

Form 5500

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

Department of Labor  
Employee Benefits Security  
Administration

Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan

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.

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1210-0089

2024

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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 (Filers checking this box must provide participating employer information in accordance with the form instructions.) [x] 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: [x] 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

1a Name of plan: DECIBEL RESEARCH, INC. RETIREMENT PLAN
1b Three-digit plan number (PN): 001
1c Effective date of plan: 01/01/2003
2a Plan sponsor's name (employer, if for a single-employer plan): DECIBEL RESEARCH, INC.
Mailing address: 325 BOB HEATH DRIVE, HUNTSVILLE, AL 35806
2b Employer Identification Number (EIN): 42-1551697
2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number: 256-489-6125
2d Business code (see instructions): 541330

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

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

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

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<b>3a</b> Plan administrator's name and address <input 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>	199
<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>	154
	<b>6a(2)</b>	123
	<b>6b</b>	1
	<b>6c</b>	57
	<b>6d</b>	181
	<b>6e</b>	0
	<b>6f</b>	181
	<b>6g(1)</b>	189
<b>6g(2)</b>	176	
<b>6h</b>	0	
<b>7</b> Enter the total number of employers obligated to contribute to the plan (only multiemployer plans complete this item) .....	<b>7</b>	

**8a** If the plan provides pension benefits, enter the applicable pension feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions:  
 2E 2F 2G 2J 2K 2T 2O 3D 2R

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

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

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

**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 0
- (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

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

Receipt Confirmation Code \_\_\_\_\_

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<b>SCHEDULE 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>2024</b>  <b>This Form is Open to Public Inspection.</b>
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For calendar plan year 2024 or fiscal plan year beginning **01/01/2024** and ending **12/31/2024**

<b>A</b> Name of plan <b>DECIBEL RESEARCH, INC. RETIREMENT 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>DECIBEL RESEARCH, INC.</b>	<b>D</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN) <b>42-1551697</b>	

**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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**(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)

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(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?
37 60 64 65 71	RECORDKEEPER	1339	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	0	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

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

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(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?
55	ADVISOR	0	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	51701	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" 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.

(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
FIDELITY INVESTMENTS INSTITUTIONAL	60	0
(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.	
AB LG CAP GRTH A - ALLIANCEBERNSTE 18, RUE EUGNE RUPPERT LUXEMBOURG, LU L-245 LU	0.25%	
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
FIDELITY INVESTMENTS INSTITUTIONAL	60	0
(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.	
ABF/SIM HG YLD OPP A - SS&C GIDS, 1345 AVENUE OF THE AMERICAS NEW YORK, NY 10105	0.10%	
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
FIDELITY INVESTMENTS INSTITUTIONAL	60	0
(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.	
AF NEW WORLD FUND R4 - AMERICAN FU  95-2566717	0.10%	

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

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AS CORE PLUS BOND A - SS&C GIDS, I 1345 AVENUE OF THE AMERICAS NEW YORK, NY 10105	0.20%	
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
FIDELITY INVESTMENTS INSTITUTIONAL	60	0
(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.	
BLKRK MD CP GR INV A - BNY MELLON 500 ROSS STREET PITTSBURGH, PA 53442	0.25%	
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
FIDELITY INVESTMENTS INSTITUTIONAL	60	0
(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.	
BLKRK 20/80 TA A - BNY MELLON INVE 500 ROSS STREET PITTSBURGH, PA 53442	0.25%	

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

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(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.	
C&S REAL ESTATE I - SS&C GIDS, INC 1345 AVENUE OF THE AMERICAS NEW YORK, NY 10105	0.10%	
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
FIDELITY INVESTMENTS INSTITUTIONAL	60	0
(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.	
COL THERMOSTAT A - COLUMBIA MGT IN 430 W 7TH STREET STE 219104 KANSAS CITY, MO 64105	0.25%	
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
FIDELITY INVESTMENTS INSTITUTIONAL	60	0
(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.	
COLUMBIA DIV INC A - COLUMBIA MGT 430 W 7TH STREET STE 219104 KANSAS CITY, MO 64105	0.25%	

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

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FIDELITY INVESTMENTS INSTITUTIONAL	60	0
(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.	
THORNBURG LT INC R4 - THORNBURG IN 2300 NORTH RIDGETOP ROAD SANTA FE, NM 87506	0.25%	
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
FIDELITY INVESTMENTS INSTITUTIONAL	60	0
(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.	
VRTS K SM-CAP GR A - VIRTUS FUND S 4400 COMPUTER DRIVE WESTBOROUGH, MA 01581	0.10%	
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
MORGAN STANLEY SMITH BARNEY	55	51701
(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.	
NATIONAL FINANCIAL SERVICES LLC  04-3523567		

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

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(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.	
AB LRG CAP GROWTH ADVISOR CL      8000 IH 10 W STE 1400 14TH FL SAN ANTONIO, TX 78230	0.15%	
(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.

<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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<b>d</b> Address:	<b>e</b> Telephone:

Explanation:

<b>SCHEDULE H</b> <b>(Form 5500)</b>  <small>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</small>  <small>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</small>  <small>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</small>	<b>Financial Information</b>  This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code).  <b>▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.</b>	<small>OMB No. 1210-0110</small>  <b>2024</b>  <b>This Form is Open to Public Inspection</b>
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For calendar plan year 2024 or fiscal plan year beginning <b>01/01/2024</b> and ending <b>12/31/2024</b>	
<b>A</b> Name of plan <b>DECIBEL RESEARCH, INC. RETIREMENT PLAN</b>	<b>B</b> Three-digit plan number (PN) <b>▶</b> <b>001</b>
<b>C</b> Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <b>DECIBEL RESEARCH, INC.</b>	<b>D</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN) <b>42-1551697</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>	1409	0
<b>b</b> Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts):			
<b>(1)</b> Employer contributions .....	<b>1b(1)</b>	0	0
<b>(2)</b> Participant contributions .....	<b>1b(2)</b>	0	0
<b>(3)</b> Other .....	<b>1b(3)</b>	0	0
<b>c</b> General investments:			
<b>(1)</b> Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit) .....	<b>1c(1)</b>	824119	1310673
<b>(2)</b> U.S. Government securities .....	<b>1c(2)</b>	0	0
<b>(3)</b> Corporate debt instruments (other than employer securities):			
<b>(A)</b> Preferred .....	<b>1c(3)(A)</b>	0	0
<b>(B)</b> All other .....	<b>1c(3)(B)</b>	0	0
<b>(4)</b> Corporate stocks (other than employer securities):			
<b>(A)</b> Preferred .....	<b>1c(4)(A)</b>	0	0
<b>(B)</b> Common .....	<b>1c(4)(B)</b>	1466395	1844896
<b>(5)</b> Partnership/joint venture interests .....	<b>1c(5)</b>	0	0
<b>(6)</b> Real estate (other than employer real property) .....	<b>1c(6)</b>	0	0
<b>(7)</b> Loans (other than to participants) .....	<b>1c(7)</b>	0	0
<b>(8)</b> Participant loans .....	<b>1c(8)</b>	147148	148149
<b>(9)</b> Value of interest in common/collective trusts .....	<b>1c(9)</b>	0	0
<b>(10)</b> Value of interest in pooled separate accounts .....	<b>1c(10)</b>	0	0
<b>(11)</b> Value of interest in master trust investment accounts .....	<b>1c(11)</b>	0	0
<b>(12)</b> Value of interest in 103-12 investment entities .....	<b>1c(12)</b>	0	0
<b>(13)</b> Value of interest in registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds) .....	<b>1c(13)</b>	33523188	37988371
<b>(14)</b> Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts) .....	<b>1c(14)</b>	0	0
<b>(15)</b> Other .....	<b>1c(15)</b>	0	0

<b>1d</b> Employer-related investments:		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
(1) Employer securities.....	<b>1d(1)</b>	0	0
(2) Employer real property.....	<b>1d(2)</b>	0	0
<b>e</b> Buildings and other property used in plan operation.....	<b>1e</b>	0	0
<b>f</b> Total assets (add all amounts in lines 1a through 1e).....	<b>1f</b>	35962259	41292089
<b>Liabilities</b>			
<b>g</b> Benefit claims payable.....	<b>1g</b>	0	0
<b>h</b> Operating payables.....	<b>1h</b>	0	0
<b>i</b> Acquisition indebtedness.....	<b>1i</b>	0	0
<b>j</b> Other liabilities.....	<b>1j</b>	0	0
<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>	35962259	41292089

**Part II Income and Expense Statement**

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

<b>Income</b>		(a) Amount	(b) Total
<b>a Contributions:</b>			
(1) Received or receivable in cash from: <b>(A)</b> Employers.....	<b>2a(1)(A)</b>	705502	
<b>(B)</b> Participants.....	<b>2a(1)(B)</b>	1859781	
<b>(C)</b> Others (including rollovers).....	<b>2a(1)(C)</b>	228712	
(2) Noncash contributions.....	<b>2a(2)</b>	0	
(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>		2793995
<b>b Earnings on investments:</b>			
<b>(1) Interest:</b>			
<b>(A)</b> Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit).....	<b>2b(1)(A)</b>	55012	
<b>(B)</b> U.S. Government securities.....	<b>2b(1)(B)</b>	0	
<b>(C)</b> Corporate debt instruments.....	<b>2b(1)(C)</b>	0	
<b>(D)</b> Loans (other than to participants).....	<b>2b(1)(D)</b>	0	
<b>(E)</b> Participant loans.....	<b>2b(1)(E)</b>	10786	
<b>(F)</b> Other.....	<b>2b(1)(F)</b>	0	
<b>(G)</b> Total interest. Add lines <b>2b(1)(A)</b> through <b>(F)</b> .....	<b>2b(1)(G)</b>		65798
<b>(2) Dividends:</b>			
<b>(A)</b> Preferred stock.....	<b>2b(2)(A)</b>	0	
<b>(B)</b> Common stock.....	<b>2b(2)(B)</b>	26965	
<b>(C)</b> Registered investment company shares (e.g. mutual funds).....	<b>2b(2)(C)</b>	899066	
<b>(D)</b> Total dividends. Add lines <b>2b(2)(A)</b> , <b>(B)</b> , and <b>(C)</b> .....	<b>2b(2)(D)</b>		926031
(3) Rents.....	<b>2b(3)</b>		0
<b>(4) Net gain (loss) on sale of assets:</b>			
<b>(A)</b> Aggregate proceeds.....	<b>2b(4)(A)</b>	278548	
<b>(B)</b> Aggregate carrying amount (see instructions).....	<b>2b(4)(B)</b>	295282	
<b>(C)</b> Subtract line <b>2b(4)(B)</b> from line <b>2b(4)(A)</b> and enter result.....	<b>2b(4)(C)</b>		
<b>(5) Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of assets:</b>			
<b>(A)</b> Real estate.....	<b>2b(5)(A)</b>	0	
<b>(B)</b> Other.....	<b>2b(5)(B)</b>	307308	
<b>(C)</b> Total unrealized appreciation of assets. Add lines <b>2b(5)(A)</b> and <b>(B)</b> .....	<b>2b(5)(C)</b>		307308

		(a) Amount	(b) Total
(6) Net investment gain (loss) from common/collective trusts .....	<b>2b(6)</b>		0
(7) Net investment gain (loss) from pooled separate accounts .....	<b>2b(7)</b>		0
(8) Net investment gain (loss) from master trust investment accounts .....	<b>2b(8)</b>		0
(9) Net investment gain (loss) from 103-12 investment entities .....	<b>2b(9)</b>		0
(10) Net investment gain (loss) from registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds) .....	<b>2b(10)</b>		4467886
<b>c</b> Other income .....	<b>2c</b>		0
<b>d</b> Total income. Add all <b>income</b> amounts in column (b) and enter total .....	<b>2d</b>		8544284

**Expenses**

<b>e</b> Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers .....	<b>2e(1)</b>	3213135	
(2) To insurance carriers for the provision of benefits .....	<b>2e(2)</b>	0	
(3) Other .....	<b>2e(3)</b>	0	
(4) Total benefit payments. Add lines <b>2e(1)</b> through <b>(3)</b> .....	<b>2e(4)</b>		3213135
<b>f</b> Corrective distributions (see instructions) .....	<b>2f</b>		0
<b>g</b> Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions) .....	<b>2g</b>		0
<b>h</b> Interest expense .....	<b>2h</b>		0
<b>i</b> Administrative expenses:			
(1) Salaries and allowances .....	<b>2i(1)</b>	0	
(2) Contract administrator fees .....	<b>2i(2)</b>	0	
(3) Recordkeeping fees .....	<b>2i(3)</b>	1319	
(4) IQPA audit fees .....	<b>2i(4)</b>	0	
(5) Investment advisory and investment management fees .....	<b>2i(5)</b>	0	
(6) Bank or trust company trustee/custodial fees .....	<b>2i(6)</b>	0	
(7) Actuarial fees .....	<b>2i(7)</b>	0	
(8) Legal fees .....	<b>2i(8)</b>	0	
(9) Valuation/appraisal fees .....	<b>2i(9)</b>	0	
(10) Other trustee fees and expenses .....	<b>2i(10)</b>	0	
(11) Other expenses .....	<b>2i(11)</b>	0	
(12) Total administrative expenses. Add lines <b>2i(1)</b> through <b>(11)</b> .....	<b>2i(12)</b>		1319
<b>j</b> Total expenses. Add all <b>expense</b> amounts in column (b) and enter total .....	<b>2j</b>		3214454

**Net Income and Reconciliation**

<b>k</b> Net income (loss). Subtract line <b>2j</b> from line <b>2d</b> .....	<b>2k</b>		5329830
<b>l</b> Transfers of assets:			
(1) To this plan .....	<b>2l(1)</b>		0
(2) From this plan .....	<b>2l(2)</b>		0

**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: **BMSS, LLC**

(2) EIN: **46-1498870**

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

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

**Part IV Compliance Questions**

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

During the plan year:

	Yes	No	Amount
<b>a</b> Was there a failure to transmit to the plan any participant contributions within the time period described in 29 CFR 2510.3-102? Continue to answer "Yes" for any prior year failures until fully corrected. (See instructions and DOL's Voluntary Fiduciary Correction Program.)		X	
<b>b</b> Were any loans by the plan or fixed income obligations due the plan in default as of the close of the plan year or classified during the year as uncollectible? Disregard participant loans secured by participant's account balance. (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part I if "Yes" is checked.)		X	
<b>c</b> Were any leases to which the plan was a party in default or classified during the year as uncollectible? (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part II if "Yes" is checked.)		X	
<b>d</b> Were there any nonexempt transactions with any party-in-interest? (Do not include transactions reported on line 4a. Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part III if "Yes" is checked.)		X	
<b>e</b> Was this plan covered by a fidelity bond?	X		500000
<b>f</b> Did the plan have a loss, whether or not reimbursed by the plan's fidelity bond, that was caused by fraud or dishonesty?		X	
<b>g</b> Did the plan hold any assets whose current value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?		X	
<b>h</b> Did the plan receive any noncash contributions whose value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?		X	
<b>i</b> Did the plan have assets held for investment? (Attach schedule(s) of assets if "Yes" is checked, and see instructions for format requirements.)	X		
<b>j</b> Were any plan transactions or series of transactions in excess of 5% of the current value of plan assets? (Attach schedule of transactions if "Yes" is checked and see instructions for format requirements.)		X	
<b>k</b> Were all the plan assets either distributed to participants or beneficiaries, transferred to another plan, or brought under the control of the PBGC?		X	
<b>l</b> Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan?		X	
<b>m</b> If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.)		X	
<b>n</b> If 4m was answered "Yes," check the "Yes" box if you either provided the required notice or one of the exceptions to providing the notice applied under 29 CFR 2520.101-3.		X	

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

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

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

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

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

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

<b>A</b> Name of plan <u>DECIBEL RESEARCH, INC. RETIREMENT 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>DECIBEL RESEARCH, INC.</u>	<b>D</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>42-1551697</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.**

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

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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): 04-6568107

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Part VII IRS Compliance Questions**

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

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

**22** If the plan sponsor is an adopter of a pre-approved plan that received a favorable IRS Opinion Letter, enter the date of the Opinion Letter 06 / 30 / 2020 (MM/DD/YYYY) and the Opinion Letter serial number Q702438A.

**DECIBEL RESEARCH, INC. RETIREMENT PLAN**

Financial Statements

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## **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT**

To the Trustees and Plan Administrator  
deciBel Research, Inc. Retirement Plan  
Huntsville, Alabama

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

We have performed audits of the accompanying financial statements of deciBel Research, Inc. Retirement 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) (ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit). The financial statements comprise the statements of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, and the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management, having determined it is permissible in the circumstances, has elected to have the audits of deciBel Research, Inc. Retirement Plan's 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 audits 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 certifications from a qualified institution as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, and for the year ended December 31, 2024, stating that the certified investment information, as described in Note 3 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 Auditor's 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. 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 deciBel Research, Inc. Retirement 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.

## **Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements**

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

## **Auditor's 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 for the Financial Statements section 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 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 deciBel Research, Inc. Retirement 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 deciBel Research, Inc. Retirement 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.

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

The supplemental schedules of schedule H, line 4i - schedule of assets (held at end of year) and schedule H, line 4a – schedule of delinquent participant contributions are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the financial statements but are supplementary information required by the Department of Labor's 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 schedules, other than that agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, has been subjected to 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. For information included in the supplemental schedules that agreed to or was derived from the certified investment information, we compared such information to the related certified investment information.

In forming our opinion on the supplemental schedules, we evaluated whether the supplemental schedules, other than the information agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, including its form and content, are 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 schedules, other than the information in the supplemental schedules that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, are 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 schedules 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).

BMSS, LLC

Huntsville, Alabama  
August 8, 2025

**DECIBEL RESEARCH, INC. RETIREMENT PLAN**  
Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits  
December 31, 2024 and 2023

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
<b>Assets</b>		
Participant-directed investments, at fair value	\$ 41,143,940	\$ 35,815,111
Receivables		
Notes receivable from participants	<u>148,149</u>	<u>147,148</u>
<b>Net assets available for benefits</b>	<u><u>\$ 41,292,089</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 35,962,259</u></u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

**DECIBEL RESEARCH, INC. RETIREMENT PLAN**  
Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits  
Year ended December 31, 2024

**Additions**

Additions to net assets attributed to

Investment income

Dividends/capital gains \$ 981,034

Net appreciation in fair value of investments 4,758,462

5,739,496

Interest income on notes receivable from participants

10,786

Participant-directed contributions

Employer 705,502

Employee salary deferrals 1,859,782

Employee rollovers 228,712

2,793,996

8,544,278

**Deductions**

Deductions from net assets attributed to

Benefits paid to participants 3,208,434

Administrative expenses 1,313

Deemed distributions 4,701

3,214,448

**Net increase**

5,329,830

**Net assets available for benefits - beginning of year**

35,962,259

**Net assets available for benefits - end of year**

\$ 41,292,089

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

## DECIBEL RESEARCH, INC. RETIREMENT PLAN

Notes to Financial Statements

December 31, 2024 and 2023

### NOTE 1 - DESCRIPTION OF PLAN

#### **Nature of the Plan**

The following description of the deciBel Research, Inc. Retirement 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**

The Plan is a defined contribution plan covering all employees of the Plan Sponsor, deciBel Research, Inc. (the “Company”) who have reached the age of twenty-one (21). The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). The Administrative Committee oversees governance of the Plan. The Plan’s Investment Committee determines the appropriateness of the Plan’s investment offerings and monitors investment performance.

#### **Eligibility**

To be eligible to participate in the Plan, the participant must be considered an employee and have reached the age of 21 or older. Ineligible employees include any individual who is a signatory to a contract, letter of agreement, or other document that acknowledges his/her status as an independent contractor not entitled to benefits under the Plan and who is not otherwise classified by the Company as a common law employee. Additionally, an ineligible individual is one whereby the Company does not withhold income taxes, file a W-2, or remit Social Security payments to the federal government for the individual, and any employee who is a resident of Puerto Rico.

#### **Contributions**

*Participant Salary Deferral* – Each year, participants may contribute up to 100% of pretax annual compensation, as defined by the Plan, up to maximum amounts established by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). 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 defined benefit or defined contribution plans (rollover).

*Participant Roth Deferral* – Participants may designate some or all of the salary deferral as a Roth Deferral at the time the participant makes his or her deferral election. Once made, the election is irrevocable (that is, a Roth Deferral cannot later be re-characterized as a pretax salary reduction). The amount of the Roth Deferral is included in participants’ income for tax purposes, and the income tax withholding amounts are deducted from the remainder of compensation, not from the Roth Deferral amount.

*Participant After-Tax Contribution* – Participants may make voluntary, non-deductible, after-tax employee contributions limited to 100% of compensation.

## DECIBEL RESEARCH, INC. RETIREMENT PLAN

Notes to Financial Statements

December 31, 2024 and 2023

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### NOTE 1 - DESCRIPTION OF PLAN - Continued

#### Contributions - Continued

*Employer Safe Harbor Match* – Each payroll period, the Company makes matching contributions to all participants in an amount equal to 100% of the first three percent of eligible compensation and 50% of the next two percent of eligible compensation, contributed to the Plan as deferral contributions.

*Employer Discretionary Nonelective* – The employer may elect to make a discretionary, nonelective contribution in an amount to be determined by the Board of Directors for each Plan year. A participant must be employed as of the last day of the Plan year to be eligible for any nonelective contributions that may be made for that Plan year, as defined by the Plan. Discretionary, nonelective contributions, if any, made to the Plan by the employer will be allocated to the participant's account in the ratio that the participant's eligible compensation bears to the total eligible compensation paid to all eligible participants.

#### Participant Accounts

Each participant's account is credited with the participant's contribution and allocations of (a) the Company's matching contribution, (b) Plan earnings (losses), and charged with an allocation of any administrative expenses paid by the Plan. Allocations are based on participant earnings 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.

#### Vesting

Participants are immediately 100% vested in their individual participant account.

#### Investment Options

A participant may direct employee contributions in one percent increments or whole dollar amounts among a diversified mix of investment options available to the Plan. Participants invest in the trust fund, which is held by Fidelity Management Trust Company (the "Trustee"). Fidelity Workplace Services, LLC is the record keeper. Participants may make changes in their investment elections at any time.

#### Payment of Benefits

Upon termination of service due to death, disability, or retirement, a participant may elect to receive either a lump-sum amount equal to the value of the participant's vested interest in his or her account or receive a Qualified Joint and 100% Survivor Annuity (QJSA). For termination of service due to other reasons, a participant may receive the value of the vested interest of his or her account as a lump-sum distribution.

## **DECIBEL RESEARCH, INC. RETIREMENT PLAN**

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### **NOTE 1 - DESCRIPTION OF PLAN - Continued**

#### **Note Receivable from Participants**

Participants may borrow from their fund accounts a minimum of \$1,000 up to a maximum \$50,000 or fifty percent of their vested account balance, whichever is less. The loans are secured by the balance in the participant's account and bear interest at rates of 3.25 percent to 8.50 percent. Principal and interest are paid ratably through biweekly payroll deductions.

#### **Forfeitures**

Forfeitures are retained in the Plan and may first be used to pay administrative expenses. Any remaining amounts will be used to reduce future employer contributions payable under the Plan. Unallocated forfeitures included in net assets available for benefits at December 31, 2024 and 2023 totaled \$9,007 and \$4,260, respectively. During 2024, there were no participant forfeitures incurred related to withdrawals from accounts that were not fully vested.

#### **Administrative Expenses**

Certain expenses of maintaining the Plan are paid directly by the Company and are excluded from these financial statements. Investment-related expenses are included in net appreciation or depreciation of fair value of investments. Administrative expenses recorded in the Plan represent loan fees and other recordkeeping fees paid directly from the Plan to the Plan's trustee.

### **NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

#### **Basis of Accounting**

The financial statements of the Plan have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. In preparing the financial statements, management evaluated subsequent events through August 8, 2025, the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

#### **Income Recognition**

Purchases and sales of securities are recorded on a trade-date basis. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. Dividend income is recorded on the ex-dividend date. Net appreciation (depreciation) includes the Plan's gains and losses on investments bought and sold, as well as held during the year. Realized gains and losses from security transactions are reported on the average cost method.

## **DECIBEL RESEARCH, INC. RETIREMENT PLAN**

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### **NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - Continued**

#### **Notes Receivable from Participants**

Notes receivable from participants are measured at their unpaid principal balance plus any accrued but unpaid interest. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. Related fees are recorded as administrative expenses and are expensed when they are incurred. No allowance for credit losses has been recorded as of December 31, 2024 or 2023. If a participant ceases to make loan repayments and the plan administrator considers the participant loan to be in default, the participant loan balance is reduced and the delinquent participant note receivable is recorded as a benefit payment based on the terms of the Plan Document.

#### **Use of Estimates**

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

#### **Concentration of Market Risk**

As of December 31, 2024 and 2023, approximately 27% and 22% of the Plan's net assets were invested in one registered investment. The underlying value of the investments are dependent on the performance of the individual investment holding and the market's evaluation of such performance. It is at least reasonably possible that changes in the fair value of the registered investments and their investment holdings in the near term could materially affect participants' account balances and the amounts reported in the statements of net assets available for benefits and the statement of changes in net assets available for benefits.

#### **Fair Value**

The established framework for measuring fair value provides a hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. Fair value is the price the Plan would expect to receive to sell an asset or pay to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction with a market participant at the measurement date. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1 measurements) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3 measurements).

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**NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - Continued**

**Fair Value - Continued**

The three levels of the fair value hierarchy 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 which are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data by correlation or other means.

If the asset or liability has a specified (contractual) term, the Level 2 input must be observable for substantially the full term of the asset or liability.

Level 3 - Inputs to the valuation methodology are unobservable and significant to the fair value measurement.

The 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 maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs.

**Payment of Benefits**

Benefit payments to participants are recorded when paid.

## DECIBEL RESEARCH, INC. RETIREMENT PLAN

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### NOTE 3 - INFORMATION CERTIFIED BY THE PLAN'S TRUSTEE

The plan administrator has elected the method of annual reporting compliance permitted by 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Accordingly, the trustee, Fidelity Management Trust Company, has certified that the following data included in the accompanying financial statements and supplemental schedule is complete and accurate.

- Investments at fair value and notes receivable from participants, included in the statements of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2024 and 2023.
- Investment income, interest income on loans, and net appreciation in fair value of investments, included in the statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2024.
- The schedule H, line 4i - schedule of assets (held at end of year) as of December 31, 2024, included in the supplemental information.

The Plan's independent auditors did not perform auditing procedures with respect to this information, except for comparing such information with the related information included in the financial statements and supplemental schedule.

### NOTE 4 - RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES

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

### NOTE 5 - FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

The following is a description of the valuation methodologies used for assets measured at fair value. There were no changes in the methodologies used at December 31, 2024 or 2023.

- *Money market funds*: Valued at amortized cost which approximates fair value.
- *Mutual funds*: Valued at the daily closing price as reported by the fund. Mutual funds held by the Plan are open-end mutual funds that are registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission. These funds are required to publish their daily net asset value (NAV) and to transact at that price. The mutual funds held by the Plan are deemed to be actively traded.
- *Common stock*: Valued at the closing price reported on the active market on which the individual securities are traded.

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### NOTE 5 - FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS - Continued

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 management 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 following table sets forth, by level within the fair value hierarchy, the Plan's assets at fair value as of December 31, 2024 and 2023

Investment level	2024	2023
Level 1 investments		
Money market	\$ 1,310,673	\$ 825,529
Common stock	2,306,862	1,846,371
Mutual funds	37,526,405	33,143,211
Total Level 1 investments	41,143,940	35,815,111
Level 2 investments	-	-
Level 3 investments	-	-
Total assets in the fair value hierarchy	41,143,940	35,815,111
Investments at fair value	<u>\$ 41,143,940</u>	<u>\$ 35,815,111</u>

### NOTE 6 - RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Certain Plan assets are shares of mutual funds managed by Fidelity Management Trust Company. Fidelity Management Trust Company is the trustee as defined by the Plan and, therefore, investment transactions qualify as party-in-interest transactions. Fees paid by the Plan to the trustee totaled \$1,313 for the year ended December 31, 2024. The Company pays directly any other fees related to the Plan's operations.

### NOTE 7 - 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. As participants are fully vested in all contributions, there would be no effect on the Plan vesting schedule.

## **DECIBEL RESEARCH, INC. RETIREMENT PLAN**

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### **NOTE 8 - TAX STATUS**

The IRS has determined and informed the Plan Sponsor by a letter dated June 30, 2020, that the Plan and related trust are designed in accordance with applicable sections of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC). Although the Plan has been amended since receiving the advisory letter, the plan administrator and the Plan's tax council believe the Plan is designed, and currently being operated, in compliance with applicable requirements of the IRC and, therefore, believe the Plan is qualified and the related trust is tax-exempt.

Tax positions are recognized in the financial statements when it is more likely than not that the position will be sustained upon examination by the tax authorities.

The Company has concluded that as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, the Plan had no significant uncertain tax positions or material amounts of unrecognized tax benefits that qualify for either recognition or disclosure in the financial statements for open tax years based on an assessment of many factors including experience and interpretations of tax laws.

### **NOTE 9 - NON-EXEMPT TRANSACTIONS**

During the year ended December 31, 2024, employee contributions totaling \$136 were not remitted within the appropriate time period by the Plan Sponsor. These transactions constitute prohibited transactions as defined by ERISA. The Plan Sponsor is aware of the occurrence and took corrective action during the year ended December 31, 2024.

**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION**

**DECIBEL RESEARCH, INC. RETIREMENT PLAN**  
Schedule H, Line 4i - Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year)  
December 31, 2024 and 2023

EIN: 42-1551697

Plan Number: 001

(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
*	Fidelity Investments	Brokerage Common Stock	**	\$ 2,306,862
*	Fidelity Investments	Brokerage Cash	**	43,408
*	Fidelity Investments	External Fund	**	55,170
*	Fidelity Investments	Large Cap Growth Index	**	2,580,109
	Allspring	Core Plus Bond Fund Class A	**	82,246
	American Beacon	SIM High Yield Opportunities A	**	217,804
	Columbia	Dividend Income Fund Class A	**	732,710
	Columbia	Thermostat Fund Class A	**	232,050
	American Funds	New World Fund Class R4	**	136,885
	BlackRock	20/80 Target Allocation Fund Investor A Shares	**	2,282
*	Fidelity Investments	Mid Cap Growth Equity Inv A	**	627,091
	Pimco	Income Fund Administrative Class	**	1,597,615
	Cohen & Steers	Real Estate Securities Fund, Inc. Class I	**	169,759
	First Eagle	Gold Fund Class R6	**	720,970
	Virtus	Small Cap Growth Fund Class A	**	618,113
	Thornburg	Limited Term Income Fund R4	**	24,391
	Gabelli	U.S. Treasury Money Market Fund AAA	**	1,267,265
*	Fidelity Investments	International Capital Appreciation Fund Class A	**	160,886
*	Fidelity Investments	Growth Opportunities Fund - Class A	**	1,079,577
*	Fidelity Investments	International Index Fund	**	847,486

See independent auditor's report.

**DECIBEL RESEARCH, INC. RETIREMENT PLAN**  
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December 31, 2024 and 2023  
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EIN: 42-1551697

Plan Number: 001

(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
*	Fidelity Investments	500 Index Fund	**	\$ 11,068,506
*	Fidelity Investments	U.S. Bond Index Fund	**	270,756
*	Fidelity Investments	Mid Cap Index Fund	**	1,789,450
*	Fidelity Investments	Small Cap Index Fund	**	750,578
*	Fidelity Investments	Freedom Income Class Z	**	152,447
*	Fidelity Investments	Freedom 2010 Class Z	**	36,480
*	Fidelity Investments	Freedom 2020 Class Z	**	301,210
*	Fidelity Investments	Freedom 2025 Class Z	**	1,626,146
*	Fidelity Investments	Freedom 2030 Class Z	**	1,701,973
*	Fidelity Investments	Freedom 2035 Class Z	**	3,257,212
*	Fidelity Investments	Freedom 2040 Class Z	**	2,645,481
*	Fidelity Investments	Freedom 2045 Class Z	**	1,864,202
*	Fidelity Investments	Freedom 2050 Class Z	**	830,648
*	Fidelity Investments	Freedom 2055 Class Z	**	998,286
*	Fidelity Investments	Freedom 2060 Class Z	**	302,766
*	Fidelity Investments	Freedom 2065 Class Z	**	45,120
*	Participant loans	3.25% - 8.50% interest rate; maturities 1 to 5 years	-0-	148,149
				\$ 41,292,089

\* Indicates party-in-interest to the Plan.

\*\* Cost information has not been included because all investments are participant-directed.

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**DECIBEL RESEARCH, INC. RETIREMENT PLAN**  
Schedule H, Line 4a - Schedule of Delinquent Participant Contributions  
Year ended December 31, 2024

EIN: 42-1551697

Plan Number: 001

Participant Contributions Transferred Late to the Plan (Including Loan Repayments)	Contributions Not Corrected	Contributions Corrected Outside VFCP*	Contributions Pending Correction in VFCP	Total Fully Corrected Under VFCP and PTE** 2002-51
2024 Contributions	\$ -	\$ 136	\$ -	\$ -
	\$ -	\$ 136	\$ -	\$ -

\**Voluntary Fiduciary Correction Program (DOL).*

\*\**Prohibited Transaction Exemptions*

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**DECIBEL RESEARCH, INC. RETIREMENT PLAN**

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Trustees and Plan Administrator  
deciBel Research, Inc. Retirement Plan  
Huntsville, Alabama

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

We have performed audits of the accompanying financial statements of deciBel Research, Inc. Retirement 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) (ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit). The financial statements comprise the statements of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, and the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management, having determined it is permissible in the circumstances, has elected to have the audits of deciBel Research, Inc. Retirement Plan's 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 audits 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 certifications from a qualified institution as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, and for the year ended December 31, 2024, stating that the certified investment information, as described in Note 3 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 Auditor's 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. 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 deciBel Research, Inc. Retirement 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.

## **Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements**

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

## **Auditor's 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 for the Financial Statements section 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 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 deciBel Research, Inc. Retirement 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 deciBel Research, Inc. Retirement 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.

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

The supplemental schedules of schedule H, line 4i - schedule of assets (held at end of year) and schedule H, line 4a – schedule of delinquent participant contributions are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the financial statements but are supplementary information required by the Department of Labor's 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 schedules, other than that agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, has been subjected to 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. For information included in the supplemental schedules that agreed to or was derived from the certified investment information, we compared such information to the related certified investment information.

In forming our opinion on the supplemental schedules, we evaluated whether the supplemental schedules, other than the information agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, including its form and content, are 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 schedules, other than the information in the supplemental schedules that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, are 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 schedules 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).

BMSS, LLC

Huntsville, Alabama  
August 8, 2025

**DECIBEL RESEARCH, INC. RETIREMENT PLAN**  
Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits  
December 31, 2024 and 2023

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
<b>Assets</b>		
Participant-directed investments, at fair value	\$ 41,143,940	\$ 35,815,111
Receivables		
Notes receivable from participants	<u>148,149</u>	<u>147,148</u>
<b>Net assets available for benefits</b>	<u><u>\$ 41,292,089</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 35,962,259</u></u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

**DECIBEL RESEARCH, INC. RETIREMENT PLAN**  
Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits  
Year ended December 31, 2024

**Additions**

Additions to net assets attributed to

Investment income

Dividends/capital gains \$ 981,034

Net appreciation in fair value of investments 4,758,462

5,739,496

Interest income on notes receivable from participants

10,786

Participant-directed contributions

Employer 705,502

Employee salary deferrals 1,859,782

Employee rollovers 228,712

2,793,996

8,544,278

**Deductions**

Deductions from net assets attributed to

Benefits paid to participants 3,208,434

Administrative expenses 1,313

Deemed distributions 4,701

3,214,448

**Net increase**

5,329,830

**Net assets available for benefits - beginning of year**

35,962,259

**Net assets available for benefits - end of year**

\$ 41,292,089

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

## DECIBEL RESEARCH, INC. RETIREMENT PLAN

Notes to Financial Statements

December 31, 2024 and 2023

### NOTE 1 - DESCRIPTION OF PLAN

#### **Nature of the Plan**

The following description of the deciBel Research, Inc. Retirement 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**

The Plan is a defined contribution plan covering all employees of the Plan Sponsor, deciBel Research, Inc. (the “Company”) who have reached the age of twenty-one (21). The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). The Administrative Committee oversees governance of the Plan. The Plan’s Investment Committee determines the appropriateness of the Plan’s investment offerings and monitors investment performance.

#### **Eligibility**

To be eligible to participate in the Plan, the participant must be considered an employee and have reached the age of 21 or older. Ineligible employees include any individual who is a signatory to a contract, letter of agreement, or other document that acknowledges his/her status as an independent contractor not entitled to benefits under the Plan and who is not otherwise classified by the Company as a common law employee. Additionally, an ineligible individual is one whereby the Company does not withhold income taxes, file a W-2, or remit Social Security payments to the federal government for the individual, and any employee who is a resident of Puerto Rico.

#### **Contributions**

*Participant Salary Deferral* – Each year, participants may contribute up to 100% of pretax annual compensation, as defined by the Plan, up to maximum amounts established by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). 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 defined benefit or defined contribution plans (rollover).

*Participant Roth Deferral* – Participants may designate some or all of the salary deferral as a Roth Deferral at the time the participant makes his or her deferral election. Once made, the election is irrevocable (that is, a Roth Deferral cannot later be re-characterized as a pretax salary reduction). The amount of the Roth Deferral is included in participants’ income for tax purposes, and the income tax withholding amounts are deducted from the remainder of compensation, not from the Roth Deferral amount.

*Participant After-Tax Contribution* – Participants may make voluntary, non-deductible, after-tax employee contributions limited to 100% of compensation.

## DECIBEL RESEARCH, INC. RETIREMENT PLAN

Notes to Financial Statements

December 31, 2024 and 2023

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### NOTE 1 - DESCRIPTION OF PLAN - Continued

#### Contributions - Continued

*Employer Safe Harbor Match* – Each payroll period, the Company makes matching contributions to all participants in an amount equal to 100% of the first three percent of eligible compensation and 50% of the next two percent of eligible compensation, contributed to the Plan as deferral contributions.

*Employer Discretionary Nonelective* – The employer may elect to make a discretionary, nonelective contribution in an amount to be determined by the Board of Directors for each Plan year. A participant must be employed as of the last day of the Plan year to be eligible for any nonelective contributions that may be made for that Plan year, as defined by the Plan. Discretionary, nonelective contributions, if any, made to the Plan by the employer will be allocated to the participant's account in the ratio that the participant's eligible compensation bears to the total eligible compensation paid to all eligible participants.

#### Participant Accounts

Each participant's account is credited with the participant's contribution and allocations of (a) the Company's matching contribution, (b) Plan earnings (losses), and charged with an allocation of any administrative expenses paid by the Plan. Allocations are based on participant earnings 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.

#### Vesting

Participants are immediately 100% vested in their individual participant account.

#### Investment Options

A participant may direct employee contributions in one percent increments or whole dollar amounts among a diversified mix of investment options available to the Plan. Participants invest in the trust fund, which is held by Fidelity Management Trust Company (the "Trustee"). Fidelity Workplace Services, LLC is the record keeper. Participants may make changes in their investment elections at any time.

#### Payment of Benefits

Upon termination of service due to death, disability, or retirement, a participant may elect to receive either a lump-sum amount equal to the value of the participant's vested interest in his or her account or receive a Qualified Joint and 100% Survivor Annuity (QJSA). For termination of service due to other reasons, a participant may receive the value of the vested interest of his or her account as a lump-sum distribution.

## **DECIBEL RESEARCH, INC. RETIREMENT PLAN**

Notes to Financial Statements

December 31, 2024 and 2023

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### **NOTE 1 - DESCRIPTION OF PLAN - Continued**

#### **Note Receivable from Participants**

Participants may borrow from their fund accounts a minimum of \$1,000 up to a maximum \$50,000 or fifty percent of their vested account balance, whichever is less. The loans are secured by the balance in the participant's account and bear interest at rates of 3.25 percent to 8.50 percent. Principal and interest are paid ratably through biweekly payroll deductions.

#### **Forfeitures**

Forfeitures are retained in the Plan and may first be used to pay administrative expenses. Any remaining amounts will be used to reduce future employer contributions payable under the Plan. Unallocated forfeitures included in net assets available for benefits at December 31, 2024 and 2023 totaled \$9,007 and \$4,260, respectively. During 2024, there were no participant forfeitures incurred related to withdrawals from accounts that were not fully vested.

#### **Administrative Expenses**

Certain expenses of maintaining the Plan are paid directly by the Company and are excluded from these financial statements. Investment-related expenses are included in net appreciation or depreciation of fair value of investments. Administrative expenses recorded in the Plan represent loan fees and other recordkeeping fees paid directly from the Plan to the Plan's trustee.

### **NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

#### **Basis of Accounting**

The financial statements of the Plan have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. In preparing the financial statements, management evaluated subsequent events through August 8, 2025, the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

#### **Income Recognition**

Purchases and sales of securities are recorded on a trade-date basis. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. Dividend income is recorded on the ex-dividend date. Net appreciation (depreciation) includes the Plan's gains and losses on investments bought and sold, as well as held during the year. Realized gains and losses from security transactions are reported on the average cost method.

## **DECIBEL RESEARCH, INC. RETIREMENT PLAN**

Notes to Financial Statements

December 31, 2024 and 2023

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### **NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - Continued**

#### **Notes Receivable from Participants**

Notes receivable from participants are measured at their unpaid principal balance plus any accrued but unpaid interest. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. Related fees are recorded as administrative expenses and are expensed when they are incurred. No allowance for credit losses has been recorded as of December 31, 2024 or 2023. If a participant ceases to make loan repayments and the plan administrator considers the participant loan to be in default, the participant loan balance is reduced and the delinquent participant note receivable is recorded as a benefit payment based on the terms of the Plan Document.

#### **Use of Estimates**

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

#### **Concentration of Market Risk**

As of December 31, 2024 and 2023, approximately 27% and 22% of the Plan's net assets were invested in one registered investment. The underlying value of the investments are dependent on the performance of the individual investment holding and the market's evaluation of such performance. It is at least reasonably possible that changes in the fair value of the registered investments and their investment holdings in the near term could materially affect participants' account balances and the amounts reported in the statements of net assets available for benefits and the statement of changes in net assets available for benefits.

#### **Fair Value**

The established framework for measuring fair value provides a hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. Fair value is the price the Plan would expect to receive to sell an asset or pay to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction with a market participant at the measurement date. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1 measurements) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3 measurements).

**DECIBEL RESEARCH, INC. RETIREMENT PLAN**

Notes to Financial Statements

December 31, 2024 and 2023

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**NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - Continued**

**Fair Value - Continued**

The three levels of the fair value hierarchy 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 which are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data by correlation or other means.

If the asset or liability has a specified (contractual) term, the Level 2 input must be observable for substantially the full term of the asset or liability.

Level 3 - Inputs to the valuation methodology are unobservable and significant to the fair value measurement.

The 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 maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs.

**Payment of Benefits**

Benefit payments to participants are recorded when paid.

## DECIBEL RESEARCH, INC. RETIREMENT PLAN

Notes to Financial Statements

December 31, 2024 and 2023

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### NOTE 3 - INFORMATION CERTIFIED BY THE PLAN'S TRUSTEE

The plan administrator has elected the method of annual reporting compliance permitted by 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Accordingly, the trustee, Fidelity Management Trust Company, has certified that the following data included in the accompanying financial statements and supplemental schedule is complete and accurate.

- Investments at fair value and notes receivable from participants, included in the statements of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2024 and 2023.
- Investment income, interest income on loans, and net appreciation in fair value of investments, included in the statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2024.
- The schedule H, line 4i - schedule of assets (held at end of year) as of December 31, 2024, included in the supplemental information.

The Plan's independent auditors did not perform auditing procedures with respect to this information, except for comparing such information with the related information included in the financial statements and supplemental schedule.

### NOTE 4 - RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES

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

### NOTE 5 - FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

The following is a description of the valuation methodologies used for assets measured at fair value. There were no changes in the methodologies used at December 31, 2024 or 2023.

- *Money market funds*: Valued at amortized cost which approximates fair value.
- *Mutual funds*: Valued at the daily closing price as reported by the fund. Mutual funds held by the Plan are open-end mutual funds that are registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission. These funds are required to publish their daily net asset value (NAV) and to transact at that price. The mutual funds held by the Plan are deemed to be actively traded.
- *Common stock*: Valued at the closing price reported on the active market on which the individual securities are traded.

## DECIBEL RESEARCH, INC. RETIREMENT PLAN

Notes to Financial Statements

December 31, 2024 and 2023

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### NOTE 5 - FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS - Continued

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 management 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 following table sets forth, by level within the fair value hierarchy, the Plan's assets at fair value as of December 31, 2024 and 2023

Investment level	2024	2023
Level 1 investments		
Money market	\$ 1,310,673	\$ 825,529
Common stock	2,306,862	1,846,371
Mutual funds	37,526,405	33,143,211
Total Level 1 investments	41,143,940	35,815,111
Level 2 investments	-	-
Level 3 investments	-	-
Total assets in the fair value hierarchy	41,143,940	35,815,111
Investments at fair value	<u>\$ 41,143,940</u>	<u>\$ 35,815,111</u>

### NOTE 6 - RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Certain Plan assets are shares of mutual funds managed by Fidelity Management Trust Company. Fidelity Management Trust Company is the trustee as defined by the Plan and, therefore, investment transactions qualify as party-in-interest transactions. Fees paid by the Plan to the trustee totaled \$1,313 for the year ended December 31, 2024. The Company pays directly any other fees related to the Plan's operations.

### NOTE 7 - 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. As participants are fully vested in all contributions, there would be no effect on the Plan vesting schedule.

## **DECIBEL RESEARCH, INC. RETIREMENT PLAN**

Notes to Financial Statements

December 31, 2024 and 2023

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### **NOTE 8 - TAX STATUS**

The IRS has determined and informed the Plan Sponsor by a letter dated June 30, 2020, that the Plan and related trust are designed in accordance with applicable sections of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC). Although the Plan has been amended since receiving the advisory letter, the plan administrator and the Plan's tax council believe the Plan is designed, and currently being operated, in compliance with applicable requirements of the IRC and, therefore, believe the Plan is qualified and the related trust is tax-exempt.

Tax positions are recognized in the financial statements when it is more likely than not that the position will be sustained upon examination by the tax authorities.

The Company has concluded that as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, the Plan had no significant uncertain tax positions or material amounts of unrecognized tax benefits that qualify for either recognition or disclosure in the financial statements for open tax years based on an assessment of many factors including experience and interpretations of tax laws.

### **NOTE 9 - NON-EXEMPT TRANSACTIONS**

During the year ended December 31, 2024, employee contributions totaling \$136 were not remitted within the appropriate time period by the Plan Sponsor. These transactions constitute prohibited transactions as defined by ERISA. The Plan Sponsor is aware of the occurrence and took corrective action during the year ended December 31, 2024.

**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION**

**DECIBEL RESEARCH, INC. RETIREMENT PLAN**  
Schedule H, Line 4i - Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year)  
December 31, 2024 and 2023

EIN: 42-1551697

Plan Number: 001

(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
*	Fidelity Investments	Brokerage Common Stock	**	\$ 2,306,862
*	Fidelity Investments	Brokerage Cash	**	43,408
*	Fidelity Investments	External Fund	**	55,170
*	Fidelity Investments	Large Cap Growth Index	**	2,580,109
	Allspring	Core Plus Bond Fund Class A	**	82,246
	American Beacon	SIM High Yield Opportunities A	**	217,804
	Columbia	Dividend Income Fund Class A	**	732,710
	Columbia	Thermostat Fund Class A	**	232,050
	American Funds	New World Fund Class R4	**	136,885
	BlackRock	20/80 Target Allocation Fund Investor A Shares	**	2,282
*	Fidelity Investments	Mid Cap Growth Equity Inv A	**	627,091
	Pimco	Income Fund Administrative Class	**	1,597,615
	Cohen & Steers	Real Estate Securities Fund, Inc. Class I	**	169,759
	First Eagle	Gold Fund Class R6	**	720,970
	Virtus	Small Cap Growth Fund Class A	**	618,113
	Thornburg	Limited Term Income Fund R4	**	24,391
	Gabelli	U.S. Treasury Money Market Fund AAA	**	1,267,265
*	Fidelity Investments	International Capital Appreciation Fund Class A	**	160,886
*	Fidelity Investments	Growth Opportunities Fund - Class A	**	1,079,577
*	Fidelity Investments	International Index Fund	**	847,486

See independent auditor's report.

**DECIBEL RESEARCH, INC. RETIREMENT PLAN**  
Schedule H, Line 4i - Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year)  
December 31, 2024 and 2023  
(Continued)

EIN: 42-1551697

Plan Number: 001

(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
*	Fidelity Investments	500 Index Fund	**	\$ 11,068,506
*	Fidelity Investments	U.S. Bond Index Fund	**	270,756
*	Fidelity Investments	Mid Cap Index Fund	**	1,789,450
*	Fidelity Investments	Small Cap Index Fund	**	750,578
*	Fidelity Investments	Freedom Income Class Z	**	152,447
*	Fidelity Investments	Freedom 2010 Class Z	**	36,480
*	Fidelity Investments	Freedom 2020 Class Z	**	301,210
*	Fidelity Investments	Freedom 2025 Class Z	**	1,626,146
*	Fidelity Investments	Freedom 2030 Class Z	**	1,701,973
*	Fidelity Investments	Freedom 2035 Class Z	**	3,257,212
*	Fidelity Investments	Freedom 2040 Class Z	**	2,645,481
*	Fidelity Investments	Freedom 2045 Class Z	**	1,864,202
*	Fidelity Investments	Freedom 2050 Class Z	**	830,648
*	Fidelity Investments	Freedom 2055 Class Z	**	998,286
*	Fidelity Investments	Freedom 2060 Class Z	**	302,766
*	Fidelity Investments	Freedom 2065 Class Z	**	45,120
*	Participant loans	3.25% - 8.50% interest rate; maturities 1 to 5 years	-0-	148,149
				\$ 41,292,089

\* Indicates party-in-interest to the Plan.

\*\* Cost information has not been included because all investments are participant-directed.

See independent auditor's report.

**DECIBEL RESEARCH, INC. RETIREMENT PLAN**  
Schedule H, Line 4a - Schedule of Delinquent Participant Contributions  
Year ended December 31, 2024

EIN: 42-1551697

Plan Number: 001

Participant Contributions Transferred Late to the Plan (Including Loan Repayments)	Contributions Not Corrected	Contributions Corrected Outside VFCP*	Contributions Pending Correction in VFCP	Total Fully Corrected Under VFCP and PTE** 2002-51
2024 Contributions	\$ -	\$ 136	\$ -	\$ -
	\$ -	\$ 136	\$ -	\$ -

\**Voluntary Fiduciary Correction Program (DOL).*

\*\**Prohibited Transaction Exemptions*

See independent auditor's report