

Form 5500

Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan

OMB Nos. 1210-0110 1210-0089

2024

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Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration

Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

This form is required to be filed for employee benefit plans under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and sections 6057(b) and 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code).

Complete all entries in accordance with the instructions to the Form 5500.

Part I Annual Report Identification Information

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

- A This return/report is for: [] a multiemployer plan [] a multiple-employer plan... [X] a single-employer plan [] a DFE... B This return/report is: [] the first return/report [] the final return/report... C If the plan is a collectively-bargained plan... D Check box if filing under: [X] Form 5558 [] automatic extension... E If this is a retroactively adopted plan...

Part II Basic Plan Information—enter all requested information

1a Name of plan: EQUUS HOLDINGS, INC. EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN
1b Three-digit plan number (PN): 002
1c Effective date of plan: 01/01/2007
2a Plan sponsor's name (employer, if for a single-employer plan): EQUUS HOLDINGS, INC.
2b Employer Identification Number (EIN): 41-1827055
2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number: 612-617-6209
2d Business code (see instructions): 334110

Caution: A penalty for the late or incomplete filing of this return/report will be assessed unless reasonable cause is established.

Under penalties of perjury and other penalties set forth in the instructions, I declare that I have examined this return/report, including accompanying schedules, statements and attachments, as well as the electronic version of this return/report, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete.

Table with 4 columns: SIGN HERE, Signature, Date, and Name. Rows include plan administrator, employer/plan sponsor, and DFE.

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3a Plan administrator's name and address <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Same as Plan Sponsor	3b Administrator's EIN	
	3c Administrator's telephone number	
4 If the name and/or EIN of the plan sponsor or the plan name has changed since the last return/report filed for this plan, enter the plan sponsor's name, EIN, the plan name and the plan number from the last return/report: a Sponsor's name c Plan Name	4b EIN	
	4d PN	
5 Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year	5	292
6 Number of participants as of the end of the plan year unless otherwise stated (welfare plans complete only lines 6a(1) , 6a(2) , 6b , 6c , and 6d). a(1) Total number of active participants at the beginning of the plan year a(2) Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year b Retired or separated participants receiving benefits..... c Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits d Subtotal. Add lines 6a(2) , 6b , and 6c e Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits. f Total. Add lines 6d and 6e g(1) Number of participants with account balances as of the beginning of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item) g(2) Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item) h Number of participants who terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested.....	6a(1)	125
	6a(2)	108
	6b	99
	6c	77
	6d	284
	6e	2
	6f	286
	6g(1)	287
	6g(2)	286
7 Enter the total number of employers obligated to contribute to the plan (only multiemployer plans complete this item)	7	

8a If the plan provides pension benefits, enter the applicable pension feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions:
2I 2P 2Q 3H 3I

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

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

10 Check all applicable boxes in 10a and 10b to indicate which schedules are attached, and, where indicated, enter the number attached. (See instructions)

- 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 0
 - (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 _____
 - (4) **C** (Service Provider Information)
 - (5) **D** (DFE/Participating Plan Information)
 - (6) **G** (Financial Transaction Schedules)

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

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

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

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

11c Enter the Receipt Confirmation Code for the 2024 Form M-1 annual report. If the plan was not required to file the 2024 Form M-1 annual report, enter the Receipt Confirmation Code for the most recent Form M-1 that was required to be filed under the Form M-1 filing requirements. (Failure to enter a valid Receipt Confirmation Code will subject the Form 5500 filing to rejection as incomplete.)

Receipt Confirmation Code _____

SCHEDULE C (Form 5500) <small>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</small> <small>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</small> <small>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</small>	Service Provider Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.	<small>OMB No. 1210-0110</small> 2024 This Form is Open to Public Inspection.
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For calendar plan year 2024 or fiscal plan year beginning **01/01/2024** and ending **12/31/2024**

A Name of plan EQUUS HOLDINGS, INC. EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	002
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 EQUUS HOLDINGS, INC.	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 41-1827055	

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)

(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"/>

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

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

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			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.

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

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

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

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

a Name:	GRANT THORNTON LLP	b EIN:	36-6055558
c Position:	ACCOUNTANT		
d Address:	241 5TH AVE N SUITE 600 MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55401	e Telephone:	612-332-0001

Explanation: COST OF AUDIT SERVICE AND DISSATISFACTION OF SERVICE LEVEL.

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

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**SCHEDULE H
(Form 5500)**

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Department of Labor
Employee Benefits Security Administration
Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

Financial Information

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Part I Asset and Liability Statement

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

Assets	(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
a Total noninterest-bearing cash	1a	
b Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts):		
(1) Employer contributions	1b(1)	1348864
(2) Participant contributions	1b(2)	447057
(3) Other	1b(3)	
c General investments:		
(1) Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit)	1c(1)	
(2) U.S. Government securities	1c(2)	
(3) Corporate debt instruments (other than employer securities):		
(A) Preferred	1c(3)(A)	
(B) All other	1c(3)(B)	
(4) Corporate stocks (other than employer securities):		
(A) Preferred	1c(4)(A)	
(B) Common	1c(4)(B)	
(5) Partnership/joint venture interests	1c(5)	
(6) Real estate (other than employer real property)	1c(6)	
(7) Loans (other than to participants)	1c(7)	
(8) Participant loans	1c(8)	
(9) Value of interest in common/collective trusts	1c(9)	
(10) Value of interest in pooled separate accounts	1c(10)	
(11) Value of interest in master trust investment accounts	1c(11)	
(12) Value of interest in 103-12 investment entities	1c(12)	
(13) Value of interest in registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds)	1c(13)	1384369
(14) Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts)	1c(14)	1237864
(15) Other	1c(15)	

1d Employer-related investments:		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
(1) Employer securities.....	1d(1)	99624082	87806575
(2) Employer real property.....	1d(2)		
e Buildings and other property used in plan operation.....	1e		
f Total assets (add all amounts in lines 1a through 1e).....	1f	102357315	89491496
Liabilities			
g Benefit claims payable.....	1g		
h Operating payables.....	1h		
i Acquisition indebtedness.....	1i		
j Other liabilities.....	1j	2456931	2382286
k Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through 1j).....	1k	2456931	2382286
Net Assets			
l Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f).....	1l	99900384	87109210

Part II Income and Expense Statement

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

Income		(a) Amount	(b) Total
a Contributions:			
(1) Received or receivable in cash from: (A) Employers.....	2a(1)(A)	139508	
(B) Participants.....	2a(1)(B)		
(C) Others (including rollovers).....	2a(1)(C)		
(2) Noncash contributions.....	2a(2)	447057	
(3) Total contributions. Add lines 2a(1)(A), (B), (C), and line 2a(2).....	2a(3)		586565
b Earnings on investments:			
(1) Interest:			
(A) Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit).....	2b(1)(A)		
(B) U.S. Government securities.....	2b(1)(B)		
(C) Corporate debt instruments.....	2b(1)(C)		
(D) Loans (other than to participants).....	2b(1)(D)		
(E) Participant loans.....	2b(1)(E)		
(F) Other.....	2b(1)(F)		
(G) Total interest. Add lines 2b(1)(A) through (F).....	2b(1)(G)		0
(2) Dividends:			
(A) Preferred stock.....	2b(2)(A)		
(B) Common stock.....	2b(2)(B)		
(C) Registered investment company shares (e.g. mutual funds).....	2b(2)(C)	5407	
(D) Total dividends. Add lines 2b(2)(A), (B), and (C).....	2b(2)(D)		5407
(3) Rents.....	2b(3)		
(4) Net gain (loss) on sale of assets:			
(A) Aggregate proceeds.....	2b(4)(A)		
(B) Aggregate carrying amount (see instructions).....	2b(4)(B)		
(C) Subtract line 2b(4)(B) from line 2b(4)(A) and enter result.....	2b(4)(C)		
(5) Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of assets:			
(A) Real estate.....	2b(5)(A)		
(B) Other.....	2b(5)(B)	-6215041	
(C) Total unrealized appreciation of assets. Add lines 2b(5)(A) and (B).....	2b(5)(C)		

		(a) Amount	(b) Total
(6) Net investment gain (loss) from common/collective trusts	2b(6)		
(7) Net investment gain (loss) from pooled separate accounts	2b(7)		
(8) Net investment gain (loss) from master trust investment accounts	2b(8)		
(9) Net investment gain (loss) from 103-12 investment entities	2b(9)		
(10) Net investment gain (loss) from registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds)	2b(10)		
c Other income	2c		
d Total income. Add all income amounts in column (b) and enter total.....	2d		-5623069

Expenses

e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers.....	2e(1)	7103242	
(2) To insurance carriers for the provision of benefits	2e(2)		
(3) Other.....	2e(3)		
(4) Total benefit payments. Add lines 2e(1) through (3)	2e(4)		7103242
f Corrective distributions (see instructions)	2f		
g Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions).....	2g		
h Interest expense.....	2h		64863
i Administrative expenses:			
(1) Salaries and allowances	2i(1)		
(2) Contract administrator fees	2i(2)		
(3) Recordkeeping fees	2i(3)		
(4) IQPA audit fees	2i(4)		
(5) Investment advisory and investment management fees	2i(5)		
(6) Bank or trust company trustee/custodial fees	2i(6)		
(7) Actuarial fees	2i(7)		
(8) Legal fees	2i(8)		
(9) Valuation/appraisal fees	2i(9)		
(10) Other trustee fees and expenses	2i(10)		
(11) Other expenses.....	2i(11)		
(12) Total administrative expenses. Add lines 2i(1) through (11)	2i(12)		0
j Total expenses. Add all expense amounts in column (b) and enter total.....	2j		7168105

Net Income and Reconciliation

k Net income (loss). Subtract line 2j from line 2d	2k		-12791174
l Transfers of assets:			
(1) To this plan.....	2l(1)		
(2) From this plan	2l(2)		

Part III Accountant's Opinion

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

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

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

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

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

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

(1) Name: **REDPATH AND COMPANY, LLC**

(2) EIN: **92-0370318**

d The opinion of an independent qualified public accountant is **not attached** as part of Schedule H because:

(1) This form is filed for a CCT, PSA, DCG or MTIA. (2) It will be attached to the next Form 5500 pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.104-50.

Part IV Compliance Questions

4 CCTs and PSAs do not complete Part IV. MTIAs, 103-12 IEs, and GIAs do not complete lines 4a, 4e, 4f, 4g, 4h, 4k, 4m, 4n, or 5. 103-12 IEs also do not complete lines 4j and 4l. MTIAs also do not complete line 4l. DCGs do not complete lines 4e, 4f, 4k, 4l, and 5, and DCGs generally complete the rest of Part IV collectively for all plans in the DCG, except as otherwise provided (see instructions).

During the plan year:

	Yes	No	Amount
a Was there a failure to transmit to the plan any participant contributions within the time period described in 29 CFR 2510.3-102? Continue to answer "Yes" for any prior year failures until fully corrected. (See instructions and DOL's Voluntary Fiduciary Correction Program.)		X	
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	
c Were any leases to which the plan was a party in default or classified during the year as uncollectible? (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part II if "Yes" is checked.)		X	
d Were there any nonexempt transactions with any party-in-interest? (Do not include transactions reported on line 4a. Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part III if "Yes" is checked.)		X	
e Was this plan covered by a fidelity bond?	X		2000000
f Did the plan have a loss, whether or not reimbursed by the plan's fidelity bond, that was caused by fraud or dishonesty?		X	
g Did the plan hold any assets whose current value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?		X	
h Did the plan receive any noncash contributions whose value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?		X	
i Did the plan have assets held for investment? (Attach schedule(s) of assets if "Yes" is checked, and see instructions for format requirements.)	X		
j Were any plan transactions or series of transactions in excess of 5% of the current value of plan assets? (Attach schedule of transactions if "Yes" is checked and see instructions for format requirements.)		X	
k Were all the plan assets either distributed to participants or beneficiaries, transferred to another plan, or brought under the control of the PBGC?		X	
l Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan?		X	
m If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.)		X	
n If 4m was answered "Yes," check the "Yes" box if you either provided the required notice or one of the exceptions to providing the notice applied under 29 CFR 2520.101-3.			

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

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

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

5c Was the plan a defined benefit plan covered under the PBGC insurance program at any time during this plan year? (See ERISA section 4021 and instructions.) Yes No Not determined
 If "Yes" is checked, enter the My PAA confirmation number from the PBGC premium filing for this plan year _____.

SCHEDULE R (Form 5500) <small>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</small> <small>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</small> <small>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</small>	Retirement Plan Information This schedule is required to be filed under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.	<small>OMB No. 1210-0110</small> 2024 This Form is Open to Public Inspection.
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For calendar plan year 2024 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2024 and ending 12/31/2024

A Name of plan <u>EQUUS HOLDINGS, INC. EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN</u>	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	<u>002</u>
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <u>EQUUS HOLDINGS, INC.</u>	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>41-1827055</u>	

Part I	Distributions
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All references to distributions relate only to payments of benefits during the plan year.

1 Total value of distributions paid in property other than in cash or the forms of property specified in the instructions.....	1	<u>6915484</u>
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): <u>42-0127290</u>		
Profit-sharing plans, ESOPs, and stock bonus plans, skip line 3.		
3 Number of participants (living or deceased) whose benefits were distributed in a single sum, during the plan year	3	

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

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

Part V Additional Information for Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans

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

a Name of contributing employer _____

b EIN _____ **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer _____

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

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

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____

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

a Name of contributing employer _____

b EIN _____ **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer _____

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

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

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____

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

a Name of contributing employer _____

b EIN _____ **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer _____

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

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

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____

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

a Name of contributing employer _____

b EIN _____ **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer _____

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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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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:

a 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).....	14a	
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).....	14b	
c 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).....	14c	

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

a The corresponding number for the plan year immediately preceding the current plan year	15a	
b The corresponding number for the second preceding plan year	15b	

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

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

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

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

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

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

a Enter the percentage of plan assets held as:
 Public Equity: _____% Private Equity: _____% Investment-Grade Debt and Interest Rate Hedging Assets: _____%
 High-Yield Debt: _____% Real Assets: _____% Cash or Cash Equivalents: _____% Other: _____%

b Provide the average duration of the Investment-Grade Debt and Interest Rate Hedging Assets:
 0-5 years 5-10 years 10-15 years 15 years or more

20 PBGC missed contribution reporting requirements. If this is a multiemployer plan or a single-employer plan that is not covered by PBGC, skip line 20.

a Is the amount of unpaid minimum required contributions for all years from Schedule SB (Form 5500) line 40 greater than zero? Yes No

b If line 20a is "Yes," has PBGC been notified as required by ERISA sections 4043(c)(5) and/or 303(k)(4)? Check the applicable box:
 Yes.
 No. Reporting was waived under 29 CFR 4043.25(c)(2) because contributions equal to or exceeding the unpaid minimum required contribution were made by the 30th day after the due date.
 No. The 30-day period referenced in 29 CFR 4043.25(c)(2) has not yet ended, and the sponsor intends to make a contribution equal to or exceeding the unpaid minimum required contribution by the 30th day after the due date.
 No. Other. Provide explanation: _____

Part VII IRS Compliance Questions

21a Does the plan satisfy the coverage and nondiscrimination tests of Code sections 410(b) and 401(a)(4) by combining this plan with any other plans under the permissive aggregation rules? Yes No

21b If this is a Code section 401(k) plan, check all boxes that apply to indicate how the plan is intended to satisfy the nondiscrimination requirements for employee deferrals and employer matching contributions (as applicable) under Code sections 401(k)(3) and 401(m)(2).
 Design-based safe harbor method
 "Prior year" ADP test
 "Current year" ADP test
 N/A

22 If the plan sponsor is an adopter of a pre-approved plan that received a favorable IRS Opinion Letter, enter the date of the Opinion Letter ___/___/____ (MM/DD/YYYY) and the Opinion Letter serial number _____.

**EQUUS HOLDINGS, INC.
EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN**

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

December 31, 2024 and 2023

EQUUS HOLDINGS, INC. EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN
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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Employee Stock Ownership Plan Committee
Equus Holdings, Inc. Employee Stock Ownership Plan
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Opinion on the 2024 Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Equus Holdings, Inc. Employee Stock Ownership Plan (the Plan), an employee benefit plan subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), which comprise the statement of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2024, and the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the net assets available for benefits of Equus Holdings, Inc. Employee Stock Ownership Plan (the Plan) as of December 31, 2024, and the changes in its net assets available for benefits for the year then ended, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinion on the 2024 Financial Statements

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

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

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

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

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the 2024 Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards 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 generally accepted auditing standards, 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.

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

Supplemental Schedule Required by ERISA

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements as a whole. The supplemental schedule, Schedule 1, as of December 31, 2024 is presented for purpose 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 the Plan's management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audits of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards.

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

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

Other Matters – Auditor’s Report on the 2023 Financial Statements

The financial statements of the Plan as of December 31, 2023 were audited by other auditors whose report dated September 31, 2024 expressed an unmodified opinion on those statements.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Redpath and Company, LLC". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

REDPATH AND COMPANY, LLC
St. Paul, Minnesota

July 31, 2025

EQUUS HOLDINGS, INC. EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN
STATEMENTS OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS
December 31, 2024 and 2023

Statement 1

	2024		
	Allocated	Unallocated	Total
Assets:			
Investment in Equus Holdings, Inc. common stock, at fair value	\$84,217,400	\$3,589,175	\$87,806,575
Investment at fair value	1,237,864	-	1,237,864
Receivables:			
Employer contributions	447,057	-	447,057
Total assets	85,902,321	3,589,175	89,491,496
Liabilities:			
Notes payable	-	2,382,286	2,382,286
Net assets available for benefits	\$85,902,321	\$1,206,889	\$87,109,210
	2023		
	Allocated	Unallocated	Total
Assets:			
Investment in Equus Holdings, Inc. common stock, at fair value	\$95,612,236	\$4,011,846	\$99,624,082
Investment at fair value	1,384,369	-	1,384,369
Receivables:			
Employer contributions	1,348,864	-	1,348,864
Total assets	98,345,469	4,011,846	102,357,315
Liabilities:			
Notes payable	-	2,456,931	2,456,931
Net assets available for benefits	\$98,345,469	\$1,554,915	\$99,900,384

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

EQUUS HOLDINGS, INC. EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS
For The Year Ended December 31, 2024

Statement 2

	2024		
	Allocated	Unallocated	Total
Additions:			
Employer contributions	\$447,057	\$139,508	\$586,565
Allocation of Equus Holdings, Inc. common stock, at fair value	156,051	-	156,051
Other income	5,407	-	5,407
Total additions	<u>608,515</u>	<u>139,508</u>	<u>748,023</u>
Deductions:			
Net depreciation in fair value of investment	5,948,421	266,620	6,215,041
Allocation of Equus Holdings, Inc. common stock, at fair value	-	156,051	156,051
Benefits paid to participants	7,103,242	-	7,103,242
Interest expense	-	64,863	64,863
Administrative expenses	-	-	-
Total deductions	<u>13,051,663</u>	<u>487,534</u>	<u>13,539,197</u>
Net decrease in net assets available for benefits	(12,443,148)	(348,026)	(12,791,174)
Net assets available for benefits:			
Beginning of year	<u>98,345,469</u>	<u>1,554,915</u>	<u>99,900,384</u>
End of year	<u>\$85,902,321</u>	<u>\$1,206,889</u>	<u>\$87,109,210</u>
2023			
	Allocated	Unallocated	Total
Additions:			
Employer contributions	\$1,348,864	\$139,508	\$1,488,372
Net appreciation in fair value of investment	14,960,608	653,479	15,614,087
Allocation of Equus Holdings, Inc. common stock, at fair value	167,160	-	167,160
Total additions	<u>16,476,632</u>	<u>792,987</u>	<u>17,269,619</u>
Deductions:			
Allocation of Equus Holdings, Inc. common stock, at fair value	-	167,160	167,160
Benefits paid to participants	3,727,820	-	3,727,820
Interest expense	-	66,783	66,783
Total deductions	<u>3,727,820</u>	<u>233,943</u>	<u>3,961,763</u>
Net increase in net assets available for benefits	<u>12,748,812</u>	<u>559,044</u>	<u>13,307,856</u>
Net assets available for benefits:			
Beginning of year	<u>85,596,657</u>	<u>995,871</u>	<u>86,592,528</u>
End of year	<u>\$98,345,469</u>	<u>\$1,554,915</u>	<u>\$99,900,384</u>

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

EQUUS HOLDINGS, INC. EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
December 31, 2024 and 2023

Note 1 DESCRIPTION OF THE PLAN

The following description of Equus Holdings, Inc. Employee Stock Ownership Plan (the Plan) provides only general information. Participants should refer to the Plan agreement for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions.

GENERAL

Equus Holdings, Inc. and its wholly owned subsidiaries (collectively, "the Company") established the Equus Holdings, Inc. Employee Stock Ownership Plan effective as of January 1, 2007. The Plan operates, as a leveraged employee stock ownership plan (ESOP) and is designed to comply with Section 4975(e)(7) and the regulations thereunder of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (IRC) and is subject to the applicable provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). The Plan is administered by the Employee Stock Ownership Plan Committee comprised of persons appointed by the Company's Board of Directors.

On August 4, 2007, the Company issued 1,000,000 shares of Equus Holdings, Inc. common stock in advance of the 2007 Plan year contribution. The Company loaned \$1,800,000 to the Plan in December of 2007 to finance the purchase of 9,000,000 shares of Equus Holdings, Inc. common stock. The loan was repaid in full during 2022.

The Company created a new, releveraged Employee Stock Ownership Plan (ESOP) loan in December 2017 (\$2,866,164) which facilitated the redemption of shares elected (392,088 shares) due to the Company's first year of diversification. The new, releveraged loan shares were classified as unallocated shares and will be allocated according to the terms of the Loan (see Note 5). The borrowings are to be repaid by fully deductible Company contributions to the trust fund. As the Plan makes debt payments, an appropriate percentage of stock will be allocated to eligible employees' accounts in accordance with applicable regulations under the IRC.

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

1. The accounts of employees with rights in allocated common stock (allocated), and
2. Common stock not yet allocated to employees (unallocated).

ELIGIBILITY

Employees of the Company are generally eligible to participate in the plan after they are actively employed for 12 months, have attained age 21, have completed 1,000 hours of service in a calendar year, and work in the United States. The Plan excludes leased employees, independent contractors, employees covered by collective bargaining agreements, nonresident aliens, and employees of affiliated employers who have not adopted the plan. Participants who have entered the plan, completed 1 year of service during the Plan year and are actively employed on the last day of the Plan year shall be eligible to share in the ESOP contributions for the Plan year. Eligible employees become participants in the Plan earlier of the first day of the Plan year or the first day of the seventh month of the Plan year which coincides with or next follows the date employees satisfy eligibility requirements.

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CONTRIBUTIONS

Each year in which the loans remain outstanding, the Company is required to contribute to the Plan not less than the amount of principal, interest, and any other amounts due under such loans. Additionally, the Company may make discretionary contributions to the Plan in the form of company stock or cash. Employee contributions are not permitted. During the year ended December 31, 2024 the Company paid the 2017 ESOP principal & interest payment to release 13,070 shares totaling \$156,051 from unallocated to allocated status and a discretionary stock contribution of 37,442 shares totaling \$447,057 which is shown within the company contribution receivable on the statements of net assets available for benefits.

PARTICIPANT ACCOUNTS

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

VESTING

If a participant's employment with the Company ends for any reason other than retirement, disability, or death, he or she will vest in the balances in his or her account based on total years of service with the Company. Participants vest after two years of service at a rate of 20 percent per year and are 100 percent vested after 6 years of service.

PAYMENT OF BENEFITS

Upon termination of employment, a participant is eligible for payment of their vested account balance. The vested cash portion is eligible for payment in the year following termination in all cases. The vested Company stock portion will normally be distributed over five years. If termination of employment is due to retirement at age 65 or later, death or disability, the five-year payment period for the vested portion of the stock account begins in the Plan year following such termination. If termination of employment is for any other reason, the five-year payment period for the vested portion of the stock account begins in the sixth Plan year after termination. However, the Plan requires lump sum payment for distributions of vested account balances less than \$5,000 in the Plan year following termination for any reason. In addition, if the vested account balance is between \$5,000 and \$50,000, the participant has the option to receive a lump sum distribution in the Plan year following termination. Under the provisions of the Plan, the Company is obligated to repurchase participants shares, which have been distributed under the terms of the Plan if the shares are not publicly traded or if the shares are subject to trading limitations.

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES

As provided in the Plan agreement, administrative expenses may be paid either by the Plan or by the Company. The Company has historically paid the operating expenses for the Plan.

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VOTING RIGHTS

Each participant is entitled to exercise voting rights attributable to the shares allocated to their account and is notified by the trustee prior to the time that such rights are to be exercised. The trustee shall vote allocated shares for which it has not received direction and unallocated shares, in the same proportion as directed shares are voted in the manner it believes to be in the best interest of the Plan participants and beneficiaries.

PUT OPTION

Under Federal income tax regulations, the employer stock that is held by the Plan and its participants and is not readily tradable on an established market, or is subject to trading limitations, includes a put option. The put option is a right to demand that the Company buy any shares of its stock distributed to participants for which there is no market. The put price is representative of the current value of the stock. The purpose of the put option is to ensure that the participant has the ability to ultimately obtain cash.

DIVERSIFICATION

Diversification is offered to participants close to retirement so that they may have the opportunity to move part of the value of their investment in Company common stock into investments which are more diversified. Participants who are at least age 55 with at least 10 years of participation in the Plan may elect to diversify a portion of their account. Diversification is offered to each eligible participant over a six-year period. In each of the first five years, a participant may diversify up to 25 percent of the number of shares allocated to his or her account, less any shares previously diversified. In the sixth year, the percentage changes to 50 percent. Participants who elect to diversify receive a cash distribution, unless eligible for price floor protection, in which case shares are distributed. The election to diversify is made subsequent to year-end based upon the shares of employer stock in the participant's account at year-end. Diversification distributions to participants during the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023 totaled \$2,815,647 and \$199,850, respectively, and are included within distributions to participants within the statements of changes in net assets available for benefits.

FORFEITURES

Plan forfeitures are first used to restore amounts that were previously forfeited, then are allocated to each participant's account based upon the relation of the participant's eligible compensation to total eligible compensation for the plan year. Forfeitures of terminated nonvested account balances allocated to remaining participants at December 31, 2024 and 2023, totaled 19,480 shares and 49,213 shares, respectively.

Note 2 SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES

BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

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

USE OF ESTIMATES

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

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ALLOCATIONS

The financial statements of the Plan present separately the assets and liabilities and changes therein pertaining to (a) the accounts of employees with rights in allocated stock (“allocated”) and (b) stock not yet allocated to employees (“unallocated”), including shares that are committed to be released. Shares are released from collateral and become allocated generally in the period in which debt service is actually paid.

INVESTMENT VALUATION AND INCOME RECOGNITION

Investments are recorded 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. See Note 4 for discussion of fair value measurements. Net appreciation and depreciation includes the Plan’s gains and losses on investments bought and sold as well as held during the year.

PAYMENT OF BENEFITS

Benefits are recorded when paid.

SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Plan management has evaluated subsequent events through July 31, 2025, which is the date the financial statements were made available to be issued.

Note 3 INVESTMENTS

The Plan’s investments, at December 31, are presented in the following table:

	2024		2023	
	Allocated	Unallocated	Allocated	Unallocated
Number of shares	7,053,384	300,601	7,475,546	313,670
Cost	\$2,481,380	\$2,197,393	\$1,285,700	\$2,292,928
Estimated fair value	\$84,217,400	\$3,589,175	\$95,612,236	\$4,011,846

Note 4 FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENT

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). Valuation techniques maximize the use of relevant observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs. The three levels of the fair value hierarchy under FASB ASC 820 are described as follows:

- Level 1- Inputs to the valuation methodology are quoted prices (unadjusted) for identical assets or liabilities that the Plan can access at the measurement date.
- Level 2- Inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly, such as:
 - 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;

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- 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 that are unobservable inputs for the asset or liability.

The asset or liability's fair value measurement level within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of any input that is significant to the fair value measurement. Valuation techniques used need to maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs.

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

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

Investment in Equus Holding, Inc. Common stock: The fair value of the Company common stock held by the Plan is valued at fair value based upon an independent appraisal. This appraisal was based upon a combination of the market and income valuation techniques consistent with prior years as illustrated in the following table:

Description	2024 Fair Value	2023 Fair Value	Valuation Techniques	Unobservable Input
Equus Holdings, Inc. common stock	\$87,806,575	\$99,624,082	Income	EBITDA
				Net income
				Weighted average cost of capital
				Discount rate
				Discount for lack of marketability
			Market	Public comparables
				Merger & Acquisition
				Revenue multiple
				EBITDA multiple
				Discount for lack of marketability

The valuation process involves the Employee Stock Ownership Plan Committee's selection of an independent appraiser. Plan Management accumulates the data for the appraiser from historical and projected financial information of the Company. The appraiser prepares a preliminary report which the Employee Stock Ownership Plan Committee along with the trustee's review, in detail, discuss, and approve. The results of this process are documented in the Employee Stock Ownership Plan Committee minutes.

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

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The following table sets forth by level, within the fair value hierarchy, the Plan's investments at fair value as of December 31:

	2024			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Investment in Equus Holdings, Inc. common stock	\$ -	\$ -	\$87,806,575	\$87,806,575
Investments measured at net asset value (a)	-	-	-	1,237,864
Total investments at fair value	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$87,806,575</u>	<u>\$89,044,439</u>

	2023			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Investment in Equus Holdings, Inc. common stock	\$ -	\$ -	\$99,624,082	\$99,624,082
Investments measured at net asset value (a)	-	-	-	1,384,369
Total investments at fair value	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$99,624,082</u>	<u>\$101,008,451</u>

(a) In accordance with Subtopic 820-10, certain investments that were measured at net asset value per share (or its equivalent) have not been classified in the fair value hierarchy. The fair value amounts presented in the table are intended to permit reconciliation of the fair value hierarchy to the line items presented in the statement of net assets available for benefits.

The following table sets forth a summary of changes in the fair value of the Plan's level 3 assets for the years ended December 31:

	2024	2023
Balance, beginning of year	\$99,624,082	\$87,544,581
Common stock contribution	1,348,864	-
Unrealized gains(losses) relating to asset still held at the reporting date	(6,250,887)	15,578,433
Redemption of stock	(6,915,484)	(3,498,932)
Balance, end of year	<u>\$87,806,575</u>	<u>\$99,624,082</u>

Gains and losses (realized and unrealized) included in changes in net assets for the period above are reported in net appreciation or depreciation in fair value of investments in the statements of changes in net assets available for benefits.

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The following table summarizes the investments for which fair value is measured using the net asset value per share practical expedient as of December 31:

	2024			
	<u>Fair Value</u>	<u>Unfunded Commitments</u>	<u>Redemption Frequency</u>	<u>Redemption Notice Period</u>
Common/collective trust	\$1,237,864	None	Daily	Annual

	2023			
	<u>Fair Value</u>	<u>Unfunded Commitments</u>	<u>Redemption Frequency</u>	<u>Redemption Notice Period</u>
Common/collective trust	\$1,384,369	None	Daily	Annual

Note 5 NOTE PAYABLE

In 2017, the Plan entered into \$2,866,164 term loan agreement with the Company. The purpose of the loan was to facilitate the redemption of 392,088 shares of Equus Holdings, Inc. common stock during the Plan’s first year of diversification. These shares were then classified by the Plan as unallocated. Unallocated shares are collateral for the loan. Shares are released from collateral and allocated to participants as payments of principal and interest are made. The number of shares released in any year is the number of shares held as collateral, times the ratio of the current year payments divided by the total of this year’s payments, plus all future years’ principal and interest payments. There were 13,070 shares released and allocated for the year ended December 31, 2023 and 2024. The loan bears interest at 2.64 percent with annual principal and interest payments of \$139,508 beginning December 31, 2017 and final payment due December 31, 2047. The remaining balance of the notes payable totaled \$2,382,286 on December 31, 2024.

The scheduled amortization of the loan for the next five years and thereafter is as follows for December 31:

<u>Year Ending</u> <u>December 31</u>	
2025	\$76,615
2026	78,638
2027	80,714
2028	82,845
2029	85,032
Thereafter	1,978,442
	<u>\$2,382,286</u>

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Note 6 RELATED PARTY AND PARTY-IN-INTEREST TRANSACTIONS

The Plan invests in Company common stock and is indebted to the Company. These are related party and party-in-interest transactions. As described in Note 1, the Company pays all expenses. The Plan has a number of service providers. Such providers are parties-in-interest under ERISA.

Note 7 PLAN TERMINATION

The Company reserves the right to terminate the Plan at any time, subject to plan provisions. Upon termination of the Plan, the Plan Administrator directs the Trustee to pay all liabilities and expenses of the ESOP, and to sell shares of financed common stock held as collateral to the extent it determines such sale to be necessary in order to repay the loan. Subsequently, the interest of each participant in the trust fund will be distributed to such participant or his or her beneficiary at the time prescribed by the Plan terms and the IRC.

The Plan Sponsor incurred a reduction in workforce during the 2023 Plan year. As such, the Plan Sponsor recognized a partial plan termination, where all participants terminated during the year ended December 31, 2023 became 100% vested in their accounts.

Note 8 TAX STATUS

The Plan has received a determination letter from the IRS dated October 31, 2016, stating that the Plan is qualified under the IRC and, therefore, the related trust is exempt from taxation. Once qualified, the Plan is required to operate in conformity with the IRC to maintain its qualification. The Plan administrator believes that the Plan is currently designed and being operated, in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC. Therefore, they believe that the Plan was qualified, and the related trust was tax-exempt as of the financial statement date.

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require plan management to evaluate tax positions taken by the plan and recognize a tax liability of the organization has taken a significant uncertain position that more likely than not would not be sustained upon examination by the applicable taxing authorities. The Plan is subject to routine audits by taxing jurisdictions; however, there are currently no audits for any tax periods in progress.

Note 9 RISK AND UNCERTAINTIES

The Plan investments consist primarily of the Company's common stock, which is exposed to various risks, such as interest rate, market, and credit risks, as well as valuation assumptions based on earnings, cash flows, and other techniques. Due to the level of risk associated with the investment in the common stock and to uncertainties inherent in estimates and assumptions, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in the value of the common stock will occur in the near term and that such changes could materially affect the amounts reported in the statements of net assets available for benefits.

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Schedule 1

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

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(a)	(b) Identity of Issuer, Borrower etc.	(c) Description	(d) Cost	(e) Current Value
*	Equus Holdings, Inc. common stock 7,053,384 allocated shares	Sponsor Company Common Stock	\$2,481,380	\$84,217,400
*	Equus Holdings, Inc. common stock 300,601 unallocated shares	Sponsor Company Common Stock	2,197,393	3,589,175
	Wells Fargo Galliard Stable Return Fund	Common/collective trust	1,065,938	1,237,864
			<u>\$5,744,711</u>	<u>\$89,044,439</u>

* Indicates parties-in-interest