

Form 5500

Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration

Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan

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

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

OMB Nos. 1210-0110 1210-0089

2024

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Part I Annual Report Identification Information

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

- A This return/report is for: [ ] a multiemployer plan [ ] a multiple-employer plan... [X] a single-employer plan [ ] a DFE... B This return/report is: [ ] the first return/report [ ] the final return/report... C If the plan is a collectively-bargained plan, check here... D Check box if filing under: [X] Form 5558 [ ] automatic extension... E If this is a retroactively adopted plan permitted by SECURE Act section 201, check here...

Part II Basic Plan Information—enter all requested information

1a Name of plan MERIT BRASS CO. 401K PROFIT SHARING PLAN & TRUST
1b Three-digit plan number (PN) 001
1c Effective date of plan 01/01/1984
2a Plan sponsor's name (employer, if for a single-employer plan) MERIT BRASS CO.
2b Employer Identification Number (EIN) 34-0871314
2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number 216-261-9800
2d Business code (see instructions) 332900

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

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

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

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| <b>3a</b> Plan administrator's name and address <input type="checkbox"/> Same as Plan Sponsor<br><br>ERISA 3(16) SERVICES<br>TOMMY HORST<br>P O BOX 24628<br>KNOXVILLE, TN 37933   |  | <b>3b</b> Administrator's EIN<br>81-2035355                |     |
|  |  | <b>3c</b> Administrator's telephone number<br>865-966-1225 |     |
| <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>   | 259 |
| <b>6</b> Number of participants as of the end of the plan year unless otherwise stated (welfare plans complete only lines <b>6a(1)</b> , <b>6a(2)</b> , <b>6b</b> , <b>6c</b> , and <b>6d</b> ):   |  |  |     |
| <b>a(1)</b> Total number of active participants at the beginning of the plan year .....  |  | <b>6a(1)</b>   | 225 |
| <b>a(2)</b> Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year .....  |  | <b>6a(2)</b>   | 207 |
| <b>b</b> Retired or separated participants receiving benefits.....   |  | <b>6b</b>  | 1   |
| <b>c</b> Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits .....   |  | <b>6c</b>  | 24  |
| <b>d</b> Subtotal. Add lines <b>6a(2)</b> , <b>6b</b> , and <b>6c</b> .....  |  | <b>6d</b>  | 232 |
| <b>e</b> Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits. ....   |  | <b>6e</b>  | 0   |
| <b>f</b> Total. Add lines <b>6d</b> and <b>6e</b> .....  |  | <b>6f</b>  | 232 |
| <b>g(1)</b> Number of participants with account balances as of the beginning of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item) .....   |  | <b>6g(1)</b>   | 238 |
| <b>g(2)</b> Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item) .....   |  | <b>6g(2)</b>   | 215 |
| <b>h</b> Number of participants who terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested.....  |  | <b>6h</b>  | 14  |
| <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:  
2A 2E 2F 2G 2J 2K 2S 2T

**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              |
| (4) <input type="checkbox"/> General assets of the sponsor |   |   |   |

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

**a Pension Schedules**

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

**b General Schedules**

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

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

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

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

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

**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**

|   |  |                   |
|---|--|-------------------|
| <p><b>A</b> Name of plan<br/><b>MERIT BRASS CO. 401K PROFIT SHARING PLAN &amp; TRUST</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>MERIT BRASS CO.</b></p> | <p><b>D</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN)<br/><b>34-0871314</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  
**TRANSAMERICA 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     |
| 39-0989781 | 70688         | 517953-000                            | 215   | 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<br/><b>5212</b></p> | <p><b>(b)</b> Total amount of fees paid<br/><b>0</b></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  
**LPL FINANCIAL CORP**  
**4707 EXECUTIVE DR.**  
**SAN DIEGO, CA 92121-3091**

| (b) Amount of sales and base commissions paid | Fees and other commissions paid |             | (e) Organization code |
|---|---------------------------------|-------------|-----------------------|
|   | (c) Amount                      | (d) Purpose |                       |
| 5212  | 0                               | FEES        | 3                     |

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

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

**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.

|  |          |         |
|--|----------|---------|
| <b>4</b> Current value of plan's interest under this contract in the general account at year end ..... | <b>4</b> | 2155353 |
| <b>5</b> Current value of plan's interest under this contract in separate accounts at year end.....    | <b>5</b> |         |

**6** Contracts With Allocated Funds:

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

**b** Premiums paid to carrier ..... **6b**

**c** Premiums due but unpaid at the end of the year ..... **6c**

**d** 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. .... **6d**  
 Specify nature of costs ▶

**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 ▶ STABLE VALUE OPTION

|  |   |              |        |
|--|---|--------------|--------|
| <b>b</b> Balance at the end of the previous year .....   | <b>7b</b>   | 2091177      |        |
| <b>c</b> Additions: (1) Contributions deposited during the year .....                                  | <b>7c(1)</b>  | 133415       |        |
|  | <b>7c(2)</b>  | 0            |        |
|  | <b>7c(3)</b>  | 52657        |        |
|  | <b>7c(4)</b>  | 35309        |        |
|  | <b>7c(5)</b>  | 111082       |        |
|  | ▶ LOANS, FORFEITURES  |              |        |
| (6) Total additions .....  | <b>7c(6)</b>  | 332463       |        |
| <b>d</b> Total of balance and additions (add lines <b>7b</b> and <b>7c(6)</b> ) .....                  | <b>7d</b>   | 2423640      |        |
| <b>e</b> Deductions:   |   |              |        |
|  | (1) Disbursed from fund to pay benefits or purchase annuities during year | <b>7e(1)</b> | 231155 |
|  | (2) Administration charge made by carrier .....                           | <b>7e(2)</b> | 218    |
|  | (3) Transferred to separate account .....                                 | <b>7e(3)</b> | 4136   |
|  | (4) Other (specify below) .....   | <b>7e(4)</b> | 32778  |
| ▶ FORFEITURES, FEES  |   |              |        |
| (5) Total deductions .....   | <b>7e(5)</b>  | 268287       |        |
| <b>f</b> Balance at the end of the current year (subtract line <b>7e(5)</b> from line <b>7d</b> )..... | <b>7f</b>   | 2155353      |        |

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

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

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

**9** Experience-rated contracts:

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

**10** Nonexperience-rated contracts:

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

Specify nature of costs.

**Part IV Provision of Information**

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

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

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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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**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? |
|------------------------|---|--|--|--|---|--|
| 15 37 52<br>62 64 67   | RECORDKEEPER  | 89101  | 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)

LPL FINANCIAL

95-2834236

| (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? |
|------------------------|---|--|--|--|---|--|
| 22 23 53               | BROKER  | 0  | Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>                                  | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>  | 48269   | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>                          |

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

ERISA SERVICES, INC

62-1200951

| (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? |
|------------------------|---|--|--|--|---|--|
| 15 37 64               | RECORDKEEPER  | 20215  | Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>                                  | Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>  | 397   | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" 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 |
|---|--|---|
| LPL FINANCIAL   | 22 23 53   | 48269                                     |
| (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. |   |
| TRANSAMERICA RETIREMENT SOLUTIONS<br><br>13-3689044                 | COMMISSIONS  |   |
| (a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2             | (b) Service Codes (see instructions)   | (c) Enter amount of indirect compensation |
|   |  |   |
| (d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation | (e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation. |   |
|   |  |   |
| (a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2             | (b) Service Codes (see instructions)   | (c) Enter amount of indirect compensation |
|   |  |   |
| (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)

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

Explanation:

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

Explanation:

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

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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>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>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> | 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 <b>01/01/2024</b> and ending <b>12/31/2024</b> |  |
| <b>A</b> Name of plan<br><b>MERIT BRASS CO. 401K PROFIT SHARING PLAN &amp; TRUST</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>MERIT BRASS CO.</b>                  | <b>D</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN)<br><b>34-0871314</b> |

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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.

|   |                 | (a) Beginning of Year | (b) End of Year |
|---|-----------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| <b>a</b> Total noninterest-bearing cash .....   | <b>1a</b>       | 29820                 | 30818           |
| <b>b</b> Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts):                                      |                 |                       |                 |
| <b>(1)</b> Employer contributions .....   | <b>1b(1)</b>    | 9757                  | 6577            |
| <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>    | 189670                | 141390          |
| <b>(9)</b> Value of interest in common/collective trusts .....                                    | <b>1c(9)</b>    |                       |                 |
| <b>(10)</b> Value of interest in pooled separate accounts .....                                   | <b>1c(10)</b>   |                       |                 |
| <b>(11)</b> Value of interest in master trust investment accounts .....                           | <b>1c(11)</b>   |                       |                 |
| <b>(12)</b> Value of interest in 103-12 investment entities .....                                 | <b>1c(12)</b>   |                       |                 |
| <b>(13)</b> Value of interest in registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds) .....       | <b>1c(13)</b>   | 16931108              | 18183609        |
| <b>(14)</b> Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts)..... | <b>1c(14)</b>   | 2091177               | 2155353         |
| <b>(15)</b> Other.....  | <b>1c(15)</b>   |                       |                 |

| <b>1d</b> Employer-related investments:                                  |              | (a) Beginning of Year | (b) End of Year |
|--|--------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| (1) Employer securities.....   | <b>1d(1)</b> |                       |                 |
| (2) Employer real property.....  | <b>1d(2)</b> |                       |                 |
| <b>e</b> Buildings and other property used in plan operation.....        | <b>1e</b>    |                       |                 |
| <b>f</b> Total assets (add all amounts in lines 1a through 1e).....      | <b>1f</b>    | 19251532              | 20517747        |
| <b>Liabilities</b>   |              |                       |                 |
| <b>g</b> Benefit claims payable.....                                     | <b>1g</b>    |                       |                 |
| <b>h</b> Operating payables.....   | <b>1h</b>    |                       |                 |
| <b>i</b> Acquisition indebtedness.....                                   | <b>1i</b>    |                       |                 |
| <b>j</b> Other liabilities.....  | <b>1j</b>    |                       |                 |
| <b>k</b> Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through 1j)..... | <b>1k</b>    | 0                     | 0               |
| <b>Net Assets</b>  |              |                       |                 |
| <b>l</b> Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f).....                 | <b>1l</b>    | 19251532              | 20517747        |

**Part II Income and Expense Statement**

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

| <b>Income</b>  |                 | (a) Amount | (b) Total |
|--|-----------------|------------|-----------|
| <b>a Contributions:</b>  |                 |            |           |
| (1) Received or receivable in cash from: <b>(A)</b> Employers.....   | <b>2a(1)(A)</b> | 173438     |           |
| <b>(B)</b> Participants.....   | <b>2a(1)(B)</b> | 928569     |           |
| <b>(C)</b> Others (including rollovers).....   | <b>2a(1)(C)</b> | 71980      |           |
| (2) Noncash contributions.....   | <b>2a(2)</b>    |            |           |
| (3) Total contributions. Add lines <b>2a(1)(A)</b> , <b>(B)</b> , <b>(C)</b> , and line <b>2a(2)</b> ..... | <b>2a(3)</b>    |            | 1173987   |
| <b>b Earnings on investments:</b>  |                 |            |           |
| <b>(1) Interest:</b>   |                 |            |           |
| <b>(A)</b> Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit).....        | <b>2b(1)(A)</b> |            |           |
| <b>(B)</b> U.S. Government securities.....   | <b>2b(1)(B)</b> |            |           |
| <b>(C)</b> Corporate debt instruments.....   | <b>2b(1)(C)</b> |            |           |
| <b>(D)</b> Loans (other than to participants).....   | <b>2b(1)(D)</b> |            |           |
| <b>(E)</b> Participant loans.....  | <b>2b(1)(E)</b> | 10343      |           |
| <b>(F)</b> Other.....  | <b>2b(1)(F)</b> |            |           |
| <b>(G)</b> Total interest. Add lines <b>2b(1)(A)</b> through <b>(F)</b> .....                              | <b>2b(1)(G)</b> |            | 10343     |
| <b>(2) Dividends:</b>  |                 |            |           |
| <b>(A)</b> Preferred stock.....  | <b>2b(2)(A)</b> |            |           |
| <b>(B)</b> Common stock.....   | <b>2b(2)(B)</b> |            |           |
| <b>(C)</b> Registered investment company shares (e.g. mutual funds).....                                   | <b>2b(2)(C)</b> |            |           |
| <b>(D)</b> Total dividends. Add lines <b>2b(2)(A)</b> , <b>(B)</b> , and <b>(C)</b> .....                  | <b>2b(2)(D)</b> |            | 0         |
| (3) Rents.....   | <b>2b(3)</b>    |            |           |
| <b>(4) Net gain (loss) on sale of assets:</b>  |                 |            |           |
| <b>(A)</b> Aggregate proceeds.....   | <b>2b(4)(A)</b> |            |           |
| <b>(B)</b> Aggregate carrying amount (see instructions).....   | <b>2b(4)(B)</b> |            |           |
| <b>(C)</b> Subtract line <b>2b(4)(B)</b> from line <b>2b(4)(A)</b> and enter result.....                   | <b>2b(4)(C)</b> |            |           |
| <b>(5) Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of assets:</b>   |                 |            |           |
| <b>(A)</b> Real estate.....  | <b>2b(5)(A)</b> |            |           |
| <b>(B)</b> Other.....  | <b>2b(5)(B)</b> |            |           |
| <b>(C)</b> Total unrealized appreciation of assets. Add lines <b>2b(5)(A)</b> and <b>(B)</b> .....         | <b>2b(5)(C)</b> |            |           |

|   |               | (a) Amount | (b) Total |
|---|---------------|------------|-----------|
| (6) Net investment gain (loss) from common/collective trusts .....                              | <b>2b(6)</b>  |            |           |
| (7) Net investment gain (loss) from pooled separate accounts .....                              | <b>2b(7)</b>  |            |           |
| (8) Net investment gain (loss) from master trust investment accounts .....                      | <b>2b(8)</b>  |            |           |
| (9) Net investment gain (loss) from 103-12 investment entities .....                            | <b>2b(9)</b>  |            |           |
| (10) Net investment gain (loss) from registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds) ..... | <b>2b(10)</b> |            | 2664237   |
| <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>     |            | 3848567   |

**Expenses**

|   |               |         |         |
|---|---------------|---------|---------|
| <b>e</b> Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:                                  |               |         |         |
| (1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers .....             | <b>2e(1)</b>  | 2472245 |         |
| (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>  |         | 2472245 |
| <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>  | 110107  |         |
| (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> |         | 110107  |
| <b>j</b> Total expenses. Add all <b>expense</b> amounts in column (b) and enter total ..... | <b>2j</b>     |         | 2582352 |

**Net Income and Reconciliation**

|   |              |  |         |
|---|--------------|--|---------|
| <b>k</b> Net income (loss). Subtract line <b>2j</b> from line <b>2d</b> ..... | <b>2k</b>    |  | 1266215 |
| <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: **MEADEN & MOORE, LTD**

(2) EIN: **34-1818258**

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

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

**Part IV Compliance Questions**

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

During the plan year:

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

**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 \_\_\_\_\_.

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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> | <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

|   |  |            |
|---|--|------------|
| <b>A</b> Name of plan<br><u>MERIT BRASS CO. 401K PROFIT SHARING PLAN &amp; TRUST</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>MERIT BRASS CO.</u> | <b>D</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN)<br><u>34-0871314</u> |            |

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

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

|   |  |   |
|---|--|---|
| 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): 39-0989781

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

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

|   |  |
|---|--|
| 3 |  |
|---|--|

|                |   |
|----------------|---|
| <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.) |
|----------------|---|

**4** Is the plan administrator making an election under Code section 412(d)(2) or ERISA section 302(d)(2)? .....  Yes  No  N/A  
**If the plan is a defined benefit plan, go to line 8.**

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

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

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

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

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

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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 \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Part VII IRS Compliance Questions**

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

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

**22** If the plan sponsor is an adopter of a pre-approved plan that received a favorable IRS Opinion Letter, enter the date of the Opinion Letter 06 / 01 / 2021 (MM/DD/YYYY) and the Opinion Letter serial number Q704504A.

MERIT BRASS COMPANY 401(K) PROFIT SHARING PLAN AND TRUST

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
WITH  
INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

December 31, 2024

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Board of Directors  
Merit Brass Company 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan and Trust  
Cleveland, Ohio

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

We have performed an audit of the financial statements of Merit Brass Company 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan and Trust, (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) audit). The financial statements comprise the statement of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, and the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management, having determined it is permissible in the circumstances, has elected to have the audit of Merit Brass Company 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan and Trust's financial statements performed in accordance with ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. As permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C), our audit need not extend to any statements or information related to assets held for investment of the Plan (investment information) by a bank or similar institution or insurance carrier that is regulated, supervised, and subject to periodic examination by a state or federal agency, provided that the statements or information regarding assets so held are prepared and certified to by the bank or similar institution or insurance carrier in accordance with 29 CFR 2520.103-5 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA (qualified institution).

Management has obtained certifications from qualified institutions, Transamerica Life Insurance Company, Inc. and Transamerica Trust Company, as of and for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023, stating that the certified investment information, as described in Note 6 to the financial statements, is complete and accurate.

### ***Opinion***

In our opinion, based on our audit 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.
- 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 audit 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 Merit Brass Company 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan and Trust 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.

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

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. Management's election of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit does not affect management's responsibility for the financial statements.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about Merit Brass Company 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan and Trust's ability to continue as a going concern for one year after the date that the financial statements are issued.

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

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

Except as described in the Scope and Nature of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) Audit 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 judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, we:

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

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

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

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

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

The supplemental Schedule of Assets Held for Investment Purposes at End of Year as of December 31, 2024, is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements but is supplementary information required by the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information included in the supplemental schedule, other than that agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, has been subjected to auditing procedures applied in the audits of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with GAAS. For information included in the supplemental schedule that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, we compared such information to the related certified investment information.

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

In our opinion:

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



Meaden & Moore, Ltd.  
Cleveland, Ohio

August 13, 2025

STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS

Merit Brass Company 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan and Trust

|                                     | December 31          |                      |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
|                                     | <u>2024</u>          | <u>2023</u>          |
| <b>ASSETS</b>                       |                      |                      |
| Cash                                | \$ 30,818            | \$ 29,820            |
| Receivable - Employer contributions | 6,577                | 9,757                |
| Notes receivable from participants  | <u>141,390</u>       | <u>189,670</u>       |
| Total Receivables                   | 147,967              | 199,427              |
| Investments at Fair Value           | 18,183,609           | 16,931,108           |
| Investments at Contract Value       | <u>2,155,353</u>     | <u>2,091,177</u>     |
| Total Assets                        | 20,517,747           | 19,251,532           |
| <b>LIABILITIES</b>                  | <u>-</u>             | <u>-</u>             |
| Net Assets Available for Benefits   | <u>\$ 20,517,747</u> | <u>\$ 19,251,532</u> |

*See accompanying notes.*

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS

Merit Brass Company 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan and Trust

|  | Year Ended December 31 |               |
|--|------------------------|---------------|
|  | <b>2024</b>            | 2023          |
| Additions to Net Assets Attributed to:         |                        |               |
| Contributions:                                 |                        |               |
| Employer                                       | \$ 173,438             | \$ 174,194    |
| Employee                                       | 928,569                | 975,776       |
| Rollover                                       | 71,980                 | 265,985       |
|  | <b>1,173,987</b>       | 1,415,955     |
| Investment Income:                             |                        |               |
| Interest on notes receivable from participants | 10,343                 | 10,623        |
| Net unrealized/realized appreciation           | 2,664,237              | 2,781,073     |
| Total Investment Income                        | <b>2,674,580</b>       | 2,791,696     |
| Deductions from Net Assets Attributed to:      |                        |               |
| Benefits paid to participants                  | 2,472,245              | 1,819,257     |
| Administrative expenses                        | 110,107                | 158,088       |
| Total Deductions                               | <b>2,582,352</b>       | 1,977,345     |
| Net Increase                                   | <b>1,266,215</b>       | 2,230,306     |
| Net Assets Available for Benefits:             |                        |               |
| Beginning of Year                              | 19,251,532             | 17,021,226    |
| End of Year                                    | <b>\$ 20,517,747</b>   | \$ 19,251,532 |

*See accompanying notes.*

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### Merit Brass Company 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan and Trust

#### 1 Description of Plan

The following description of the Merit Brass Company 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan and Trust (“Plan”) provides only general information. Participants should refer to the Plan document for a complete description of the Plan's provisions.

***General:***

The Plan, which began January 1, 1984 is a defined contribution plan covering all employees of Merit Brass Company (“Company”) who meet the hour and age requirements. It is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (“ERISA”). The Plan was amended and restated effective December 2022.

***Eligibility:***

All employees of the Company age twenty-one and older and who have been employed for three months are allowed to enter the Plan. Participants enter the Plan on the first of the month coinciding or following the eligibility requirements being met.

***Contributions:***

Employee Deferral Contributions - Participants may elect to contribute to the Plan up to 100% of their compensation in the form of pretax contributions and/or Roth contributions. Participants are automatically enrolled at 3% upon meeting the eligibility requirements. In addition, eligible participants may elect to contribute a catch-up contribution in accordance with Internal Revenue Service guidelines.

Employer Matching Contributions - The Company may make contributions to each eligible participant's account by matching a percentage of the Participant's elective deferral for the Plan year. The Company will match \$0.25 of each \$1.00 up to 6% of the employee's contribution. The matching contributions were \$173,438 and \$174,194 as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively.

Employer Discretionary Contributions - The Company may also make discretionary contributions. Such additional contributions shall be allocated to each participant, as specified in the Plan document. There weren't any employer discretionary contributions as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively.

Contributions are subject to limitations on annual additions and other limitations imposed by the Internal Revenue Code, as defined in the Plan agreement.

Rollover contributions from other Plans are also accepted, providing certain specified conditions are met.

Employee and Employer contributions are determined and recorded at the time compensation is paid.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Merit Brass Company 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan and Trust

**1 Description of Plan, Continued**

***Participants' Accounts:***

401(k) Accounts - Each participant's account is credited with the participant's elective contributions, employer matching contributions, employer discretionary contributions, earnings and losses thereon.

***Vesting:***

Vesting in the participant's account balance is based on years of service. The Plan's vesting schedule for employer matching and discretionary contributions is as follows:

| <u>Years of Service</u> | <u>Vested %</u> |
|-------------------------|-----------------|
| 2                       | 20%             |
| 3                       | 40%             |
| 4                       | 60%             |
| 5                       | 80%             |
| 6                       | 100%            |

***Forfeitures:***

Forfeitures due to termination from the Plan before a participant is 100% vested shall be allocated to remaining participants in the same manner as the employer's contribution. Forfeitures for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023 were \$12,621 and \$17,564, respectively.

Forfeited non-vested accounts totaled \$11,712 and \$5,749 as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively. Future employer contributions and Plan expenses will be reduced by these amounts.

***Notes Receivable from Participants:***

Loans are valued at unpaid principal balance plus any accrued but unpaid interest. Loans are permitted under certain circumstances and are subject to limitations. Participants may borrow from their fund accounts up to a maximum equal to the lesser of \$50,000 or 50% of their account balance. Loans are repaid over a period not to exceed 5 years. The loans are secured by the balance in the participant's account and bear interest at 1% over prime. Principal and interest are paid ratably through payroll deductions. The minimum loan balance is \$1,000 and no more than one loan may be outstanding at any one time.

***Other Plan Provisions:***

Normal retirement age is 65. The Plan also provides for early payment of benefits after reaching age 59 ½.

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### Merit Brass Company 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan and Trust

#### **1 Description of Plan, Continued**

##### ***Payment of Benefits:***

Upon termination of service by reason of retirement, termination of service, death or total and permanent disability, beneficiaries may elect to receive their retirement or death benefit as either a lump sum distribution or payment over a specified period of time. No hardship withdrawals are allowed by the Plan. Benefits are recorded when paid.

##### ***Investment Options:***

Upon enrollment in the Plan, a participant may direct any contributions to any of the investment options offered by the Plan.

#### **2 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

##### ***Basis of Accounting:***

The Plan's transactions are reported on the accrual basis of accounting.

##### ***Valuation of Investments:***

Investments (except for fully benefit responsive contracts, which are recorded at contract value) are stated at fair value. Marketable securities are reported at fair market value as of the balance sheet date. Fair market values represent quoted market prices or, if quoted market prices are not available, estimated fair values as determined by the Plan's investment broker. The fair value of the guaranteed investment contract is calculated by discounting the related cash flows based on current yields of similar instruments with comparable durations.

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 purchased and sold as held during the year.

##### ***Use of Estimates:***

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosures of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

##### ***Administrative Fees:***

Substantially all administrative fees are paid by the Plan.

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### Merit Brass Company 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan and Trust

## 2 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies, Continued

### *Plan Termination:*

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

### *Risks and Uncertainties:*

The Plan's investments include mutual funds and a stable value fund with varying degrees of risk, such as interest rate, credit, and overall market volatility risks. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities, it is reasonably possible that changes in the values of investment securities will occur in the near term and such changes could materially affect the amounts reported in the Statement of Net Assets Available for Plan Benefits.

### *Subsequent Events:*

Management evaluates events occurring subsequent to the date of the financial statements in determining the accounting for and disclosure of transactions and events that affect the financial statements.

Subsequent events have been evaluated through August 13, 2025, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

## 3 Fair Value Measurements

The framework for measuring fair value provides a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3). Valuation techniques maximize the use of relevant observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs. The three levels of the fair value hierarchy under Topic 820 are described as follows:

Level 1: Inputs to the valuation methodology are quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the Plan can access at the measurement date.

Level 2: Inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly, such as:

- Quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets.
- Quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in inactive markets.
- Inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability.
- Inputs that are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data by correlation or other means.

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**3 Fair Value Measurements, Continued**

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

Level 3: Inputs that are unobservable inputs for the asset or liability.

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

***Mutual Funds:***

The fair value of the mutual funds are based on quoted market prices. These instruments are classified within Level 1 of the valuation hierarchy.

The following table sets forth by level, within the fair value hierarchy, the Plan's assets at fair value as of December 31, 2024 and 2023. Classification within the fair value hierarchy table is based on the lowest level of any input that is significant to the fair value measurement.

| <b>Assets at Fair Value as of December 31, 2024</b> |                             |                    |                    |                             |
|---|-----------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------|
|   | <b>Level 1</b>              | <b>Level 2</b>     | <b>Level 3</b>     | <b>Total</b>                |
| Mutual Funds  | <b><u>\$ 18,183,609</u></b> | <b><u>\$ -</u></b> | <b><u>\$ -</u></b> | <b><u>\$ 18,183,609</u></b> |
| <b>Assets at Fair Value as of December 31, 2023</b> |                             |                    |                    |                             |
|   | <b>Level 1</b>              | <b>Level 2</b>     | <b>Level 3</b>     | <b>Total</b>                |
| Mutual Funds  | <b><u>\$ 16,931,108</u></b> | <b><u>\$ -</u></b> | <b><u>\$ -</u></b> | <b><u>\$ 16,931,108</u></b> |

**4 Benefit-Responsive Contract**

The Plan holds a benefit-responsive insurance contract with Transamerica Life Insurance Company. The contract meets the fully benefit responsive insurance contract criteria and, therefore, are reported at contract value. Contract value is the relevant measure for fully benefit responsive contracts because this is the amount received by participants if they were to initiate permitted transactions under the terms of the Plan. Transamerica Life Insurance Company maintains the contributions in a general account. The account is credited with earnings on the underlying investments and charged for participant withdrawals and administrative expenses.

The guaranteed investment contract issuer is contractually obligated to repay the principal and a specified interest rate that is guaranteed to the Plan. Participants may ordinarily direct the withdrawal or transfer of all or a portion of their investment at contract value.

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#### **4 Benefit-Responsive Contract, Continued**

Certain events limit the ability of the Plan to transact at contract value with the issuer. Such events include the following: (1) the Plan's failure to qualify under Section 401(a) or Section 401(k) of the Internal Revenue Code, (2) the establishment of a defined contribution plan that competes with the Plan for employee contributions, (3) any substantive modification of the plan or the administration of the Plan that is not consented to by the wrap issuer, (4) complete or partial termination of the Plan, (5) any change in law, regulation, or administrative ruling applicable to the Plan that could have a material adverse effect on a portfolio's cash flow, (6) merger or consolidation of the Plan with another plan, the transfer of assets to another plan, or the sale, spin-off or merger of a subsidiary or division of the Plan sponsor, (7) any communication given to participants by the Plan sponsor or any other plan fiduciary that is designed to induce or influence participants not to invest in a portfolio or to transfer assets out of a portfolio, (8) exclusion of a group of previously eligible employees from eligibility in the Plan, (9) any early retirement program, group termination, group layoff, facility closing, or similar program, and (10) any transfer of assets from a portfolio directly to a competing option. The Plan Administrator does not believe that the occurrence of any such value event, which would limit the Plan's ability to transact at contract value with participants is probable.

The issuer may terminate the contract for cause at any time.

#### **5 Tax Status**

The Plan adopted a prototype plan from ERISA Services, Inc. On June 1, 2021, the Internal Revenue Service issued an opinion letter stating that the non-standardized profit-sharing plan adopted by the Plan is acceptable under Section 401 of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC). However, the Plan Administrator believes that the Plan and underlying trust are currently designed and being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC. Therefore, they believe that the Plan was qualified, and the related trust was tax-exempt as of the financial statement date.

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require plan management to evaluate tax positions taken by the Plan and recognize a tax liability if the Plan has taken uncertain tax positions that more-likely-than-not would not be sustained upon examination by applicable taxing authorities. The Plan Administrator has analyzed tax positions taken by the Plan and has concluded that, as of December 31, 2024, there are no uncertain tax positions taken, or expected to be taken, that would require recognition of a liability or disclosure in the financial statements. The Plan is subject to routine audits by taxing jurisdictions.

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#### 6 Information Prepared and Certified by Custodians

The following information included in the accompanying financial statements and supplemental schedule was obtained from data that has been prepared and certified as complete and accurate by the Custodians:

|   | <u>2024</u>          | <u>2023</u>   |
|---|----------------------|---------------|
| Investments, at fair value                          | \$ <b>18,183,609</b> | \$ 16,931,108 |
| Investments, at contract value                      | \$ <b>2,155,353</b>  | \$ 2,091,177  |
| Notes receivable from participants                  | \$ <b>141,390</b>    | \$ 189,670    |
| Interest on notes receivable from participants      | \$ <b>10,343</b>     | \$ 10,623     |
| Net unrealized/realized (depreciation) appreciation | \$ <b>2,664,237</b>  | \$ 2,781,073  |

#### 7 Party-in-Interest Transactions

Certain Plan investments are shares of mutual funds and a guaranteed investment contract managed by Transamerica Life Insurance Company, Inc. and Transamerica Trust Company. These transactions qualify as party-in-interest. Usual and customary fees were paid by the Plan for the investment management services. In addition, the Plan has arrangements with various service providers and these arrangements qualify as party-in-interest transactions.

SCHEDULE OF ASSETS HELD FOR INVESTMENT PURPOSES AT END OF YEAR  
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Plan No. 001

December 31, 2024

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|-----|--|---|-------------|-------------------------|
| *   | AB Global Bond Z   | Mutual Fund   | N/A         | \$ 281,400              |
| *   | All Spring Mid Cap Value R6  | Mutual Fund   | N/A         | 224,489                 |
| *   | American Century Heritage R6                                       | Mutual Fund   | N/A         | 432,720                 |
| *   | American Funds American Balance R6                                 | Mutual Fund   | N/A         | 870,880                 |
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| *   | DFA Global Equity  | Mutual Fund   | N/A         | 887,260                 |
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| *   | DFA US Targeted Value 1  | Mutual Fund   | N/A         | 181,963                 |
| *   | Fidelity 500 Index   | Mutual Fund   | N/A         | 1,560,131               |
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| *   | Fidelity Large Cap Growth Index                                    | Mutual Fund   | N/A         | 3,526,199               |
| *   | Fidelity Large Cap Value Index                                     | Mutual Fund   | N/A         | 1,576,381               |
| *   | Fidelity Mid Cap Index   | Mutual Fund   | N/A         | 397,922                 |
| *   | Fidelity Small Cap Index   | Mutual Fund   | N/A         | 424,723                 |
| *   | Fidelity Total Market Index  | Mutual Fund   | N/A         | 457,316                 |
| *   | Fidelity US Bond Index   | Mutual Fund   | N/A         | 571,438                 |
| *   | Hartford Schroders Int   | Mutual Fund   | N/A         | 26,012                  |
| *   | JPMorgan Core Plus Bond R6   | Mutual Fund   | N/A         | 507,809                 |
| *   | MFS International Diversification R6                               | Mutual Fund   | N/A         | 731,821                 |
| *   | MFS Value R6   | Mutual Fund   | N/A         | 633,156                 |
| *   | Mainstay Winslow Large Cap Growth                                  | Mutual Fund   | N/A         | 674,466                 |
| *   | PIMCO Income Instl   | Mutual Fund   | N/A         | 1,849,068               |
| *   | Vanguard Real Estate Index   | Mutual Fund   | N/A         | 112,240                 |
| *   | Transamerica Stable Value Advantage Option                         | Stable Value Fund   | N/A         | <u>2,155,353</u>        |
|     |  | Subtotal investments  |             | 20,338,962              |
| *   | Participant Loans  | Interest rates from 4.25% to 9.50%  | N/A         | <u>141,390</u>          |
|     |  |   |             | <u>\$ 20,480,352</u>    |
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