in compliance with the applicable requirements of the Code. The Plan administrator believes that the Plan is currently designed and being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the Code. Therefore, the Plan administrator believes 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 (or asset) if the Plan has taken an uncertain position that more likely than not would not be sustained upon examination by various taxing authorities. The Plan is subject to routine audits by taxing jurisdictions; however, there are currently no audits for any tax periods in progress. The Plan administrator believes it is no longer subject to income tax examinations for years prior to 2021.

**7. PARTY-IN-INTEREST AND PROHIBITED TRANSACTIONS:**

Certain Plan investments are managed by John Hancock, Charles Schwab and Santander. Charles Schwab and Santander serve as custodians, and John Hancock serves as the custodian and record-keeper of the Plan, and therefore, these transactions qualify as party-in-interest transactions. Other parties-in-interest include record-keepers and professional service firms who provide services to the Plan. Certain employees of the Company who participate in the Plan perform administrative services to the Plan at no cost to the Plan. Notes receivable from participants are also party-in-interest transactions.

**8. RISK AND UNCERTAINTIES:**

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

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**SCHEDULE OF ASSETS (HELD AT END OF YEAR)  
(SCHEDULE H, LINE 4i)**

*October 31, 2024*

(a)	(b) Identity of Issuer Borrower, Lessor or Similar Party	(c) Description of Investment, Including Maturity Date, Rate of Interest, Collateral, Par, or Maturity Value	(d) Cost	(e) Current Value
Guaranteed interest accounts:				
*	John Hancock Life Insurance Company	10-Year Compound	**	\$ 341,933
*	John Hancock Life Insurance Company	5-Year Compound	**	13,419
*	John Hancock Life Insurance Company	3-Year Compound	**	37,901
				<u>393,253</u>
Pooled separate accounts:				
*	John Hancock Life Insurance Company	Fidelity ContraFund	**	1,765,782
*	John Hancock Life Insurance Company	Money Market Fund	**	1,534,640
*	John Hancock Life Insurance Company	JH Multimanager Growth LS	**	829,828
*	John Hancock Life Insurance Company	JPMorgan MidCap Value Fund	**	489,575
*	John Hancock Life Insurance Company	AF American Balanced Fund	**	474,021
*	John Hancock Life Insurance Company	JH Multimanager Conserv LS	**	452,799
*	John Hancock Life Insurance Company	John Hancock Disciplined Value	**	336,541
*	John Hancock Life Insurance Company	Vanguard Explorer Fund	**	326,699
*	John Hancock Life Insurance Company	JH Multimanager Balanced LS	**	273,904
*	John Hancock Life Insurance Company	JH Multimanager Moderate LS	**	255,944
*	John Hancock Life Insurance Company	JH Multimanager Aggressive LS	**	253,078
*	John Hancock Life Insurance Company	American Funds 2030	**	247,560
*	John Hancock Life Insurance Company	500 Index Fund	**	217,504
*	John Hancock Life Insurance Company	AF The Growth Fund of America	**	217,254
*	John Hancock Life Insurance Company	T. Rowe Price Equity Inc	**	206,364
*	John Hancock Life Insurance Company	T. Rowe Price Sci & Tech	**	184,170
*	John Hancock Life Insurance Company	T. Rowe Price Spectrum Inc	**	177,564
*	John Hancock Life Insurance Company	AF Capital Income Builder	**	173,209
*	John Hancock Life Insurance Company	Washington Mutual Investors	**	154,182
*	John Hancock Life Insurance Company	Fidelity Advisor Total Bond	**	120,382
*	John Hancock Life Insurance Company	American Funds EuroPac Growth	**	119,111
*	John Hancock Life Insurance Company	Vanguard Short-Term Federal	**	112,844
*	John Hancock Life Insurance Company	JPMorgan U.S. Equity Fund	**	97,988
*	John Hancock Life Insurance Company	American Century Heritage	**	83,935
*	John Hancock Life Insurance Company	American Funds 2065	**	81,684
*	John Hancock Life Insurance Company	American Funds 2035	**	74,038
*	John Hancock Life Insurance Company	Mid Cap Index Fund	**	69,780
*	John Hancock Life Insurance Company	Invesco Small Cap Growth	**	53,388
*	John Hancock Life Insurance Company	American Funds New Perspective	**	49,904
*	John Hancock Life Insurance Company	T. Rowe Price Health Sci	**	48,857
*	John Hancock Life Insurance Company	Small Cap Index Fund	**	41,463
*	John Hancock Life Insurance Company	American Funds New World Fund	**	40,994
*	John Hancock Life Insurance Company	Blue Chip Growth Fund	**	37,951
*	John Hancock Life Insurance Company	Science & Technology Fund	**	37,336
*	John Hancock Life Insurance Company	Strategic Income Opp Fund	**	36,495
*	John Hancock Life Insurance Company	American Funds 2040	**	36,195
*	John Hancock Life Insurance Company	Vanguard Energy Fund	**	36,140
*	John Hancock Life Insurance Company	American Funds 2060	**	31,868
*	John Hancock Life Insurance Company	Vanguard Small Cap Grow Index	**	30,768
*	John Hancock Life Insurance Company	Real Est. Securities Fund	**	29,028
*	John Hancock Life Insurance Company	High Yield Fund	**	24,534

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*	John Hancock Life Insurance Company	Vanguard Value Index Fund	**	24,479
*	John Hancock Life Insurance Company	BlackRock Global Allocation Fund	**	23,142
*	John Hancock Life Insurance Company	Total Stock Market Index Fund	**	21,926
*	John Hancock Life Insurance Company	Templeton World	**	20,412
*	John Hancock Life Insurance Company	PIMCO Real Return	**	20,126
*	John Hancock Life Insurance Company	Total Bond Market Fund	**	19,618
*	John Hancock Life Insurance Company	Franklin Small-Mid Growth	**	19,489
*	John Hancock Life Insurance Company	Vanguard Mid-Cap Growth ETF	**	19,086
*	John Hancock Life Insurance Company	Invesco Diversified Dividend	**	16,959
*	John Hancock Life Insurance Company	American Funds 2045	**	16,730
*	John Hancock Life Insurance Company	Templeton Institutional Foreign	**	16,345
*	John Hancock Life Insurance Company	Intl Equity Index Fund	**	14,801
*	John Hancock Life Insurance Company	Dfa U.S. Small Cap Fund	**	13,505
*	John Hancock Life Insurance Company	Vanguard Mid-Cap Value ETF	**	4,541
*	John Hancock Life Insurance Company	Capital World Growth & Income	**	3,593
*	John Hancock Life Insurance Company	John Hancock Disciplined Value Inte	**	3,047
*	John Hancock Life Insurance Company	MFS Utilities Fund	**	1,534
*	John Hancock Life Insurance Company	Vanguard Small Cap Value Index	**	1,448
				<u>10,126,082</u>
Money market and mutual funds:				
	Advanced Cash Reserve Premium	Money market fund	\$ 260,960	260,960
	Dodge & Cox Income Fund	Mutual funds	650,060	666,379
	Dodge & Cox Stock Fund	Mutual funds	13,139	370,450
	Vanguard Ultra-Short-Ter	Mutual funds	295,480	309,731
	T. Rowe Price Blue Chip	Mutual funds	8,039	273,936
	Vanguard Short Term Fund	Mutual funds	102,709	240,738
	Vanguard 500 Index Fund	Mutual funds	5,393	214,710
	Hartford Schrodgers International	Mutual funds	101,499	140,798
	Vanguard Total International Stock	Mutual funds	75,775	115,483
	T. Rowe Price Mid-Cap	Mutual funds	97,140	110,516
	Goldman Sachs GQG PTNRS	Mutual funds	86,844	97,809
	Vanguard Mid Cap Index	Mutual funds	23,875	81,120
	Undiscovered MGRS	Mutual funds	22,370	80,788
	T. Rowe Price Mid Cap	Mutual funds	18,973	70,056
	Schwab Value Advange U.S. Treasury	Mutual funds	58,583	60,972
	Vanguard Small Cap Index	Mutual funds	18,013	58,405
	Value Line Small Cap Opportunity	Mutual funds	8,303	55,852
				<u>3,208,703</u>
Notes receivable from participants:				
*	Loans to participants	Interest rates of 5.00% - 9.50%	**	142,610
				<u>\$ 13,870,648</u>

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

\*\* Cost omitted for participant directed investments

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