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| <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Form 5500</b></p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">Department of the Treasury<br/>Internal Revenue Service</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">Department of Labor<br/>Employee Benefits Security<br/>Administration</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: x-small;">Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</p> | <p><b>Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan</b></p> <p style="font-size: x-small;">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).</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>▶ Complete all entries in accordance with the instructions to the Form 5500.</b></p> | <p style="font-size: x-small;">OMB Nos. 1210-0110<br/>1210-0089</p> <hr/> <p style="font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold; text-align: center;">2024</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">This Form is Open to Public Inspection</p> |
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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.)

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

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

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

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

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

special extension (enter description)

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

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

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| <p><b>1a</b> Name of plan<br/><u>MONADNOCK PENSION PLAN</u></p>   | <p><b>1b</b> Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ <u>001</u></p>   |
| <p><b>2a</b> Plan sponsor's name (employer, if for a single-employer plan)<br/>Mailing address (include room, apt., suite no. and street, or P.O. Box)<br/>City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code (if foreign, see instructions)<br/><u>MONADNOCK PAPER MILLS, INC.</u></p> <p><u>117 ANTRIM RD.</u><br/><u>BENNINGTON, NH 03442-4205</u></p> | <p><b>1c</b> Effective date of plan<br/><u>06/01/1962</u></p> <p><b>2b</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN)<br/><u>02-0215853</u></p> <p><b>2c</b> Plan Sponsor's telephone number<br/><u>603-588-3311</u></p> <p><b>2d</b> Business code (see instructions)<br/><u>322100</u></p> |

**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.

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| <b>SIGN HERE</b> | Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature. | 09/22/2025 | DANIEL BURKE   |
|                  | Signature of plan administrator                   | Date       | Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator       |
| <b>SIGN HERE</b> | Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature. | 09/22/2025 | DANIEL BURKE   |
|                  | Signature of employer/plan sponsor                | Date       | Enter name of individual signing as employer or plan sponsor |
| <b>SIGN HERE</b> |   |            |  |
|                  | Signature of DFE                                  | Date       | Enter name of individual signing as DFE                      |

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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:<br><b>a</b> Sponsor's name<br><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>                                   | 189 |
| <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> ).<br><b>a(1)</b> Total number of active participants at the beginning of the plan year .....<br><b>a(2)</b> Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year .....<br><b>b</b> Retired or separated participants receiving benefits.....<br><b>c</b> Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits .....<br><b>d</b> Subtotal. Add lines <b>6a(2)</b> , <b>6b</b> , and <b>6c</b> .....<br><b>e</b> Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits. ....<br><b>f</b> Total. Add lines <b>6d</b> and <b>6e</b> .....<br><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) .....<br><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) .....<br><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>                               | 78  |
|   | <b>6a(2)</b>                               | 65  |
|   | <b>6b</b>                                  | 58  |
|   | <b>6c</b>                                  | 36  |
|   | <b>6d</b>                                  | 159 |
|   | <b>6e</b>                                  | 19  |
|   | <b>6f</b>                                  | 178 |
|   | <b>6g(1)</b>                               | 0   |
|   | <b>6g(2)</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:  
1B 3D 3H

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

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

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

**a Pension Schedules**

- (1)  **R** (Retirement Plan Information)
- (2)  **MB** (Multiemployer Defined Benefit Plan and Certain Money Purchase Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary
- (3)  **SB** (Single-Employer Defined Benefit Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary
- (4)  **DCG** (Individual Plan Information) – Number Attached 0
- (5)  **MEP** (Multiple-Employer Retirement Plan Information)

**b General Schedules**

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

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

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

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

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

**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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| <p><b>SCHEDULE A</b><br/><b>(Form 5500)</b></p> <p>Department of the Treasury<br/>Internal Revenue Service</p> <hr/> <p>Department of Labor<br/>Employee Benefits Security Administration</p> <hr/> <p>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</p> | <p><b>Insurance Information</b></p> <p>This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).</p> <p>▶ <b>File as an attachment to Form 5500.</b></p> <p>▶ Insurance companies are required to provide the information pursuant to ERISA section 103(a)(2).</p> | <p>OMB No. 1210-0110</p> <hr/> <p><b>2024</b></p> <hr/> <p><b>This Form is Open to Public Inspection</b></p> |
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For calendar plan year 2024 or fiscal plan year beginning **01/01/2024** and ending **12/31/2024**

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| <p><b>A</b> Name of plan<br/><b>MONADNOCK PENSION PLAN</b></p>  | <p><b>B</b> Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶</p>                             | <p><b>001</b></p> |
| <p><b>C</b> Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500<br/><b>MONADNOCK PAPER MILLS, INC.</b></p> | <p><b>D</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN)<br/><b>02-0215853</b></p> |                   |

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

**1 Coverage Information:**

**(a)** Name of insurance carrier  
**PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY**

| (b) EIN    | (c) NAIC code | (d) Contract or identification number | (e) Approximate number of persons covered at end of policy or contract year | Policy or contract year |            |
|------------|---------------|---------------------------------------|---|-------------------------|------------|
|            |               |                                       |   | (f) From                | (g) To     |
| 42-0127290 | 61271         | 723451                                | 178   | 01/01/2024              | 12/31/2024 |

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

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| <p><b>(a)</b> Total amount of commissions paid</p> <p style="text-align: center;">0</p> | <p><b>(b)</b> Total amount of fees paid</p> <p style="text-align: center;">0</p> |
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**3 Persons receiving commissions and fees.** (Complete as many entries as needed to report all persons).

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

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

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

| (b) Amount of sales and base commissions paid | Fees and other commissions paid |             | (e) Organization code |
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|   | (c) Amount                      | (d) Purpose |                       |
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| (b) Amount of sales and base commissions paid | Fees and other commissions paid |             | (e) Organization code |
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|   | (c) Amount                      | (d) Purpose |                       |
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**Part II Investment and Annuity Contract Information**  
 Where individual contracts are provided, the entire group of such individual contracts with each carrier may be treated as a unit for purposes of this report.

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|--|----------|----------|
| <b>4</b> Current value of plan's interest under this contract in the general account at year end ..... | <b>4</b> | 0        |
| <b>5</b> Current value of plan's interest under this contract in separate accounts at year end.....    | <b>5</b> | 13403484 |

**6** Contracts With Allocated Funds:

**a** State the basis of premium rates ▶

|  |           |  |
|--|-----------|--|
| <b>b</b> Premiums paid to carrier .....  | <b>6b</b> |  |
| <b>c</b> Premiums due but unpaid at the end of the year .....  | <b>6c</b> |  |
| <b>d</b> If the carrier, service, or other organization incurred any specific costs in connection with the acquisition or retention of the contract or policy, enter amount. ....<br>Specify nature of costs ▶ | <b>6d</b> |  |

**e** Type of contract: (1)  individual policies (2)  group deferred annuity  
 (3)  other (specify) ▶

**f** If contract purchased, in whole or in part, to distribute benefits from a terminating plan, check here ▶

**7** Contracts With Unallocated Funds (Do not include portions of these contracts maintained in separate accounts)

**a** Type of contract: (1)  deposit administration (2)  immediate participation guarantee  
 (3)  guaranteed investment (4)  other ▶

**b** Balance at the end of the previous year ..... **7b**

|   |              |  |
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| <b>c</b> Additions: (1) Contributions deposited during the year ..... | <b>7c(1)</b> |  |
|   | <b>7c(2)</b> |  |
|   | <b>7c(3)</b> |  |
|   | <b>7c(4)</b> |  |
|   | <b>7c(5)</b> |  |
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(6) Total additions ..... **7c(6)**

**d** Total of balance and additions (add lines **7b** and **7c(6)**) ..... **7d**

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| <b>e</b> Deductions:<br>(1) Disbursed from fund to pay benefits or purchase annuities during year ..... | <b>7e(1)</b> |  |
|   | <b>7e(2)</b> |  |
|   | <b>7e(3)</b> |  |
|   | <b>7e(4)</b> |  |
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(5) Total deductions ..... **7e(5)**

**f** Balance at the end of the current year (subtract line **7e(5)** from line **7d**)..... **7f** 0

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

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

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

**9** Experience-rated contracts:

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

**10** Nonexperience-rated contracts:

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

Specify nature of costs.

**Part IV Provision of Information**

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

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

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| <b>SCHEDULE SB</b><br><b>(Form 5500)</b><br><br><small>Department of the Treasury<br/>Internal Revenue Service</small><br><br><small>Department of Labor<br/>Employee Benefits Security Administration</small><br><br><small>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</small> | <b>Single-Employer Defined Benefit Plan</b><br><b>Actuarial Information</b><br><br>This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and section 6059 of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code).<br><br><b>▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500 or 5500-SF.</b> | <small>OMB No. 1210-0110</small><br><br><b>2024</b><br><br><b>This Form is Open to Public Inspection</b> |
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▶ **Round off amounts to nearest dollar.**

▶ **Caution:** A penalty of \$1,000 will be assessed for late filing of this report unless reasonable cause is established.

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| <b>A</b> Name of plan<br><u>MONADNOCK PENSION 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 or 5500-SF<br><u>MONADNOCK PAPER MILLS, INC.</u>                            | <b>D</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN)<br><u>02-0215853</u>  |            |
| <b>E</b> Type of plan: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Single <input type="checkbox"/> Multiple-A <input type="checkbox"/> Multiple-B | <b>F</b> Prior year plan size: <input type="checkbox"/> 100 or fewer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 101-500 <input type="checkbox"/> More than 500 |            |

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| <b>Part I Basic Information</b>   |                            |                           |                          |
| <b>1</b> Enter the valuation date:  | Month <u>01</u>            | Day <u>01</u>             | Year <u>2024</u>         |
| <b>2</b> Assets:  |                            |                           |                          |
| <b>a</b> Market value .....   | <b>2a</b>                  | <u>12938639</u>           |                          |
| <b>b</b> Actuarial value .....  | <b>2b</b>                  | <u>13727218</u>           |                          |
| <b>3</b> Funding target/participant count breakdown   | (1) Number of participants | (2) Vested Funding Target | (3) Total Funding Target |
| <b>a</b> For retired participants and beneficiaries receiving payment .....   | <u>76</u>                  | <u>6678979</u>            | <u>6678979</u>           |
| <b>b</b> For terminated vested participants .....   | <u>41</u>                  | <u>2131238</u>            | <u>2131238</u>           |
| <b>c</b> For active participants .....  | <u>71</u>                  | <u>3150878</u>            | <u>3228083</u>           |
| <b>d</b> Total .....  | <u>188</u>                 | <u>11961095</u>           | <u>12038300</u>          |
| <b>4</b> If the plan is in at-risk status, check the box and complete lines (a) and (b)..... <input type="checkbox"/>   |                            |                           |                          |
| <b>a</b> Funding target disregarding prescribed at-risk assumptions .....   | <b>4a</b>                  |                           |                          |
| <b>b</b> Funding target reflecting at-risk assumptions, but disregarding transition rule for plans that have been in at-risk status for fewer than five consecutive years and disregarding loading factor ..... | <b>4b</b>                  |                           |                          |
| <b>5</b> Effective interest rate .....  | <b>5</b>                   | <u>5.14 %</u>             |                          |
| <b>6</b> Target normal cost   |                            |                           |                          |
| <b>a</b> Present value of current plan year accruals .....  | <b>6a</b>                  | <u>129742</u>             |                          |
| <b>b</b> Expected plan-related expenses .....   | <b>6b</b>                  | <u>67000</u>              |                          |
| <b>c</b> Target normal cost .....   | <b>6c</b>                  | <u>196742</u>             |                          |

**Statement by Enrolled Actuary**

To the best of my knowledge, the information supplied in this schedule and accompanying schedules, statements and attachments, if any, is complete and accurate. Each prescribed assumption was applied in accordance with applicable law and regulations. In my opinion, each other assumption is reasonable (taking into account the experience of the plan and reasonable expectations) and such other assumptions, in combination, offer my best estimate of anticipated experience under the plan.

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| <b>SIGN HERE</b><br><br>Signature of actuary<br><br><u>DONALD H. DOWDY III</u><br>Type or print name of actuary<br><br><u>PRINCIPAL FINANCIAL GROUP</u><br>Firm name<br><br><u>PO BOX 9394</u><br><u>DES MOINES, IA 50306-9394</u><br><br>Address of the firm | <u>08/15/2025</u><br>Date<br><br><u>23-06767</u><br>Most recent enrollment number<br><br><u>412-394-6351</u><br>Telephone number (including area code) |
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If the actuary has not fully reflected any regulation or ruling promulgated under the statute in completing this schedule, check the box and see instructions

| <b>Part II</b> |  | <b>Beginning of Year Carryover and Prefunding Balances</b> |                        |
|----------------|--|--|------------------------|
|                |  | (a) Carryover balance                                      | (b) Prefunding balance |
| <b>7</b>       | Balance at beginning of prior year after applicable adjustments (line 13 from prior year) .....  | 0  | 1223047                |
| <b>8</b>       | Portion elected for use to offset prior year's funding requirement (line 35 from prior year) .....   | 0  | 0                      |
| <b>9</b>       | Amount remaining (line 7 minus line 8) .....   | 0  | 1223047                |
| <b>10</b>      | Interest on line 9 using prior year's actual return of <u>14.38</u> % .....  | 0  | 175874                 |
| <b>11</b>      | Prior year's excess contributions to be added to prefunding balance:   |  |                        |
|                | <b>a</b> Present value of excess contributions (line 38a from prior year) .....  |  | 0                      |
|                | <b>b(1)</b> Interest on the excess, if any, of line 38a over line 38b from prior year Schedule SB, using prior year's effective interest rate of <u>5.27</u> % ..... |  | 0                      |
|                | <b>b(2)</b> Interest on line 38b from prior year Schedule SB, using prior year's actual return .....   |  | 0                      |
|                | <b>c</b> Total available at beginning of current plan year to add to prefunding balance .....  |  | 0                      |
|                | <b>d</b> Portion of (c) to be added to prefunding balance .....  |  | 0                      |
| <b>12</b>      | Other reductions in balances due to elections or deemed elections .....  | 0  | 0                      |
| <b>13</b>      | Balance at beginning of current year (line 9 + line 10 + line 11d – line 12) .....   | 0  | 1398921                |

| <b>Part III</b> |  | <b>Funding Percentages</b> |          |
|-----------------|--|----------------------------|----------|
| <b>14</b>       | Funding target attainment percentage .....   | <b>14</b>                  | 102.40 % |
| <b>15</b>       | Adjusted funding target attainment percentage .....  | <b>15</b>                  | 114.02 % |
| <b>16</b>       | Prior year's funding percentage for purposes of determining whether carryover/prefunding balances may be used to reduce current year's funding requirement ..... | <b>16</b>                  | 101.70 % |
| <b>17</b>       | If the current value of the assets of the plan is less than 70 percent of the funding target, enter such percentage .....  | <b>17</b>                  | %        |

| <b>Part IV</b>   |                                   | <b>Contributions and Liquidity Shortfalls</b> |                          |                                   |                                 |
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| <b>18</b> Contributions made to the plan for the plan year by employer(s) and employees: |                                   |   |                          |                                   |                                 |
| (a) Date<br>(MM-DD-YYYY)   | (b) Amount paid by<br>employer(s) | (c) Amount paid by<br>employees               | (a) Date<br>(MM-DD-YYYY) | (b) Amount paid by<br>employer(s) | (c) Amount paid by<br>employees |
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| <b>Totals ▶</b>  |                                   |   | <b>18(b)</b>             |                                   | <b>18(c)</b>                    |

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| <b>19</b>  | Discounted employer contributions – see instructions for small plan with a valuation date after the beginning of the year: |   |
|  | <b>a</b> Contributions allocated toward unpaid minimum required contributions from prior years .....                       | 0   |
|  | <b>b</b> Contributions made to avoid restrictions adjusted to valuation date .....   | 0   |
|  | <b>c</b> Contributions allocated toward minimum required contribution for current year adjusted to valuation date .....    | 0   |
| <b>20</b>  | Quarterly contributions and liquidity shortfalls:  |   |
|  | <b>a</b> Did the plan have a "funding shortfall" for the prior year? .....   | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No |
|  | <b>b</b> If line 20a is "Yes," were required quarterly installments for the current year made in a timely manner? .....    | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No            |
|  | <b>c</b> If line 20a is "Yes," see instructions and complete the following table as applicable:                            |   |
| Liquidity shortfall as of end of quarter of this plan year |  |   |
| (1) 1st  | (2) 2nd  | (3) 3rd   |
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| (4) 4th  |  |   |

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| <b>Part V Assumptions Used to Determine Funding Target and Target Normal Cost</b> |   |  |                                     |   |
| <b>21</b> Discount rate:  |   |  |                                     |   |
| <b>a</b> Segment rates:   | 1st segment:<br>4.75 %                                    | 2nd segment:<br>4.87 %                         | 3rd segment:<br>5.59 %              | <input type="checkbox"/> N/A, full yield curve used |
| <b>b</b> Applicable month (enter code) .....                                      |   |  |                                     | <b>21b</b> 4  |
| <b>22</b> Weighted average retirement age .....                                   |   |  |                                     | <b>22</b> 64  |
| <b>23</b> Mortality table(s) (see instructions)                                   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prescribed - combined | <input type="checkbox"/> Prescribed - separate | <input type="checkbox"/> Substitute |   |

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| <b>Part VI Miscellaneous Items</b>  |  |  |  |           |
| <b>24</b> Has a change been made in the non-prescribed actuarial assumptions for the current plan year? If "Yes," see instructions regarding required attachment..... <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |  |  |  |           |
| <b>25</b> Has a method change been made for the current plan year? If "Yes," see instructions regarding required attachment..... <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No                                      |  |  |  |           |
| <b>26</b> Demographic and benefit information   |  |  |  |           |
| <b>a</b> Is the plan required to provide a Schedule of Active Participants? If "Yes," see instructions regarding required attachment. .... <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No                            |  |  |  |           |
| <b>b</b> Is the plan required to provide a projection of expected benefit payments? If "Yes," see instructions regarding required attachment ... <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No                      |  |  |  |           |
| <b>27</b> If the plan is subject to alternative funding rules, enter applicable code and see instructions regarding attachment.....   |  |  |  | <b>27</b> |

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| <b>Part VII Reconciliation of Unpaid Minimum Required Contributions For Prior Years</b>   |  |  |  |             |
| <b>28</b> Unpaid minimum required contributions for all prior years .....   |  |  |  | <b>28</b> 0 |
| <b>29</b> Discounted employer contributions allocated toward unpaid minimum required contributions from prior years (line 19a)..... |  |  |  | <b>29</b> 0 |
| <b>30</b> Remaining amount of unpaid minimum required contributions (line 28 minus line 29).....                                    |  |  |  | <b>30</b> 0 |

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| <b>Part VIII Minimum Required Contribution For Current Year</b>  |                     |                    |               |                   |
| <b>31</b> Target normal cost and excess assets (see instructions):   |                     |                    |               |                   |
| <b>a</b> Target normal cost (line 6c) .....  |                     |                    |               | <b>31a</b> 196742 |
| <b>b</b> Excess assets, if applicable, but not greater than line 31a .....   |                     |                    |               | <b>31b</b> 196742 |
| <b>32</b> Amortization installments:   | Outstanding Balance |                    | Installment   |                   |
| <b>a</b> Net shortfall amortization installment .....  | 0                   |                    | 0             |                   |
| <b>b</b> Waiver amortization installment .....   | 0                   |                    | 0             |                   |
| <b>33</b> If a waiver has been approved for this plan year, enter the date of the ruling letter granting the approval (Month _____ Day _____ Year _____) and the waived amount ..... |                     |                    |               | <b>33</b>         |
| <b>34</b> Total funding requirement before reflecting carryover/prefunding balances (lines 31a - 31b + 32a + 32b - 33).....  |                     |                    |               | <b>34</b> 0       |
|  | Carryover balance   | Prefunding balance | Total balance |                   |
| <b>35</b> Balances elected for use to offset funding requirement .....   | 0                   | 0                  | 0             |                   |
| <b>36</b> Additional cash requirement (line 34 minus line 35) .....  |                     |                    |               | <b>36</b> 0       |
| <b>37</b> Contributions allocated toward minimum required contribution for current year adjusted to valuation date (line 19c) .....  |                     |                    |               | <b>37</b> 0       |
| <b>38</b> Present value of excess contributions for current year (see instructions)  |                     |                    |               |                   |
| <b>a</b> Total (excess, if any, of line 37 over line 36)   |                     |                    |               | <b>38a</b> 0      |
| <b>b</b> Portion included in line 38a attributable to use of prefunding and funding standard carryover balances .....  |                     |                    |               | <b>38b</b> 0      |
| <b>39</b> Unpaid minimum required contribution for current year (excess, if any, of line 36 over line 37) .....  |                     |                    |               | <b>39</b> 0       |
| <b>40</b> Unpaid minimum required contributions for all years .....  |                     |                    |               | <b>40</b> 0       |

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| <b>Part IX Pension Funding Relief Under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (See Instructions)</b>   |  |  |  |  |
| <b>41</b> If an election was made to use the extended amortization rule for a plan year beginning on or before December 31, 2021, check the box to indicate the first plan year for which the rule applies. <input type="checkbox"/> 2019 <input type="checkbox"/> 2020 <input type="checkbox"/> 2021 |  |  |  |  |

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| <b>SCHEDULE C</b><br><b>(Form 5500)</b><br><br><small>Department of the Treasury<br/>Internal Revenue Service</small><br><br><small>Department of Labor<br/>Employee Benefits Security Administration</small><br><br><small>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</small> | <b>Service Provider Information</b><br><br>This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).<br><br><b>▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.</b> | <small>OMB No. 1210-0110</small><br><br><b>2024</b><br><br><b>This Form is Open to Public Inspection.</b> |
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| <b>A</b> Name of plan<br><b>MONADNOCK PENSION 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<br><b>MONADNOCK PAPER MILLS, INC.</b> | <b>D</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN)<br><b>02-0215853</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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**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)<br>Service Code(s) | (c)<br>Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest | (d)<br>Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-. | (e)<br>Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor) | (f)<br>Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures? | (g)<br>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)<br>Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount? |
|------------------------|---|--|--|--|---|--|
| 13 50 64               | CONTRACT ADMINISTRATOR  | 67040  | Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>                                  | Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>  | 0   | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>                          |

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

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| (b)<br>Service Code(s) | (c)<br>Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest | (d)<br>Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-. | (e)<br>Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor) | (f)<br>Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures? | (g)<br>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)<br>Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount? |
|------------------------|---|--|--|--|---|--|
| 27 99                  | INVESTMENT ADVISORY   | 0  | Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>                                  | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>  | 10350   | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>                          |

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

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

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

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

| (a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2 | (b) Service Codes (see instructions) | (c) Enter amount of indirect compensation |
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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. |
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| (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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| (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. |
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| (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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| (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. |
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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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| <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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| <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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| <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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| <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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| <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)

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

Explanation:

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| <b>c</b> Position: |                     |
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Explanation:

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| <b>SCHEDULE D</b><br><b>(Form 5500)</b><br><br><small>Department of the Treasury<br/>Internal Revenue Service</small><br><br><small>Department of Labor<br/>Employee Benefits Security Administration</small> | <b>DFE/Participating Plan Information</b><br><br>This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).<br><br><b>▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.</b> | <small>OMB No. 1210-0110</small><br><br><b>2024</b><br><br><b>This Form is Open to Public Inspection.</b> |
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| For calendar plan year 2024 or fiscal plan year beginning <u>01/01/2024</u> and ending <u>12/31/2024</u>   |   |
| <b>A</b> Name of plan<br><u>MONADNOCK PENSION PLAN</u>   | <b>B</b> Three-digit plan number (PN) <span style="float: right;">▶</span> <u>001</u> |
| <b>C</b> Plan or DFE sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500<br><u>MONADNOCK PAPER MILLS, INC.</u> | <b>D</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN)<br><u>02-0215853</u>                    |

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| <b>Part I</b> | <b>Information on interests in MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs (to be completed by plans and DFEs)</b><br>(Complete as many entries as needed to report all interests in DFEs) |
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| <b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <u>PRIN GLBL EMERG MARKETS SA-Z</u>        |                               |  |
| <b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY</u> |                               |  |
| <b>c</b> EIN-PN <u>42-0127290-013</u>   | <b>d</b> Entity code <u>P</u> | <b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>210597</u>  |
| <b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <u>PRIN LGCP S&amp;P 500 INDEX SA-Z</u>    |                               |  |
| <b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY</u> |                               |  |
| <b>c</b> EIN-PN <u>42-0127290-016</u>   | <b>d</b> Entity code <u>P</u> | <b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>5845818</u> |
| <b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <u>PRIN SMCAP S&amp;P 600 INDEX SA-Z</u>   |                               |  |
| <b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY</u> |                               |  |
| <b>c</b> EIN-PN <u>42-0127290-028</u>   | <b>d</b> Entity code <u>P</u> | <b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>273248</u>  |
| <b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <u>PRIN MIDCAP S&amp;P 400 IDX SA-Z</u>    |                               |  |
| <b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY</u> |                               |  |
| <b>c</b> EIN-PN <u>42-0127290-023</u>   | <b>d</b> Entity code <u>P</u> | <b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>553662</u>  |
| <b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <u>PRIN LDI LONG DURATION SA-Z</u>         |                               |  |
| <b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY</u> |                               |  |
| <b>c</b> EIN-PN <u>42-0127290-104</u>   | <b>d</b> Entity code <u>P</u> | <b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>4122841</u> |
| <b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <u>PRIN EQUITY INCOME SA-Z</u>             |                               |  |
| <b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY</u> |                               |  |
| <b>c</b> EIN-PN <u>42-0127290-120</u>   | <b>d</b> Entity code <u>P</u> | <b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>0</u>       |
| <b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <u>PRIN INTL EQUITY INDEX SA-Z</u>         |                               |  |
| <b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY</u> |                               |  |
| <b>c</b> EIN-PN <u>42-0127290-121</u>   | <b>d</b> Entity code <u>P</u> | <b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>188182</u>  |

**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PRIN LDI SHORT DUR SEP ACCT-Z

**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

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| <b>c</b> EIN-PN 42-0127290-127 | <b>d</b> Entity code P | <b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) | 376217 |
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**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PRIN LDI INTRM DUR SEP ACCT-Z

**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

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| <b>c</b> EIN-PN 42-0127290-128 | <b>d</b> Entity code P | <b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) | 1474255 |
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**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PRIN LDI EXT DUR SEP ACCT-Z

**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

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| <b>c</b> EIN-PN 42-0127290-129 | <b>d</b> Entity code P | <b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) | 358663 |
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**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PRIN ORG EMG MKTS SEP ACCT-Z

**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

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| <b>c</b> EIN-PN 42-0127290-178 | <b>d</b> Entity code P | <b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) | 0 |
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**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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| <b>c</b> EIN-PN | <b>d</b> Entity code | <b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) |  |
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| <b>SCHEDULE H</b><br><b>(Form 5500)</b><br><br><small>Department of the Treasury<br/>Internal Revenue Service</small><br><br><small>Department of Labor<br/>Employee Benefits Security Administration</small><br><br><small>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</small> | <b>Financial Information</b><br><br>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).<br><br>▶ <b>File as an attachment to Form 5500.</b> | <small>OMB No. 1210-0110</small><br><br><b>2024</b><br><br><b>This Form is Open to Public Inspection</b> |
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| For calendar plan year 2024 or fiscal plan year beginning <u>01/01/2024</u> and ending <u>12/31/2024</u> |  |
| <b>A</b> Name of plan<br><u>MONADNOCK PENSION 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<br><u>MONADNOCK PAPER MILLS, INC.</u>      | <b>D</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN)<br><u>02-0215853</u> |

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| <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.

| Assets   | (a) Beginning of Year | (b) End of Year |
|--|-----------------------|-----------------|
| <b>a</b> Total noninterest-bearing cash .....  | <b>1a</b>             |                 |
| <b>b</b> Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts):                                       |                       |                 |
| <b>(1)</b> Employer contributions .....  | <b>1b(1)</b>          |                 |
| <b>(2)</b> Participant contributions .....   | <b>1b(2)</b>          |                 |
| <b>(3)</b> Other .....   | <b>1b(3)</b>          |                 |
| <b>c</b> General investments:  |                       |                 |
| <b>(1)</b> Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit) .....   | <b>1c(1)</b>          |                 |
| <b>(2)</b> U.S. Government securities .....  | <b>1c(2)</b>          |                 |
| <b>(3)</b> Corporate debt instruments (other than employer securities):                            |                       |                 |
| <b>(A)</b> Preferred .....   | <b>1c(3)(A)</b>       |                 |
| <b>(B)</b> All other .....   | <b>1c(3)(B)</b>       |                 |
| <b>(4)</b> Corporate stocks (other than employer securities):                                      |                       |                 |
| <b>(A)</b> Preferred .....   | <b>1c(4)(A)</b>       |                 |
| <b>(B)</b> Common .....  | <b>1c(4)(B)</b>       |                 |
| <b>(5)</b> Partnership/joint venture interests .....   | <b>1c(5)</b>          |                 |
| <b>(6)</b> Real estate (other than employer real property) .....                                   | <b>1c(6)</b>          |                 |
| <b>(7)</b> Loans (other than to participants) .....  | <b>1c(7)</b>          |                 |
| <b>(8)</b> Participant loans .....   | <b>1c(8)</b>          |                 |
| <b>(9)</b> Value of interest in common/collective trusts .....                                     | <b>1c(9)</b>          |                 |
| <b>(10)</b> Value of interest in pooled separate accounts .....                                    | <b>1c(10)</b>         | <u>13403484</u> |
| <b>(11)</b> Value of interest in master trust investment accounts .....                            | <b>1c(11)</b>         |                 |
| <b>(12)</b> Value of interest in 103-12 investment entities .....                                  | <b>1c(12)</b>         |                 |
| <b>(13)</b> Value of interest in registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds) .....        | <b>1c(13)</b>         |                 |
| <b>(14)</b> Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts) ..... | <b>1c(14)</b>         |                 |
| <b>(15)</b> Other .....  | <b>1c(15)</b>         |                 |

| 1d Employer-related investments:                                  |       | (a) Beginning of Year | (b) End of Year |
|---|-------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| (1) Employer securities.....                                      | 1d(1) |                       |                 |
| (2) Employer real property.....                                   | 1d(2) |                       |                 |
| e Buildings and other property used in plan operation.....        | 1e    |                       |                 |
| f Total assets (add all amounts in lines 1a through 1e).....      | 1f    | 12938639              | 13403484        |
| <b>Liabilities</b>  |       |                       |                 |
| g Benefit claims payable.....                                     | 1g    |                       |                 |
| h Operating payables.....   | 1h    |                       |                 |
| i Acquisition indebtedness.....                                   | 1i    |                       |                 |
| j Other liabilities.....  | 1j    |                       |                 |
| k Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through 1j)..... | 1k    | 0                     | 0               |
| <b>Net Assets</b>   |       |                       |                 |
| l Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f).....                 | 1l    | 12938639              | 13403484        |

**Part II Income and Expense Statement**

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

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

|   |               | (a) Amount | (b) Total |
|---|---------------|------------|-----------|
| (6) Net investment gain (loss) from common/collective trusts .....                              | <b>2b(6)</b>  |            |           |
| (7) Net investment gain (loss) from pooled separate accounts .....                              | <b>2b(7)</b>  |            | 1183372   |
| (8) Net investment gain (loss) from master trust investment accounts .....                      | <b>2b(8)</b>  |            |           |
| (9) Net investment gain (loss) from 103-12 investment entities .....                            | <b>2b(9)</b>  |            |           |
| (10) Net investment gain (loss) from registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds) ..... | <b>2b(10)</b> |            |           |
| <b>c</b> Other income .....   | <b>2c</b>     |            |           |
| <b>d</b> Total income. Add all <b>income</b> amounts in column (b) and enter total.....         | <b>2d</b>     |            | 1183372   |

**Expenses**

|  |               |        |        |
|--|---------------|--------|--------|
| <b>e</b> Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:                                 |               |        |        |
| (1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers.....             | <b>2e(1)</b>  | 651487 |        |
| (2) To insurance carriers for the provision of benefits .....                              | <b>2e(2)</b>  |        |        |
| (3) Other.....   | <b>2e(3)</b>  |        |        |
| (4) Total benefit payments. Add lines <b>2e(1)</b> through <b>(3)</b> .....                | <b>2e(4)</b>  |        | 651487 |
| <b>f</b> Corrective distributions (see instructions) .....                                 | <b>2f</b>     |        |        |
| <b>g</b> Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions).....         | <b>2g</b>     |        |        |
| <b>h</b> Interest expense.....   | <b>2h</b>     |        |        |
| <b>i</b> Administrative expenses:  |               |        |        |
| (1) Salaries and allowances .....  | <b>2i(1)</b>  |        |        |
| (2) Contract administrator fees .....  | <b>2i(2)</b>  | 67040  |        |
| (3) Recordkeeping fees .....   | <b>2i(3)</b>  |        |        |
| (4) IQPA audit fees .....  | <b>2i(4)</b>  |        |        |
| (5) Investment advisory and investment management fees .....                               | <b>2i(5)</b>  |        |        |
| (6) Bank or trust company trustee/custodial fees .....                                     | <b>2i(6)</b>  |        |        |
| (7) Actuarial fees .....   | <b>2i(7)</b>  |        |        |
| (8) Legal fees .....   | <b>2i(8)</b>  |        |        |
| (9) Valuation/appraisal fees .....   | <b>2i(9)</b>  |        |        |
| (10) Other trustee fees and expenses .....   | <b>2i(10)</b> |        |        |
| (11) Other expenses.....   | <b>2i(11)</b> |        |        |
| (12) Total administrative expenses. Add lines <b>2i(1)</b> through <b>(11)</b> .....       | <b>2i(12)</b> |        | 67040  |
| <b>j</b> Total expenses. Add all <b>expense</b> amounts in column (b) and enter total..... | <b>2j</b>     |        | 718527 |

**Net Income and Reconciliation**

|   |              |  |        |
|---|--------------|--|--------|
| <b>k</b> Net income (loss). Subtract line <b>2j</b> from line <b>2d</b> ..... | <b>2k</b>    |  | 464845 |
| <b>l</b> Transfers of assets:   |              |  |        |
| (1) To this plan.....   | <b>2l(1)</b> |  |        |
| (2) From this plan .....  | <b>2l(2)</b> |  |        |

**Part III Accountant's Opinion**

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

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

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

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

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

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

(1) Name: GALLAGHER, FLYNN & COMPANY, LLP

(2) EIN: 03-0225744

**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   |    | 3000000 |
| <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.)   |     |    |         |
| <b>n</b> If 4m was answered "Yes," check the "Yes" box if you either provided the required notice or one of the exceptions to providing the notice applied under 29 CFR 2520.101-3.  |     |    |         |

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

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

| <b>5b(1)</b> Name of plan(s) | <b>5b(2)</b> EIN(s) | <b>5b(3)</b> PN(s) |
|------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
|                              |                     |                    |
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**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 553324.

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| <b>SCHEDULE R</b><br><b>(Form 5500)</b><br><br><small>Department of the Treasury<br/>Internal Revenue Service</small><br><br><small>Department of Labor<br/>Employee Benefits Security Administration</small><br><br><small>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</small> | <b>Retirement Plan Information</b><br><br>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).<br><br><b>▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.</b> | OMB No. 1210-0110<br><br><b>2024</b><br><br><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

|   |  |            |
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| <b>A</b> Name of plan<br><u>MONADNOCK PENSION 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<br><u>MONADNOCK PAPER MILLS, INC.</u> | <b>D</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN)<br><u>02-0215853</u> |            |

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

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| <b>1</b> Total value of distributions paid in property other than in cash or the forms of property specified in the instructions..... | 1 | 0 |
|---|---|---|

**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): 42-0127290

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

|  |   |   |
|--|---|---|
| <b>3</b> Number of participants (living or deceased) whose benefits were distributed in a single sum, during the plan year ..... | 3 | 0 |
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| <b>Part II</b> | <b>Funding Information</b> (If the plan is not subject to the minimum funding requirements of section 412 of the Internal Revenue Code or ERISA section 302, skip this Part.) |
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**4** Is the plan administrator making an election under Code section 412(d)(2) or ERISA section 302(d)(2)? .....  Yes  No  N/A  
**If the plan is a defined benefit plan, go to line 8.**

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

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

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

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

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

|                 |                   |
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| <b>Part III</b> | <b>Amendments</b> |
|-----------------|-------------------|

**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

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|----------------|---|
| <b>Part IV</b> | <b>ESOPs</b> (see instructions). If this is not a plan described under section 409(a) or 4975(e)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code, skip this Part. |
|----------------|---|

**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 02 / 28 / 2023 (MM/DD/YYYY) and the Opinion Letter serial number Q705206A.

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| <b>Structured Attachment</b><br>Department of the Treasury<br>Internal Revenue Service                   | <b>Schedule SB, line 26a</b><br><b>Schedule of Active Participant Data</b> | <b>2024</b><br><br>This Form is Open to<br>Public Inspection |
| Department of Labor<br>Employee Benefits Security Administration<br>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation |  |  |

|                      |                        |                    |            |     |            |    |     |
|----------------------|------------------------|--------------------|------------|-----|------------|----|-----|
| Name of Plan         | MONADNOCK PENSION PLAN |                    |            |     |            |    |     |
| Plan Year Begin Date | 01/01/2024             | Plan Year End Date | 12/31/2024 | EIN | 02-0215853 | PN | 001 |

| Attained Age | YEARS OF CREDITED SERVICE |              |              |        |              |              |
|--------------|---------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------|--------------|--------------|
|              | Under 1                   |              |              | 1 to 4 |              |              |
|              | No.                       | Average      |              | No.    | Average      |              |
|              |                           | Compensation | Cash Balance |        | Compensation | Cash Balance |
| Under 25     | 2                         | 0            | 0            | 9      | 0            | 0            |
| 25 to 29     | 1                         | 0            | 0            | 5      | 0            | 0            |
| 30 to 34     | 1                         | 0            | 0            | 2      | 0            | 0            |
| 35 to 39     | 0                         | 0            | 0            | 2      | 0            | 0            |
| 40 to 44     | 3                         | 0            | 0            | 2      | 0            | 0            |
| 45 to 49     | 0                         | 0            | 0            | 2      | 0            | 0            |
| 50 to 54     | 0                         | 0            | 0            | 0      | 0            | 0            |
| 55 to 59     | 0                         | 0            | 0            | 1      | 0            | 0            |
| 60 to 64     | 0                         | 0            | 0            | 1      | 0            | 0            |
| 65 to 69     | 0                         | 0            | 0            | 0      | 0            | 0            |
| 70 & Up      | 0                         | 0            | 0            | 0      | 0            | 0            |

| Attained Age | YEARS OF CREDITED SERVICE |              |              |          |              |              |
|--------------|---------------------------|--------------|--------------|----------|--------------|--------------|
|              | 5 to 9                    |              |              | 10 to 14 |              |              |
|              | No.                       | Average      |              | No.      | Average      |              |
|              |                           | Compensation | Cash Balance |          | Compensation | Cash Balance |
| Under 25     | 0                         | 0            | 0            | 0        | 0            | 0            |
| 25 to 29     | 2                         | 0            | 0            | 0        | 0            | 0            |
| 30 to 34     | 1                         | 0            | 0            | 1        | 0            | 0            |
| 35 to 39     | 1                         | 0            | 0            | 2        | 0            | 0            |
| 40 to 44     | 0                         | 0            | 0            | 2        | 0            | 0            |
| 45 to 49     | 1                         | 0            | 0            | 0        | 0            | 0            |
| 50 to 54     | 0                         | 0            | 0            | 0        | 0            | 0            |
| 55 to 59     | 0                         | 0            | 0            | 0        | 0            | 0            |
| 60 to 64     | 1                         | 0            | 0            | 0        | 0            | 0            |
| 65 to 69     | 0                         | 0            | 0            | 0        | 0            | 0            |
| 70 & Up      | 0                         | 0            | 0            | 0        | 0            | 0            |

|                             |                        |                           |            |            |            |           |     |
|-----------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|------------|------------|------------|-----------|-----|
| <b>Name of Plan</b>         | MONADNOCK PENSION PLAN |                           |            |            |            |           |     |
| <b>Plan Year Begin Date</b> | 01/01/2024             | <b>Plan Year End Date</b> | 12/31/2024 | <b>EIN</b> | 02-0215853 | <b>PN</b> | 001 |

| Attained Age | YEARS OF CREDITED SERVICE |              |              |          |              |              |
|--------------|---------------------------|--------------|--------------|----------|--------------|--------------|
|              | 15 to 19                  |              |              | 20 to 24 |              |              |
|              | No.                       | Average      |              | No.      | Average      |              |
|              |                           | Compensation | Cash Balance |          | Compensation | Cash Balance |
| Under 25     | 0                         | 0            | 0            | 0        | 0            | 0            |
| 25 to 29     | 0                         | 0            | 0            | 0        | 0            | 0            |
| 30 to 34     | 0                         | 0            | 0            | 0        | 0            | 0            |
| 35 to 39     | 1                         | 0            | 0            | 0        | 0            | 0            |
| 40 to 44     | 1                         | 0            | 0            | 0        | 0            | 0            |
| 45 to 49     | 1                         | 0            | 0            | 0        | 0            | 0            |
| 50 to 54     | 5                         | 0            | 0            | 2        | 0            | 0            |
| 55 to 59     | 1                         | 0            | 0            | 0        | 0            | 0            |
| 60 to 64     | 2                         | 0            | 0            | 0        | 0            | 0            |
| 65 to 69     | 0                         | 0            | 0            | 0        | 0            | 0            |
| 70 & Up      | 0                         | 0            | 0            | 0        | 0            | 0            |

| Attained Age | YEARS OF CREDITED SERVICE |              |              |          |              |              |
|--------------|---------------------------|--------------|--------------|----------|--------------|--------------|
|              | 25 to 29                  |              |              | 30 to 34 |              |              |
|              | No.                       | Average      |              | No.      | Average      |              |
|              |                           | Compensation | Cash Balance |          | Compensation | Cash Balance |
| Under 25     | 0                         | 0            | 0            | 0        | 0            | 0            |
| 25 to 29     | 0                         | 0            | 0            | 0        | 0            | 0            |
| 30 to 34     | 0                         | 0            | 0            | 0        | 0            | 0            |
| 35 to 39     | 0                         | 0            | 0            | 0        | 0            | 0            |
| 40 to 44     | 0                         | 0            | 0            | 0        | 0            | 0            |
| 45 to 49     | 2                         | 0            | 0            | 0        | 0            | 0            |
| 50 to 54     | 2                         | 0            | 0            | 1        | 0            | 0            |
| 55 to 59     | 1                         | 0            | 0            | 1        | 0            | 0            |
| 60 to 64     | 1                         | 0            | 0            | 1        | 0            | 0            |
| 65 to 69     | 0                         | 0            | 0            | 0        | 0            | 0            |
| 70 & Up      | 0                         | 0            | 0            | 0        | 0            | 0            |

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|-----------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|------------|------------|------------|-----------|-----|
| <b>Name of Plan</b>         | MONADNOCK PENSION PLAN |                           |            |            |            |           |     |
| <b>Plan Year Begin Date</b> | 01/01/2024             | <b>Plan Year End Date</b> | 12/31/2024 | <b>EIN</b> | 02-0215853 | <b>PN</b> | 001 |

| Attained Age | YEARS OF CREDITED SERVICE |              |              |         |              |              |
|--------------|---------------------------|--------------|--------------|---------|--------------|--------------|
|              | 35 to 39                  |              |              | 40 & Up |              |              |
|              | No.                       | Average      |              | No.     | Average      |              |
|              |                           | Compensation | Cash Balance |         | Compensation | Cash Balance |
| Under 25     | 0                         | 0            | 0            | 0       | 0            | 0            |
| 25 to 29     | 0                         | 0            | 0            | 0       | 0            | 0            |
| 30 to 34     | 0                         | 0            | 0            | 0       | 0            | 0            |
| 35 to 39     | 0                         | 0            | 0            | 0       | 0            | 0            |
| 40 to 44     | 0                         | 0            | 0            | 0       | 0            | 0            |
| 45 to 49     | 0                         | 0            | 0            | 0       | 0            | 0            |
| 50 to 54     | 1                         | 0            | 0            | 0       | 0            | 0            |
| 55 to 59     | 3                         | 0            | 0            | 0       | 0            | 0            |
| 60 to 64     | 3                         | 0            | 0            | 0       | 0            | 0            |
| 65 to 69     | 0                         | 0            | 0            | 0       | 0            | 0            |
| 70 & Up      | 0                         | 0            | 0            | 0       | 0            | 0            |

# **Monadnock Pension Plan**

Financial Statements  
December 31, 2024 and 2023

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## **Independent Auditor's Report**

To the Plan Administrator and Board of Directors  
Monadnock Pension Plan

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

We have performed audits of the financial statements of the Monadnock Pension Plan (the Plan), an employee benefit plan subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), as permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) (ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audits). The financial statements comprise the statements of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, the statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2024, the statement of changes in accumulated benefits for the year ended December 31, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management, having determined it is permissible in the circumstances, has elected to have the audits of the 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 (DOL) 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 DOL'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 accompanying financial statements, 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 (GAAP).
- The information in the accompanying financial statements related to assets held by and certified to by a qualified institution agrees to, or is derived from, in all material respects, the information prepared and certified by an institution that management determined meets the requirements of ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C).

**Basis for Opinion**

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Plan and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audits. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our 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 GAAP, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. Management's election of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audits does not affect management's responsibility for the financial statements.

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

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

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

Except as described in the Scope and Nature of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) Audits 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 GAAS will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if, there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgement made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, we:

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

- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

Our audits did not extend to the certified investment information, except for obtaining and reading the certifications, 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 GAAP.

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 GAAP.

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

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

The supplemental schedules, Schedule H, Line 4(i): Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year) as of December 31, 2024 and Schedule H, Line 4(j): Schedule of Reportable Transactions for the year ended December 31, 2024, are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the financial statements but are supplementary information required by the DOL'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 audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with GAAS. For information included in the supplemental schedules that agreed to, or is derived from, the certified investment information, we compared such information to the related certified investment information.

In forming our opinion on the supplemental schedules, we evaluated whether the supplemental schedules, other than the information agreed to, or derived from, the certified investment information, including their form and content, are presented in conformity with the DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.

In our opinion:

- The 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 DOL'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).

*Gallagher, Flynn & Company, LLP*

South Burlington, Vermont

September 11, 2025

**Monadnock Pension Plan**

**Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits  
December 31, 2024 and 2023**

|  | 2024                 | 2023                 |
|--|----------------------|----------------------|
| <b>Assets</b>                            |                      |                      |
| Investments, at fair value:              |                      |                      |
| Pooled separate accounts                 | \$ 13,403,484        | \$ 12,938,639        |
| <b>Total investments</b>                 | <u>13,403,484</u>    | <u>12,938,639</u>    |
| <b>Total assets</b>                      | <u>13,403,484</u>    | <u>12,938,639</u>    |
| <br>                                     |                      |                      |
| <b>Liabilities</b>                       |                      |                      |
|  | <u>-</u>             | <u>-</u>             |
| <br>                                     |                      |                      |
| <b>Net assets available for benefits</b> | <u>\$ 13,403,484</u> | <u>\$ 12,938,639</u> |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these statements.

## Monadnock Pension Plan

### Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits Year Ended December 31, 2024

|  |                      |
|--|----------------------|
| Additions to net assets attributed to:               |                      |
| Net appreciation in fair value of investments        | \$ 1,183,372         |
| <b>Total additions</b>                               | <u>1,183,372</u>     |
| Deductions from net assets attributed to:            |                      |
| Administrative expenses                              | 67,040               |
| Benefits paid to participants                        | 651,487              |
| <b>Total deductions</b>                              | <u>718,527</u>       |
| <b>Net increase</b>                                  | 464,845              |
| Net assets available for benefits, beginning of year | <u>12,938,639</u>    |
| Net assets available for benefits, end of year       | <u>\$ 13,403,484</u> |

**Monadnock Pension Plan**

**Statement of Changes in Accumulated Benefits**  
**Year Ended December 31, 2023**  
**(Based on Actuarial Valuation as of January 1, 2024)**

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|  |                             |
|--|-----------------------------|
| Actuarial present value of accumulated benefits, beginning of year | <u>\$ 10,601,358</u>        |
| Increase (decrease) during the year attributable to:               |                             |
| Assumption changes   | (274,538)                   |
| Benefits paid to participants                                      | (645,676)                   |
| Benefits accumulated, including gains and losses                   | 196,010                     |
| Plan amendment   | 62,075                      |
| Increase for interest due to decrease in discount period           | <u>616,993</u>              |
| <b>Net decrease</b>  | <u>(45,136)</u>             |
| Actuarial present value of accumulated benefits, end of year       | <u><u>\$ 10,556,222</u></u> |

## Monadnock Pension Plan

### Notes to Financial Statements

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#### Note 1. Description of Plan

The following brief description of the Monadnock Pension Plan (the Plan) is provided for general information purposes only. Participants should refer to the Plan document for more complete information.

**General:** The Plan is a defined benefit pension plan formed on June 1, 1962, covering all employees of Monadnock Paper Mills, Inc. (the Company or the Plan Sponsor) who are members of United Steel Workers Local No. 4-472. The Plan was restated effective January 1, 2024. The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).

**Pension benefits:** Under the terms of the Plan, participants are eligible for normal retirement benefits beginning at the normal retirement age (65) or, if later, the age of the participant on the 10th anniversary of the date that their participation in the Plan commenced. Participants are eligible for early retirement, with normal retirement benefits beginning at age 62 upon the completion of 20 years of vesting service. In general, the normal annual benefit at retirement is equal to the number of years of service times a stipulated benefit. On September 1, 2024 and 2023, the monthly benefit rate was \$47.00 and \$46.00, respectively. Upon the completion of five years of service, the Plan permits early retirement at ages 55 through 64. Early retirees receive a monthly benefit based on their accrued benefit at the time of retirement, reduced by 0.5% for each month that the commencement of benefits precedes participants' normal retirement dates. Employees may elect to receive their benefits in the form of a life annuity, joint and survivor annuity, or qualified optional survivor annuity.

**Death and disability benefits:** In the event that a vested active or vested former employee dies before commencing retirement benefits, their surviving spouse may be eligible to receive a lifetime pension. This benefit will commence, with the surviving spouse's consent, on the first day of the month following the date the deceased employee would have been age 55, but no later than age 65, and eligible to receive benefits under the Plan at the time of death. The benefit amount will be equal to the amount that would have been payable to the spouse under the 50% spouse joint and survivor annuity.

Active employees who become totally disabled receive annual disability benefits that are equal to the normal retirement benefits they have accumulated as of the time they became disabled. Disability benefits are paid until the normal retirement age, at which time disabled participants begin receiving normal retirement benefits, computed as though they had been employed to the normal retirement age, with their annual compensation remaining the same as at the time they became disabled.

**Vesting:** Employees are fully vested in accrued benefits after five years of eligible service under the five-year cliff vesting method.

## Monadnock Pension Plan

### Notes to Financial Statements

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#### Note 2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

**Basis of accounting:** The Plan's financial statements have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) using the accrual basis of accounting.

**Investment valuation and income recognition:** Investments are reported at fair value. Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. See Note 4 for a discussion of fair value measurements.

Purchases and sales of securities are recorded on a trade-date basis. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. Dividends are recorded on the ex-dividend date. Net appreciation includes the Plan's gains and losses on investments bought and sold, as well as held, during the year.

**Expenses of the Plan:** Substantially all expenses of maintaining the Plan are paid by the Company. Certain administrative expenses are paid by the Plan.

**Payment of benefits:** Benefit payments to participants are recorded upon distribution.

**Use of estimates:** The preparation of financial statements in accordance with GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and changes therein, and the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

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

Plan contributions are made and the actuarial present value of accumulated benefits are reported based on certain assumptions pertaining to interest rates, inflation rates and employee demographics, all of which are subject to change. Due to uncertainties inherent in the estimations and assumptions process, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in these estimates and assumptions in the near term would be material to the financial statements.

**Subsequent events:** Plan management has evaluated subsequent events through September 11, 2025, the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

## Monadnock Pension Plan

### Notes to Financial Statements

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#### **Note 3. Information Certified by Delaware Charter Guarantee & Trust Company d/b/a Principal Trust Company**

The following is a summary of the Plan's information as of December 31, 2024 and 2023 and for the year ended December 31, 2024, included throughout the Plan's financial statements and supplemental schedules, obtained by management and agreed to, or derived from, information certified as complete and accurate by Delaware Charter Guarantee & Trust Company d/b/a Principal Trust Company, a qualified institution:

- All investments;
- All investment income;
- Information regarding investments in Note 4; and
- Information included on Schedule H, Line 4(i): Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year) and Schedule H, Line 4(j): Schedule of Reportable Transactions.

#### **Note 4. Fair Value Measurements**

The framework for measuring fair value provides a fair value hierarchy that gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1 measurement) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3 measurement). Valuation techniques maximize the use of relevant observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs. The three levels of the fair value hierarchy are described below:

**Level 1:** Unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the Plan has the ability to access at the measurement date.

**Level 2:** Observable market-based inputs or observable inputs that are corroborated by market data.

**Level 3:** Unobservable inputs for assets or liabilities that are not corroborated by market data.

Following is a description of the valuation methodology used for assets measured at fair value. There have been no changes in the methodology used in the current or prior year.

**Pooled separate accounts:** Valued based on the net asset value (NAV) of units of the pooled separate accounts. The NAV, as provided by the qualified institution, is used as a practical expedient to estimate fair value. The NAV is based upon the quoted prices of the underlying investments. This practical expedient would not be used if it were determined to be probable that the fund will sell the investment for an amount different from the reported NAV. Participant transactions (purchases and sales) may occur daily. Each pooled separate account provides for daily redemptions by the Plan at the reported NAV per share, with no advance notification requirement.

## Monadnock Pension Plan

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#### Note 5. Funding Policy

The Company has agreed to voluntarily contribute amounts as necessary to provide assets sufficient to meet the benefits to be paid to Plan participants. The present intention of the Company is to make annual contributions at least equal to the minimum funding requirements under the Internal Revenue Code (IRC). The Plan has met the ERISA minimum funding requirements.

#### Note 6. Actuarial Present Value of Accumulated Benefits

Accumulated benefits are those future periodic payments, including lump-sum distributions, that are attributable under the Plan's provisions to the service employees have rendered. Accumulated benefits include benefits expected to be paid to (a) retired or terminated employees or their beneficiaries, (b) beneficiaries of employees who have died, and (c) present employees or their beneficiaries. Benefits under the Plan are based on employees' years of service times a stipulated benefit, as defined in the United Steel Workers Local No. 4-472 contract. The accumulated benefits for active employees are based on the stipulated benefit ending on the date as of which the benefit information is presented (the valuation date). Benefits payable under all circumstances, including retirement, death, disability, and the termination of employment, are included to the extent that they are deemed attributable to employee service rendered to the valuation date.

The actuarial present value of accumulated benefits is determined by an actuary from Principal Life Insurance Company and is the amount that results from applying actuarial assumptions to adjust the accumulated benefits to reflect the time value of money (through discounts for interest) and the probability of payment (by means of decrements, such as for death, disability, withdrawal, or retirement) between the valuation date and the expected date of payment. The significant actuarial assumptions used in the valuations as of January 1, 2024 and 2023 were (a) life expectancy of participants (the Pri-2012 blue-collar base rate mortality table projected generationally with Scale MP-2021 was used), (b) retirement age assumptions (the assumed average retirement age was 65), and (c) investment return (6.75% in 2024 and 6.50% in 2023). The interest rate used to discount the obligation was 6.25% in 2024 and 6.00% in 2023. The foregoing actuarial assumptions are based on the presumption that the Plan will continue. Were the Plan to terminate, different actuarial assumptions and other factors might be applicable in determining the actuarial present value of accumulated benefits.

The actuarial present value of accumulated benefits as of January 1, 2024 is as follows:

Vested benefits:

|   |                      |
|---|----------------------|
| Non-active participants currently receiving payments  | \$ 5,968,308         |
| Non-active participants entitled to deferred benefits | 1,835,834            |
| Active participants' vested benefits                  | <u>2,686,245</u>     |
|   | 10,490,387           |
| Nonvested benefits                                    | <u>65,835</u>        |
|   | <u>\$ 10,556,222</u> |

## **Monadnock Pension Plan**

### **Notes to Financial Statements**

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#### **Note 7. Income Tax Status**

The Plan has adopted a pre-approved plan document that has received an opinion letter from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), stating that the form of the pre-approved plan document was in compliance with applicable requirements of the IRC. The Plan has been amended since adopting the pre-approved plan document. The Plan Administrator believes that the Plan is designed and being operated in compliance with the applicable provisions of the IRC.

GAAP requires Plan management to evaluate tax positions taken by the Plan and recognize a tax liability if the Plan has taken an uncertain position that more likely than not would not be sustained upon examination by the IRS. The Plan is subject to routine audits by taxing jurisdictions; however, there are currently no audits for any tax periods in progress.

#### **Note 8. 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 terminate the Plan subject to the provisions of ERISA. In the event of Plan termination, participants will become 100% vested in all of their accounts.

In the event that the Plan terminates, the net assets of the Plan will be allocated, as prescribed by ERISA and its regulations, to generally provide the following benefits in the order indicated:

1. Annuity benefits that former employees or their beneficiaries have been receiving for at least three years or that employees eligible to retire for that three-year period would have been receiving if they had retired with benefits in the normal form of annuity under the Plan. The priority amount is limited to the lowest benefit that was payable (or would have been payable) during those three years. The amount is further limited to the lowest benefit that would be payable under Plan provisions in effect at any time during the five years preceding Plan termination.
2. Other vested benefits insured by the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation (PBGC) (a U.S. government agency) up to the applicable limitations (discussed subsequently).
3. All other vested benefits (that is, vested benefits not insured by the PBGC).
4. All nonvested benefits.

Certain benefits under the Plan are insured by the PBGC if the Plan terminates. Generally, the PBGC guarantees most vested normal age retirement benefits, early retirement benefits, and certain disability and survivors' pensions. However, the PBGC does not guarantee all types of benefits under the Plan, and the amount of benefit protection is subject to certain limitations. Vested benefits under the Plan are guaranteed at the level in effect on the date of Plan termination. Whether all participants receive their benefits should the Plan terminate at some future time will depend on the sufficiency of the Plan's net assets at that time to provide for accumulated benefit obligations and may also depend on the financial condition of the Plan Sponsor and the level of benefits guaranteed by the PBGC.

## **Monadnock Pension Plan**

### **Notes to Financial Statements**

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#### **Note 9. Related-Party Transactions**

ERISA defines a party in interest to include, among others, fiduciaries or employees of the Plan, any person who provides services to the Plan or an employer whose employees are covered by the Plan. Accordingly, the management of investments held by the qualified institution or an affiliate are considered party-in-interest transactions. Additionally, the Company pays certain expenses of the Plan, as described in Note 2.

## **Supplementary Information**

**Monadnock Pension Plan**

**Schedule H, Line 4(i): Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year)**

**December 31, 2024**

**EIN #02-0215853**

**Plan #001**

| (a) | Type of Investment                   | Cost                 | Current Value        |
|-----|--------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| *   | Principal International Equity Index | \$ 167,039           | \$ 188,182           |
| *   | Principal LDI Extended Duration      | 570,195              | 358,663              |
| *   | Principal LDI Intermediate Duration  | 1,558,481            | 1,474,255            |
| *   | Principal LDI Long Duration          | 4,739,783            | 4,122,841            |
| *   | Principal LDI Short Duration         | 372,121              | 376,217              |
| *   | Principal LargeCap S&P 500 Index     | 3,857,215            | 5,845,818            |
| *   | Principal MidCap S&P 400 Index       | 401,487              | 553,662              |
| *   | Principal Global Emerging Markets    | 210,800              | 210,597              |
| *   | Principal SmallCap S&P 600 Index     | 186,875              | 273,249              |
|     |                                      | <u>\$ 12,063,996</u> | <u>\$ 13,403,484</u> |

\* A party in interest as defined by ERISA.

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**Schedule H, Line 4(j): Schedule of Reportable Transactions  
Year Ended December 31, 2024  
EIN #02-0215853  
Plan #001**

| Single Transaction in Excess of 5%<br>of the Current Value of Benefits | Purchase<br>Price | Proceeds<br>From Sales | Cost of<br>Asset | Net Gain |
|--|-------------------|------------------------|------------------|----------|
| Principal LargeCap S&P 500 Index                                       | \$ 1,566,675      | \$ -                   | \$ -             | \$ -     |

| Series of Transactions in Excess of 5%<br>of the Current Value of Benefits | Number of<br>Transactions | Purchase<br>Price | Number of<br>Transactions | Proceeds<br>From Sales | Cost of<br>Asset | Net Gain   |
|--|---------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|------------------|------------|
| Principal LDI Short Duration   | 2                         | \$ 827,283        | 28                        | \$ 657,949             | \$ 643,819       | \$ 14,130  |
| Principal LDI Long Duration  | 8                         | \$ 1,134,569      | 0                         | \$ -                   | \$ -             | \$ -       |
| Principal Equity Income Separate   | 0                         | \$ -              | 3                         | \$ 1,470,596           | \$ 1,274,890     | \$ 195,706 |
| Principal LargeCap S&P 500 Index   | 0                         | \$ -              | 14                        | \$ 1,038,083           | \$ 731,805       | \$ 306,278 |



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September 11, 2025

Monadnock Joint Pension Board  
Monadnock Pension Plan  
Bennington, New Hampshire

Attention: Dan Burke, Chief Financial Officer

This letter is to inform the Monadnock Joint Pension Board of the Monadnock Pension Plan (the Plan) about significant matters related to the conduct of our audit as of and for the year ended December 31, 2024, so that it can appropriately discharge its oversight responsibility and we comply with our professional responsibilities.

The following required communications summarize our responsibilities regarding the financial statement audit as well as observations from our audit that are significant and relevant to your responsibility to oversee the financial reporting process.

#### **Our Responsibilities**

We described our responsibilities under auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS) to you in our Statement of Work dated March 28, 2025. Our audit of the financial statements does not relieve management or you of your responsibilities, which are also described in the Statement of Work.

As management determined that it is permissible in the circumstances and elected to have the audit of the Plan's financial statements performed in accordance with Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) Section 103(a)(3)(C), the audit did not extend to any 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 the applicable financial reporting framework.

#### **Planned Scope and Timing of the Audit**

We previously issued a separate communication dated July 2, 2025 regarding the planned scope and timing of our audit and identified significant risks.

#### **Significant Accounting Practices, Including Policies, Estimates and Disclosures**

We do not have anything specific to call to your attention relative to our views on the Plan's significant accounting practices, including significant policies, significant unusual transactions, accounting estimates and financial statement disclosures; there have been no significant changes from the prior year.

**Audit Adjustments and Uncorrected Misstatements**

There were no audit adjustments made to the original trial balance presented to us to begin our audit.

We are not aware of any uncorrected misstatements other than misstatements that are clearly trivial.

**Form 5500 Filing**

GAAS requires that we obtain and read a draft of the Plan's Form 5500 that is substantially complete prior to dating our auditor's report in order to identify material inconsistencies, if any, with the Plan's audited financial statements. We read the Plan's draft Form 5500 filing for consistency with information in the financial statements. We did not identify any material inconsistencies with the audited financial statements.

**ERISA-Required Supplemental Schedules**

We subjected the information included in the ERISA-required supplemental schedules, other than that agreed to, or derived from, the certified investment information, to auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with GAAS. The objective of these audit procedures was to determine whether the ERISA-required supplemental schedules, other than the certified investment information, are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the financial statements as a whole; whether the form and content of the ERISA-required supplemental schedules are presented in conformity with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA; and whether the certified investment information in the ERISA-required supplemental schedules agrees to, or is derived from, the information prepared and certified by an institution that management determined meets the requirements of ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C). We will include an other-matter paragraph in our auditor's report for the ERISA-required supplemental schedules. We did not identify any inconsistencies with the audited financial statements or the certified investment information.

**Disagreements With Management**

We had no disagreements with management during the performance of our audit.

**Consultation With Other Accountants**

We are not aware of any consultations management had with other accountants about accounting or auditing matters.

**Shared Responsibilities: AICPA Independence**

The American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA) regularly emphasizes that auditor independence is a joint responsibility and managed most effectively when management, audit committees (or their equivalents), and audit firms work together in considering compliance with AICPA independence rules. For Gallagher, Flynn & Company, LLP (GFC) to fulfill our professional responsibility to maintain and monitor independence, management, the Monadnock Joint Pension Board, and GFC each play an important role.

***Our Responsibilities***

- AICPA rules require independence, both of mind and in appearance, when providing audit and other attestation services. We are to ensure that the AICPA's General Requirements for performing non-attest services are adhered to and included in all letters of engagement.
- Maintain a system of quality management over compliance with independence rules and firm policies.

***Your Responsibilities***

- Timely inform us, before the effective date of transactions or other business changes, of the following:
  - New affiliates, directors or officers.
  - New beneficial owners of the Plan Sponsor's stock that have significant influence.
  - Changes in corporate structure impacting affiliates, such as add-on acquisitions or exits.
- Provide necessary affiliate information, such as new or updated investment structure charts, as well as financial information required to perform materiality calculations needed for making affiliate determinations.
- Understand and conclude on the permissibility prior to the Plan and its affiliates, including the Plan Sponsor, and the officers, directors or people in a decision-making capacity engaging in business relationships with us.
- Not entering into relationships resulting in close family members of our covered people temporarily or permanently acting as an officer, director or person in an accounting or financial reporting oversight role at the Plan or the Plan Sponsor.

**Management Representations**

Attached is a copy of the management representation letter.

**Closing**

We will be pleased to respond to any questions you have about the foregoing. We appreciate the opportunity to continue to be of service to the Plan.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Monadnock Joint Pension Board and is not intended to be, and should not be, used by anyone other than this specified party.

*Gallagher, Flynn & Company, LLP*



September 11, 2025

Gallagher, Flynn & Co., LLP  
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This representation letter is provided in connection with your audits of the financial statements of Monadnock Pension Plan (the Plan), an employee benefit plan subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) sponsored by Monadnock Paper Mills, Inc. (the Plan Sponsor), which comprise the statements of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2024 and 2023; the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2024 and statement of changes in accumulated benefits for the year ended December 31, 2023; and the related notes to the financial statements.

We elected to have the audits of the 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. We acknowledge that the audits did 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 periodical examination by a state or federal agency, a qualified institution, that prepared and certified the investment information in accordance with 29 CFR 2520.103-5 of the Department of Labor's (DOL) Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. We have determined that an ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit is permissible under the circumstances. We have also determined that the investment information is prepared and certified by a qualified institution as described by 29 CFR 2520.103-8, that the certification meets the requirements in 29 CFR 2520.103-5 and that the certified information is appropriately measured, presented and disclosed in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP).

The purpose of an ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit is to express an opinion on whether the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, other than those agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with GAAP and that the assets held by and certified to by a qualified institution agrees to, or is derived from, in all material respects, the certified investment information.

We confirm, to the best of our knowledge and belief, having made such inquiries as we considered necessary for the purpose of appropriately informing ourselves, that as of the date of this letter:

#### **Financial Statements**

1. We have fulfilled our responsibilities, as set out in the terms of the statement of work dated March 28, 2025 for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements referred to above in accordance with GAAP.

2. We acknowledge our responsibility for administering the plan and determining the plan's transactions that are presented and disclosed in the ERISA plan 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.
3. We acknowledge our responsibility 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.
4. We acknowledge our responsibility for the design, implementation and maintenance of internal control to prevent and detect fraud.
5. The methods, data, and significant assumptions used by us in making accounting estimates and their related disclosures are appropriate to achieve recognition, measurement or disclosure that is reasonable in the context of GAAP, and reflect our judgment based on our knowledge and experience about past and current events, and our assumptions about conditions we expect to exist and courses of action we expect to take.
6. We are responsible for the estimation methods and assumptions used in measuring assets and liabilities reported or disclosed at fair value, including information obtained from brokers, pricing services or other third parties. Our valuation methodologies have been consistently applied from period to period. The fair value measurements reported or disclosed represent our best estimate of fair value as of the measurement date in accordance with the requirements of Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) Topic 820, *Fair Value Measurement*. In addition, our disclosures related to fair value measurements are consistent with the objectives outlined in FASB ASC Topic 820.
7. Related-party relationships and transactions have been appropriately accounted for and disclosed in accordance with the requirements of GAAP.
8. Transactions with parties in interest, as defined in Section 3(14) of ERISA and regulations thereunder, including sales, purchases, loans, transfers, leasing arrangements and guarantees, and amounts receivable from or payable to related parties have been appropriately accounted for and disclosed.
9. All events subsequent to the date of the financial statements, and for which GAAP requires adjustment or disclosure, have been adjusted or disclosed.
10. The effects of all known actual or possible litigation and claims have been accounted for and disclosed in accordance with GAAP.
11. We have no intention to terminate the Plan.
12. We have properly reported and disclosed amendments to the Plan instrument, if any.
13. We have not completed the process of evaluating the effect that will result from adopting the guidance in any pending FASB Accounting Standard Updates, as discussed in the notes to the financial statements. The Plan is therefore unable to disclose the effect that adopting the guidance in pending FASB Accounting Standards Updates will have on its financial statements when such guidance is adopted.

14. With respect to services, such as preparation of the Plan's financial statements, performed in the course of the audit:
  - a. We have made all management decisions and performed all management functions;
  - b. We have assigned an appropriate individual to oversee the services who possesses suitable skills, knowledge, and/or expertise;
  - c. We have evaluated the adequacy and results of the services performed, and made an informed judgment on the results of the services performed;
  - d. We have accepted responsibility for the results of the services; and
  - e. We have accepted responsibility for all significant judgments and decisions that were made.
15. We believe that the actuarial assumptions and methods used by the actuary for funding purposes and for determining accumulated Plan benefits are reasonable. We have no knowledge or belief that such methods or assumptions are inappropriate in the circumstances. We did not give any nor cause any instructions to be given to the specialist with respect to the values or amounts derived, and we are not otherwise aware of any matters that have had an impact on the independence or objectivity of the Plan's actuary.
16. We have no knowledge of any uncorrected misstatements in the financial statements.

**Supplementary Information**

17. We acknowledge our responsibility for the presentation of the ERISA-required supplemental schedules in conformity with the DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. In this regard:
  - a. We believe such schedules, including their form and content, are presented in conformity with the DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.
  - b. The methods of measurement or presentation have not changed from those used in the prior period.
  - c. We believe the underlying significant assumptions or interpretations regarding the presentation of such information are appropriate.
  - d. We will only present the ERISA-required supplemental schedules together with the audited financial statements and auditor's report thereon and will not separate the ERISA-required supplemental schedules from the audited financial statements and auditor's report thereon in any document that contains such information.

**Information Provided**

18. We have provided you with:

- a. Access to all information of which we are aware that is relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements such as records, documentation and other matters;
  - b. Additional information that you have requested from us for the purpose of the audits;
  - c. Unrestricted access to persons within the Plan from whom you determined it necessary to obtain audit evidence;
  - d. The currently effective version of the Plan document, the trust agreement or insurance contracts, and all related amendments. The Plan was most recently amended and effective on August 1, 2020:
  - e. A draft of the Form 5500 that is substantially complete;
  - f. All correspondence, filings, reports and determinations with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and the DOL relating to the Plan's compliance with ERISA and the maintenance of its tax-exempt status;
  - g. All Plan financial records and related data. In that regard, the payroll information we provided you covered all employees that were eligible to participate in the Plan; and
  - h. All minutes of the meetings of the Plan's Joint Pension Board, or summaries of actions of recent meetings for which minutes have not yet been prepared.
  - i. Actuarial valuation reports and other reports prepared by the actuary for the Plan and the Plan Sponsor.
19. All transactions have been recorded in the accounting records and are reflected in the financial statements. The Plan Sponsor's management designated an individual with sufficient skills, knowledge and experience to oversee the financial statement preparation process and take responsibility for the results of the financial statement preparation services. This individual performed a detailed review of the financial statements, consisting of the following procedures:
- a. Reconciliation of the general ledger accounts and trust activity to the financial statements.
  - b. Review and approval of all journal entries proposed by you, including the review of supporting documentation and explanations.
  - c. Review of the adequacy of financial statement disclosures by review and approval of the disclosure checklist completed by you.
  - d. Review and approval of schedules and calculations supporting the amounts included in the notes to the financial statements.
  - e. Applying analytical procedures to financial statements.
20. We have disclosed to you the results of our assessment of risk that the financial statements may be materially misstated as a result of fraud.

21. We have no knowledge of any allegations of fraud or suspected fraud affecting the Plan involving:
  - a. Management.
  - b. Employees who have significant roles in internal control.
  - c. Others where the fraud could have a material effect on the financial statements.
22. We have no knowledge of any allegations of fraud or suspected fraud affecting the Plan received in communications from employees, former employees, participants, regulators, beneficiaries, service providers, third-party administrators or others.
23. We are not aware of any pending or threatened litigation, claims whose effects should be considered when preparing the financial statements and neither we nor the Plan Sponsor, or others acting on behalf of the Plan, have consulted a lawyer concerning litigation, claims, assessments or other matters affecting the Plan.
24. We have provided to you all documentation, including correspondence, with lawyers utilized by us for any Plan matters. There are no matters that our lawyer has advised us should be considered when preparing the financial statements.
25. We have disclosed to you the identity of all of the Plan's related parties and parties in interest and all the related-party and party-in-interest relationships and transactions of which we are aware.
26. We are aware of no significant deficiencies, including material weaknesses, in the design or operation of internal controls that could adversely affect the Plan's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial data.
27. We have no plans or intentions that may materially affect the carrying value or classification of assets or liabilities.
28. The Plan or trust has satisfactory title to all owned assets that are recorded at fair value, and all liens, encumbrances or security interests have been properly disclosed.
29. With respect to the actuarial liabilities reflected in the financial statements:
  - a. The information provided to the Plan's actuary to perform the valuation is accurate and there have been no omissions from the participants' data provided to the Plan's actuary for the purpose of determining the actuarial present value of accumulated Plan benefits and other actuarially determined amounts in the financial statements.
  - b. There have been no changes in the actuarial methods or assumptions used in calculating amounts recorded or disclosed in the financial statements other than those disclosed in the actuary's report and financial statements.

- c. There have been no changes in Plan provisions between the actuarial valuation date and the date of this letter.
30. We have answered your questions about the Plan's tax compliance to the best of our knowledge and belief.
31. There have been no communications, whether written or oral, from regulatory agencies concerning noncompliance with, or deficiencies in the operation of the Plan.
32. We have complied with (a) all aspects of debt and other contractual agreements, including provisions of the Plan, that would have a material effect on the financial statements in the event of noncompliance, (b) the fidelity bonding requirements of ERISA, (c) all participant eligibility and coverage requirements of the Plan, ERISA and the Internal Revenue Code (IRC), and (d) the filing requirements of appropriate agencies. except for the eligibility error made by Principal Trust Company, which has been evaluated and corrected during 2024 and did not cause harm to any participants of the Plan.
33. We have no knowledge of noncompliance or suspected noncompliance with laws and regulations.
34. The Plan and the trust established under the Plan are qualified under the appropriate section of the IRC and intends to continue as a qualified Plan. We have operated the Plan in a manner that did not jeopardize this tax status.
35. We have reviewed the complementary user entity control considerations of the Service Organization Controls (SOC 1) Report for Principal Life Insurance Company Retirement Plan Processing Services dated December 12, 2024 for the period ended September 30, 2024, and we believe all applicable controls are properly designed and implemented and operating effectively.
36. There are no:
  - a. Non-exempt (prohibited) party-in-interest transactions other than those reported in the financial statements or supplemental schedules.
  - b. Other receivables or investments in default or considered to be uncollectible that were not disclosed in the financial statements or supplemental schedules.
  - c. Reportable transactions that were not disclosed in the supplemental schedules.
  - d. Guarantees, whether written or oral, under which the plan is contingently liable to a bank or another lending institution.
37. During the course of your audits, you may have accumulated records containing data that should be reflected in our books and records. All such data have been so reflected. Accordingly, copies of such records in your possession are no longer needed by us.



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Dan Burke, CFO & Plan Administrator







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

01/22/25

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CGS2339 ANNUITY CONTRACT NUMBER 7-23451

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

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EIN 02 0215853  
 PLAN NUMBER 001  
 PLAN YEAR 01/01/2024 TO 12/31/2024

| (A)<br>Identity of issuer, borrower, lessor or similar party. | (B)<br>Description of investment including maturity date, rate of interest, collateral, par or maturity value. | (C)<br>Description of investment including maturity date, rate of interest, collateral, par or maturity value. | (D)<br>Cost     | (E)<br>Current Value |
|---|--|--|-----------------|----------------------|
| * Principal Life Insurance Company                            | Pooled Separate Accounts<br>PRIN GIBL EMERG MARKETS SA-Z   | Pooled Separate Accounts<br>PRIN INTL EQUITY INDEX SA-Z  | \$ 210,799.99   | \$ 210,597.41        |
| * Principal Life Insurance Company                            | Pooled Separate Accounts<br>PRIN INTL EQUITY INDEX SA-Z  | Pooled Separate Accounts<br>PRIN LDI EXT DUR SEP ACCT-Z  | \$ 167,038.52   | \$ 188,182.36        |
| * Principal Life Insurance Company                            | Pooled Separate Accounts<br>PRIN LDI EXT DUR SEP ACCT-Z  | Pooled Separate Accounts<br>PRIN LDI INTRM DUR SEP ACCT-Z  | \$ 570,194.99   | \$ 358,663.07        |
| * Principal Life Insurance Company                            | Pooled Separate Accounts<br>PRIN LDI INTRM DUR SEP ACCT-Z  | Pooled Separate Accounts<br>PRIN LDI LONG DURATION SA-Z  | \$ 1,558,480.81 | \$ 1,474,255.14      |
| * Principal Life Insurance Company                            | Pooled Separate Accounts<br>PRIN LDI LONG DURATION SA-Z  | Pooled Separate Accounts<br>PRIN LDI SHORT DUR SEP ACCT-Z  | \$ 4,739,782.71 | \$ 4,122,841.36      |
| * Principal Life Insurance Company                            | Pooled Separate Accounts<br>PRIN LDI SHORT DUR SEP ACCT-Z  | Pooled Separate Accounts<br>PRIN IGCP S&P 500 INDEX SA-Z   | \$ 372,121.38   | \$ 376,217.16        |
| * Principal Life Insurance Company                            | Pooled Separate Accounts<br>PRIN IGCP S&P 500 INDEX SA-Z   | Pooled Separate Accounts<br>PRIN MIDCAP S&P 400 IDX SA-Z   | \$ 3,857,214.75 | \$ 5,845,817.57      |
| * Principal Life Insurance Company                            | Pooled Separate Accounts<br>PRIN MIDCAP S&P 400 IDX SA-Z   | Pooled Separate Accounts<br>PRIN SMCAP S&P 600 INDEX SA-Z  | \$ 401,486.64   | \$ 553,662.11        |
| * Principal Life Insurance Company                            | Pooled Separate Accounts<br>PRIN SMCAP S&P 600 INDEX SA-Z  |  | \$ 186,875.39   | \$ 273,248.19        |
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Assumptions prescribed by law

**Mortality**

**Before benefit payment period**  
 IRS Prescribed Mortality - Optional Combined Table for Small Plans, male and female.

**During benefit payment period**  
 IRS Prescribed Mortality - Optional Combined Table for Small Plans, male and female.

Assumptions selected by actuary

**Asset return** 6.75% for the current plan year.  
 The asset return is developed as a weighted average rate based on the target asset allocation of the plan and the long-term capital market assumptions. The calculated return is on an arithmetic mean basis. For details, see the Long-Term Capital Market Assumptions link.

**Expected expense** The expected expense included in target normal cost is an estimate based on prior year expenses paid from plan assets. This is the best estimate available of upcoming year's expenses.

**Retirement** Active participants are assumed to retire at the following rates:

| Age | Probability of retirement |
|-----|---------------------------|
| 62  | 30%                       |
| 63  | 25%                       |
| 64  | 10%                       |
| 65  | 100%                      |

Inactive participants are assumed to retire at age 62.

This assumption is based on the results of recent experience analysis and anticipated future experience.

**Disability** None.

This plan does not offer a subsidized disability benefit; therefore, the disability assumption is built into the withdrawal assumption.

**Marriage** 100% married; husbands are 3 years older than wives.

This assumption does not have material impact on the results of this report and has been selected based on our best estimate of a small active workforce.

**Withdrawal** 2003 Society of Actuaries Small Plan Age Table.

We rely on a publicly published table due to the limited size of the plan. The SOA Small Plan Age Table is the most recent withdrawal experience table published by the Society of Actuaries and reflects the results of the most recent experience analysis and anticipated future experience.

**Form of benefit** 50% of participants are assumed to receive a life annuity, and 50% of participants are assumed to receive a 50% joint and life annuity at the assumed retirement ages.

This assumption is based on the results of recent experience analysis and anticipated future experience.

#### Methods prescribed by law

**Liability measure** Funding target is the present value of the benefits accrued on the valuation date.

Target normal cost is based on benefits expected to accrue during the current plan year and includes an estimate of plan expenses for the year.

**Benefit accrual** All benefits paid at decrement are considered in total and then split to determine how much is included in funding target. The following pieces are included in the funding target.

The portion based on the plan's definition of accrued benefit.

The benefit portion in excess of the accrued benefit based on the ratio of the participant's years of service on the valuation date to the years of service the participant will have at the time of decrement.

The benefits included in target normal cost are calculated similarly, by splitting the benefits. The target normal cost is based on the difference between the amount included in funding target and an amount calculated assuming the participant accrues service through the end of the plan year.

#### Methods selected by plan sponsor

**Asset method** The asset valuation method is prescribed by law for plans that elect to use a value other than market value.

For each of the preceding two years, an expected value of assets at the end of the year is compared to the end of year market value. The resulting gain or loss is recognized evenly over three plan years.

The expected value includes contributions, distributions, any deducted administrative expenses, and expected earnings (based on the lesser of the assumed interest rate or the maximum allowable rate). The deferred gains and losses are added to the current market value and then restricted to no more than 110% and no less than 90% of that market value.

When actual returns exceed the assumed return, the actuarial value of assets will lag below market value. The lag and the smoothing effect are limited since the value must be within 10% of market value.

**Segment rates** 24-month average with no weighting to prior law basis. Use rates where August is the last month included in the average.

**PBGC premium basis** Variable rate premiums are calculated using census, market value of assets and interest rates in effect on the current valuation date. Interest rates are the 24-month average rates used for annual cost but without the interest rate corridor defined in IRC §430(h)(2)(C)(iv). You elected this Alternative interest method for the 01/01/2020 plan year and this method must be used for five years before a change can be made.

#### Methods elected by actuary

**Retirees** Assets and liabilities for current and future retirees are included.

**Vested benefits** A benefit is included in vested benefits if it meets the requirements under PBGC. The benefit is multiplied by the participant's vesting percentage applicable to each benefit on the valuation date. The following ancillary benefits are always treated as nonvested: disability benefits payable to retirement age unless in pay status, pre-retirement death benefits in excess of the survivor annuity death benefit and post-retirement death benefits for non-retired participants except as noted in the Plan provisions.

#### Assumptions and methods elected by actuary - plan accounting (ASC 960)

With the exceptions below, all assumptions and methods are the same as those used in determining your plan's regular funding target and target normal cost.

**Mortality** Based on Pri-2012 blue-collar base rate mortality table projected generationally using MP-2021.

**Mortality base rates**  
**Before benefit payment period**  
Employee amount-weighted, male and female  
**During benefit payment period**  
Retiree amount-weighted, male and female

The Society of Actuaries (SOA) is an actuarial organization that periodically reviews mortality data and publishes mortality tables and improvement scales. In October 2019, the SOA released the Pri-2012 Mortality Tables for private-sector retirement plans in the U.S. The Pri-2012 report contains different sets of mortality tables based on complete dataset or various subsets. The blue-collar base rate table was selected based on information provided by the plan sponsor.

Pri-2012 section 12.4. provided three approaches for designated beneficiaries in the calculation of joint-and-survivor annuities. We believe "Approach 1" is reasonable for this plan.

**Mortality improvement** MP-2021 is the most recent improvement scale published by the SOA in October 2021.

In selecting this assumption, we considered the other parameters available in the MIM-2021-v4 application tool issued by the SOA in October 2023 and consider the selections in MP-2021 reasonable. Based on the sponsor's input, plan experience does not show a need for long-term excess death or COVID death load adjustments.

Interest rate used to value liabilities

6.25%

The interest rate used to value ASC 960 liabilities is developed as long-term expected geometric return on plan assets. Arithmetic expected return is calculated as the weighted average of broad asset classes' arithmetic returns of the plan's target asset allocation and then converted to the geometric under lognormal distribution assumption. For details, see Long-Term Capital Market Assumptions link.

Treatment of administrative expenses

No adjustments are made for administrative expenses, either through a reduction in the discount rate or by calculating a present value of future expenses.

Plan sponsors may change their administrative expense handling at any time. Our approach provides consistent handling of ASC 960 liabilities from year to year, whether expenses are paid with plan assets or directly by the employer.

Note – expenses paid with plan assets are required to be included in funding normal cost. As a result, the plan is reimbursed annually through required funding. Exception – contributions are not required due to assets sufficiently in excess of liabilities to fund both expenses and normal cost. In this case, administrative expenses are taken from the excess assets.

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| <b>SCHEDULE SB</b><br><b>(Form 5500)</b><br><br><small>Department of the Treasury<br/>Internal Revenue Service</small><br><br><small>Department of Labor<br/>Employee Benefits Security Administration</small><br><br><small>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</small> | <b>Single-Employer Defined Benefit Plan</b><br><b>Actuarial Information</b><br><br>This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and section 6059 of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code).<br><br><b>▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500 or 5500-SF.</b> | <small>OMB No. 1210-0110</small><br><br><b>2024</b><br><br><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


▶ **Round off amounts to nearest dollar.**  
 ▶ **Caution:** A penalty of \$1,000 will be assessed for late filing of this report unless reasonable cause is established.

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| <b>A</b> Name of plan<br><u>Monadnock Pension 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 or 5500-SF<br><u>Monadnock Paper Mills, Inc.</u>                            | <b>D</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN)<br><u>02-0215853</u>  |            |
| <b>E</b> Type of plan: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Single <input type="checkbox"/> Multiple-A <input type="checkbox"/> Multiple-B | <b>F</b> Prior year plan size: <input type="checkbox"/> 100 or fewer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 101-500 <input type="checkbox"/> More than 500 |            |

**Part I Basic Information**

|          |   |                            |                           |
|----------|---|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>1</b> | Enter the valuation date: Month <u>01</u> Day <u>01</u> Year <u>2024</u>  |                            |                           |
| <b>2</b> | Assets:   |                            |                           |
|          | <b>a</b> Market value .....   | <b>2a</b>                  | <u>12938639</u>           |
|          | <b>b</b> Actuarial value .....  | <b>2b</b>                  | <u>13727218</u>           |
| <b>3</b> | Funding target/participant count breakdown  | (1) Number of participants | (2) Vested Funding Target |
|          | <b>a</b> For retired participants and beneficiaries receiving payment .....   | <u>76</u>                  | <u>6678979</u>            |
|          | <b>b</b> For terminated vested participants .....   | <u>41</u>                  | <u>2131238</u>            |
|          | <b>c</b> For active participants .....  | <u>71</u>                  | <u>3150878</u>            |
|          | <b>d</b> Total .....  | <u>188</u>                 | <u>11961095</u>           |
| <b>4</b> | If the plan is in at-risk status, check the box and complete lines (a) and (b)..... <input type="checkbox"/>  |                            |                           |
|          | <b>a</b> Funding target disregarding prescribed at-risk assumptions .....   | <b>4a</b>                  |                           |
|          | <b>b</b> Funding target reflecting at-risk assumptions, but disregarding transition rule for plans that have been in at-risk status for fewer than five consecutive years and disregarding loading factor ..... | <b>4b</b>                  |                           |
| <b>5</b> | Effective interest rate .....   | <b>5</b>                   | <u>5.14 %</u>             |
| <b>6</b> | Target normal cost  |                            |                           |
|          | <b>a</b> Present value of current plan year accruals .....  | <b>6a</b>                  | <u>129742</u>             |
|          | <b>b</b> Expected plan-related expenses .....   | <b>6b</b>                  | <u>67000</u>              |
|          | <b>c</b> Target normal cost .....   | <b>6c</b>                  | <u>196742</u>             |

**Statement by Enrolled Actuary**  
 To the best of my knowledge, the information supplied in this schedule and accompanying schedules, statements and attachments, if any, is complete and accurate. Each prescribed assumption was applied in accordance with applicable law and regulations. In my opinion, each other assumption is reasonable (taking into account the experience of the plan and reasonable expectations) and such other assumptions, in combination, offer my best estimate of anticipated experience under the plan.

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| <b>SIGN HERE</b> | <br>Signature of actuary | <u>08/15/2025</u><br>Date                                     |
|                  | <u>Donald H. Dowdy III</u><br>Type or print name of actuary   | <u>2306767</u><br>Most recent enrollment number               |
|                  | <u>Principal Financial Group</u><br>Firm name   | <u>412-394-6351</u><br>Telephone number (including area code) |
|                  | <u>PO Box 9394<br/>Des Moines, IA 50306-9394</u><br>Address of the firm                                     |   |

If the actuary has not fully reflected any regulation or ruling promulgated under the statute in completing this schedule, check the box and see instructions

| <b>Part II</b>   | <b>Beginning of Year Carryover and Prefunding Balances</b> |                        |
|--|--|------------------------|
|  | (a) Carryover balance                                      | (b) Prefunding balance |
| <b>7</b> Balance at beginning of prior year after applicable adjustments (line 13 from prior year) .....   | 0  | 1223047                |
| <b>8</b> Portion elected for use to offset prior year's funding requirement (line 35 from prior year) .....  | 0  | 0                      |
| <b>9</b> Amount remaining (line 7 minus line 8) .....  | 0  | 1223047                |
| <b>10</b> Interest on line 9 using prior year's actual return of <u>14.38</u> % .....  | 0  | 175874                 |
| <b>11</b> Prior year's excess contributions to be added to prefunding balance:   |  |                        |
| <b>a</b> Present value of excess contributions (line 38a from prior year) .....  |  | 0                      |
| <b>b(1)</b> Interest on the excess, if any, of line 38a over line 38b from prior year Schedule SB, using prior year's effective interest rate of <u>5.27</u> % ..... |  | 0                      |
| <b>b(2)</b> Interest on line 38b from prior year Schedule SB, using prior year's actual return .....   |  | 0                      |
| <b>c</b> Total available at beginning of current plan year to add to prefunding balance .....  |  | 0                      |
| <b>d</b> Portion of (c) to be added to prefunding balance .....  |  | 0                      |
| <b>12</b> Other reductions in balances due to elections or deemed elections .....  | 0  | 0                      |
| <b>13</b> Balance at beginning of current year (line 9 + line 10 + line 11d – line 12) .....   | 0  | 1398921                |

| <b>Part III</b>  | <b>Funding Percentages</b> |          |
|--|----------------------------|----------|
| <b>14</b> Funding target attainment percentage .....   | <b>14</b>                  | 102.40 % |
| <b>15</b> Adjusted funding target attainment percentage .....  | <b>15</b>                  | 114.02 % |
| <b>16</b> Prior year's funding percentage for purposes of determining whether carryover/prefunding balances may be used to reduce current year's funding requirement ..... | <b>16</b>                  | 101.70 % |
| <b>17</b> If the current value of the assets of the plan is less than 70 percent of the funding target, enter such percentage .....  | <b>17</b>                  | %        |

| <b>Part IV</b>   | <b>Contributions and Liquidity Shortfalls</b> |                                   |                                 |                          |                                   |                                 |
|--|---|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| <b>18</b> Contributions made to the plan for the plan year by employer(s) and employees: |   |                                   |                                 |                          |                                   |                                 |
|  | (a) Date<br>(MM-DD-YYYY)                      | (b) Amount paid by<br>employer(s) | (c) Amount paid by<br>employees | (a) Date<br>(MM-DD-YYYY) | (b) Amount paid by<br>employer(s) | (c) Amount paid by<br>employees |
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|  |   |                                   |                                 | <b>Totals ▶</b>          | <b>18(b)</b>                      | <b>18(c)</b>                    |

|  |   |         |         |
|--|---|---------|---------|
| <b>19</b> Discounted employer contributions – see instructions for small plan with a valuation date after the beginning of the year: |   |         |         |
| <b>a</b> Contributions allocated toward unpaid minimum required contributions from prior years .....                                 | <b>19a</b> 0  |         |         |
| <b>b</b> Contributions made to avoid restrictions adjusted to valuation date .....   | <b>19b</b> 0  |         |         |
| <b>c</b> Contributions allocated toward minimum required contribution for current year adjusted to valuation date .....              | <b>19c</b> 0  |         |         |
| <b>20</b> Quarterly contributions and liquidity shortfalls:  |   |         |         |
| <b>a</b> Did the plan have a "funding shortfall" for the prior year? .....   | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No |         |         |
| <b>b</b> If line 20a is "Yes," were required quarterly installments for the current year made in a timely manner? .....              | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No            |         |         |
| <b>c</b> If line 20a is "Yes," see instructions and complete the following table as applicable:                                      |   |         |         |
| Liquidity shortfall as of end of quarter of this plan year   |   |         |         |
| (1) 1st  | (2) 2nd   | (3) 3rd | (4) 4th |
|  |   |         |         |

**Part V Assumptions Used to Determine Funding Target and Target Normal Cost**

**21** Discount rate:

|                         |                        |                        |                        |   |
|-------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|---|
| <b>a</b> Segment rates: | 1st segment:<br>4.75 % | 2nd segment:<br>4.87 % | 3rd segment:<br>5.59 % | <input type="checkbox"/> N/A, full yield curve used |
|-------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|---|

**b** Applicable month (enter code) ..... **21b** 4

**22** Weighted average retirement age ..... **22** 64

**23** Mortality table(s) (see instructions)  Prescribed - combined  Prescribed - separate  Substitute

**Part VI Miscellaneous Items**

**24** Has a change been made in the non-prescribed actuarial assumptions for the current plan year? If "Yes," see instructions regarding required attachment.....  Yes  No

**25** Has a method change been made for the current plan year? If "Yes," see instructions regarding required attachment.....  Yes  No

**26** Demographic and benefit information

**a** Is the plan required to provide a Schedule of Active Participants? If "Yes," see instructions regarding required attachment.....  Yes  No

**b** Is the plan required to provide a projection of expected benefit payments? If "Yes," see instructions regarding required attachment...  Yes  No

**27** If the plan is subject to alternative funding rules, enter applicable code and see instructions regarding attachment..... **27**

**Part VII Reconciliation of Unpaid Minimum Required Contributions For Prior Years**

|   |           |   |
|---|-----------|---|
| <b>28</b> Unpaid minimum required contributions for all prior years .....   | <b>28</b> | 0 |
| <b>29</b> Discounted employer contributions allocated toward unpaid minimum required contributions from prior years (line 19a)..... | <b>29</b> | 0 |
| <b>30</b> Remaining amount of unpaid minimum required contributions (line 28 minus line 29).....                                    | <b>30</b> | 0 |

**Part VIII Minimum Required Contribution For Current Year**

**31** Target normal cost and excess assets (see instructions):

|  |            |        |
|--|------------|--------|
| <b>a</b> Target normal cost (line 6c) .....                                | <b>31a</b> | 196742 |
| <b>b</b> Excess assets, if applicable, but not greater than line 31a ..... | <b>31b</b> | 196742 |

|   |                     |             |
|---|---------------------|-------------|
| <b>32</b> Amortization installments:                  | Outstanding Balance | Installment |
| <b>a</b> Net shortfall amortization installment ..... | 0                   | 0           |
| <b>b</b> Waiver amortization installment.....         | 0                   | 0           |

**33** If a waiver has been approved for this plan year, enter the date of the ruling letter granting the approval (Month \_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_) and the waived amount..... **33**

|   |                   |                    |
|---|-------------------|--------------------|
| <b>34</b> Total funding requirement before reflecting carryover/prefunding balances (lines 31a - 31b + 32a + 32b - 33).....         | <b>34</b>         | 0                  |
|   | Carryover balance | Prefunding balance |
| <b>35</b> Balances elected for use to offset funding requirement .....  | 0                 | 0                  |
| <b>36</b> Additional cash requirement (line 34 minus line 35) .....   | <b>36</b>         | 0                  |
| <b>37</b> Contributions allocated toward minimum required contribution for current year adjusted to valuation date (line 19c) ..... | <b>37</b>         | 0                  |

**38** Present value of excess contributions for current year (see instructions)

|  |            |   |
|--|------------|---|
| <b>a</b> Total (excess, if any, of line 37 over line 36)   | <b>38a</b> | 0 |
| <b>b</b> Portion included in line 38a attributable to use of prefunding and funding standard carryover balances..... | <b>38b</b> | 0 |

|   |           |   |
|---|-----------|---|
| <b>39</b> Unpaid minimum required contribution for current year (excess, if any, of line 36 over line 37) ..... | <b>39</b> | 0 |
| <b>40</b> Unpaid minimum required contributions for all years .....   | <b>40</b> | 0 |

**Part IX Pension Funding Relief Under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (See Instructions)**

**41** If an election was made to use the extended amortization rule for a plan year beginning on or before December 31, 2021, check the box to indicate the first plan year for which the rule applies.  2019  2020  2021

Schedule SB, Line 22 - Description Of Weighted Average Retirement Age  
 Monadnock Pension Plan  
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The weighted average retirement age is weighted by the expected percentage of active participants retiring at each age. The retirement rate reflects only those participants who meet retirement eligibility. An active participant working past assumed retirement age is expected to retire at current age.

| (1)<br>Age | (2)<br>Expected<br>Active<br>Headcount | (3)<br>Retirement<br>Rate | (4)<br>Expected<br>Retirements<br>(2)*(3) | (5)<br>Weighted<br>Age<br>(1)*(4) |
|------------|--|---------------------------|---|-----------------------------------|
| 62         | 32.8177                                | 0.3000                    | 9.8453                                    | 610.4089                          |
| 63         | 23.7747                                | 0.2500                    | 5.9437                                    | 374.4517                          |
| 64         | 18.6671                                | 0.1000                    | 1.8667                                    | 119.4692                          |
| 65         | 17.6584                                | 1.0000                    | 17.6584                                   | 1,147.7933                        |
| Total      |  |                           | 35.3140                                   | 2,252.1231                        |
| Average    |  |                           |   | 63.77                             |

This report reflects the maximum benefit limits under Internal Revenue Code (IRC) Section 415 and maximum compensation limits under IRC Section 401 in effect on the first day of each plan year.

The following is a summary of plan provisions and does not alter the intent or meanings of the provisions contained in the contract or plan document. This report reflects the provisions of the plan signed 12/17/2013 including amendments through 01/03/2024.

### Plan eligibility

**Class** Employees covered by the collective bargaining agreement with the United Steel Workers Union Local No. 4-472.

### Normal retirement benefit

**Age** Attained age 65.

**Form** Monthly annuity payable for life (optional forms may be elected in advance of retirement).

**Amount (accrued benefit)** Equal to the benefit rate multiplied by Credited Service:

| Effective date | Benefit rate | Effective date | Benefit rate |
|----------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|
| 09/01/2003     | \$33.00      | 09/01/2012     | \$40.00      |
| 09/01/2004     | \$34.00      | 09/01/2016     | \$41.00      |
| 09/01/2005     | \$35.00      | 09/01/2017     | \$42.00      |
| 09/01/2006     | \$36.00      | 09/01/2019     | \$42.50      |
| 09/01/2007     | \$37.00      | 09/01/2020     | \$43.00      |
| 09/01/2008     | \$38.00      | 09/01/2021     | \$44.00      |
| 09/01/2009     | \$38.50      | 09/01/2022     | \$45.00      |
| 09/01/2010     | \$39.00      | 09/01/2023     | \$46.00      |
| 09/01/2011     | \$39.50      | 09/01/2024     | \$47.00      |

The benefit rate for a terminated vested participant is determined as the amount in effect on the date of employment termination.

### Early retirement benefit

**Age** Attained age 55.

**Service** Completed five years of service.

**Form** Same as normal retirement benefit.

**Amount** Accrued benefit on early retirement date reduced by 0.50% for each month that the early retirement date precedes normal retirement date.

If a participant has attained age 62 and completed 20 years of service at early retirement, there is no reduction to the gross accrued benefit.

#### Late retirement benefit

|        |  |
|--------|--|
| Age    | No maximum age.  |
| Form   | Same as normal retirement benefit.   |
| Amount | Greater of accrued benefit on late retirement date or accrued benefit on normal retirement date actuarially increased to late retirement date. |

#### Termination benefit

|                    |  |
|--------------------|--|
| Vesting percentage | 100% after five years of vesting service or attaining age 65.                        |
| Form               | Same as normal retirement benefit with income deferred until normal retirement date. |
| Amount             | Accrued benefit on date of termination multiplied by the vesting percentage.         |

#### Survivor annuity death benefit (a vested benefit)

|             |  |
|-------------|--|
| Eligibility | Qualified married participant fully or partially vested in an accrued benefit.   |
| Form        | Monthly annuity payable to spouse, deferred to participant's earliest retirement date if later than the date of death.   |
| Amount      | If death occurs, the amount paid to the surviving spouse is equal to the amount that would have been paid had the participant terminated employment on the date of death and survived to his/her earliest retirement age, retired with a qualified joint and 50% survivor annuity in effect, then died the next day. |

#### Definitions

|                                    |   |
|------------------------------------|---|
| Credited service                   | A plan year in which at least 1,000 hours worked.   |
| Optional forms of benefit payments | <p>The optional forms of benefit payments are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Monthly annuity payable for life.</li><li>• Monthly annuity payable as a survivorship life annuity with survivorship percentages of 50 and 75.</li></ul> <p>The optional form conversion basis is 6.00% interest and the 1983 Group Annuity Mortality Table for payments other than lump sums.</p> <p><b>Lump sum provisions</b></p> <p>Small amount force out (SAFO) – allowed up to \$5,000.</p> <p>Lump sums in excess of SAFO – aren't allowed.</p> <p>Conversion – deferred rate based on the applicable interest rate and applicable mortality table as set forth in Code Section 417. The applicable interest rate uses the second calendar month preceding the first day of the stability period which is the plan year.</p> |

**Changes in principal eligibility or benefit provisions**

There have been no changes in principal eligibility or benefit provisions since the last valuation.

**Significant event**

The enrolled actuary has not been made aware that any significant events have occurred during the year.

Schedule SB, Line 24 – Change in Actuarial Assumptions  
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Certain non-prescribed assumptions have been changed since last year. These assumptions were changed to better reflect the anticipated experience of your plan. See the attachment, Part V – Statement of Actuarial Assumptions/Methods, for the rationale for each assumption.

The assumed asset return for the current year has increased from 6.50% to 6.75%. This rate is used in the calculation of the actuarial value of plan assets.