

Form 5500

Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan

OMB Nos. 1210-0110 1210-0089

2024

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Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration

Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

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

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

Part I Annual Report Identification Information

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

- A This return/report is for: a multiemployer plan, a multiple-employer plan, a single-employer plan, a DFE, etc.
B This return/report is: the first return/report, the final return/report, an amended return/report, a short plan year return/report, etc.
C If the plan is a collectively-bargained plan, check here.
D Check box if filing under: Form 5558, automatic extension, the DFVC program, special extension, etc.
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: AKS INDUSTRIES 401(K) RETIREMENT PLAN & TRUST
1b Three-digit plan number (PN): 001
1c Effective date of plan: 05/01/2002
2a Plan sponsor's name (employer, if for a single-employer plan): AKS INDUSTRIES, INC.
2b Employer Identification Number (EIN): 92-0077074
2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number: 425-889-1205
2d Business code (see instructions): 236200

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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3a Plan administrator's name and address <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Same as Plan Sponsor	3b Administrator's EIN	
	3c Administrator's telephone number	
4 If the name and/or EIN of the plan sponsor or the plan name has changed since the last return/report filed for this plan, enter the plan sponsor's name, EIN, the plan name and the plan number from the last return/report: a Sponsor's name c Plan Name	4b EIN	
	4d PN	
5 Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year	5	485
6 Number of participants as of the end of the plan year unless otherwise stated (welfare plans complete only lines 6a(1) , 6a(2) , 6b , 6c , and 6d). a(1) Total number of active participants at the beginning of the plan year a(2) Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year b Retired or separated participants receiving benefits..... c Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits d Subtotal. Add lines 6a(2) , 6b , and 6c e Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits. f Total. Add lines 6d and 6e g(1) Number of participants with account balances as of the beginning of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item) g(2) Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item) h Number of participants who terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested.....	6a(1)	318
	6a(2)	350
	6b	9
	6c	49
	6d	408
	6e	0
	6f	408
	6g(1)	422
	6g(2)	340
h	0	
7 Enter the total number of employers obligated to contribute to the plan (only multiemployer plans complete this item)	7	

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

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

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

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

a Pension Schedules

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

b General Schedules

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

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

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

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

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

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

Receipt Confirmation Code _____

<p>SCHEDULE A (Form 5500)</p> <p>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</p> <hr/> <p>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</p> <hr/> <p>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</p>	<p>Insurance Information</p> <p>This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).</p> <p>▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.</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>2024</p> <hr/> <p>This Form is Open to Public Inspection</p>
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For calendar plan year 2024 or fiscal plan year beginning **01/01/2024** and ending **12/31/2024**

<p>A Name of plan AKS INDUSTRIES 401(K) RETIREMENT PLAN & TRUST</p>	<p>B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001</p>	
<p>C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 AKS INDUSTRIES, INC.</p>	<p>D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 92-0077074</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
JOHN HANCOCK LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY USA

(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
01-0233346	65838	36445	361	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.

(a) Total amount of commissions paid 7038	(b) Total amount of fees paid 10281
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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
HUNTER BENEFITS CONSULTING GROUP **119 E. PALATINE RD, STE 104**
PALATINE, IL 60067

(b) Amount of sales and base commissions paid	Fees and other commissions paid		(e) Organization code
	(c) Amount	(d) Purpose	
0	10281	TPA FEES	5

(a) Name and address of the agent, broker, or other person to whom commissions or fees were paid
HUNTER BENEFITS CONSULTING GROUP **119 E. PALATINE RD, STE 104**
PALATINE, IL 60067

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7038	0	TPA COMPENSATION	5

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Part II Investment and Annuity Contract Information
 Where individual contracts are provided, the entire group of such individual contracts with each carrier may be treated as a unit for purposes of this report.

4 Current value of plan's interest under this contract in the general account at year end	4	15473
5 Current value of plan's interest under this contract in separate accounts at year end.....	5	15006603

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. Specify nature of costs ▶	6d	

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 ▶ GROUP ANNUITY CONTRACT

b Balance at the end of the previous year **7b** 0

c Additions: (1) Contributions deposited during the year	7c(1)	
	7c(2)	0
	7c(3)	
	7c(4)	
	7c(5)	

(6) Total additions **7c(6)** 0

d Total of balance and additions (add lines **7b** and **7c(6)**) **7d** 0

e Deductions:

(1) Disbursed from fund to pay benefits or purchase annuities during year	7e(1)	
(2) Administration charge made by carrier.....	7e(2)	
(3) Transferred to separate account	7e(3)	
(4) Other (specify below)	7e(4)	

(5) Total deductions **7e(5)** 0

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

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

8 Benefit and contract type (check all applicable boxes)

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

9 Experience-rated contracts:

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

10 Nonexperience-rated contracts:

a	Total premiums or subscription charges paid to carrier	10a		
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.	10b		

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. ▶

SCHEDULE C (Form 5500) <small>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</small> <small>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</small> <small>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</small>	Service Provider Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.	<small>OMB No. 1210-0110</small> 2024 This Form is Open to Public Inspection.
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C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 AKS INDUSTRIES, INC.	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 92-0077074	

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)

JOHN HANCOCK LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

P.O. BOX 600
BUFFALO, NY 14201-0600

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(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
15 62 68 28 63 60 67	RECORD KEEPER	4270	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

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

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

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

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

Part I Service Provider Information (continued)

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

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

Part II Service Providers Who Fail or Refuse to Provide Information

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

(a) Enter name and EIN or address of service provider (see instructions)	(b) Nature of Service Code(s)	(c) Describe the information that the service provider failed or refused to provide
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Part III Termination Information on Accountants and Enrolled Actuaries (see instructions)
(complete as many entries as needed)

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

Explanation:

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

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Explanation:

SCHEDULE D (Form 5500) <small>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</small> <small>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</small>	DFE/Participating Plan Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.	OMB No. 1210-0110 <hr/> 2024 This Form is Open to Public Inspection.
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A Name of plan <u>AKS INDUSTRIES 401(K) RETIREMENT PLAN & TRUST</u>	B Three-digit plan number (PN)	<u>001</u>
C Plan or DFE sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <u>AKS INDUSTRIES, INC.</u>	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>92-0077074</u>	

Part I	Information on interests in MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs (to be completed by plans and DFEs) (Complete as many entries as needed to report all interests in DFEs)
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:	<u>JH LIFETIME BLEND 2065</u>		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):	<u>JOHN HANCOCK USA</u>		
c EIN-PN <u>01-0233346-000</u>	d Entity code <u>P</u>	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	<u>71322</u>
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:	<u>JH LIFETIME BLEND 2060</u>		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):	<u>JOHN HANCOCK USA</u>		
c EIN-PN <u>01-0233346-000</u>	d Entity code <u>P</u>	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	<u>141210</u>
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:	<u>JH LIFETIME BLEND 2055</u>		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):	<u>JOHN HANCOCK USA</u>		
c EIN-PN <u>01-0233346-000</u>	d Entity code <u>P</u>	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	<u>221524</u>
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:	<u>JH LIFETIME BLEND 2050</u>		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):	<u>JOHN HANCOCK USA</u>		
c EIN-PN <u>01-0233346-000</u>	d Entity code <u>P</u>	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	<u>132214</u>
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:	<u>JH LIFETIME BLEND 2045</u>		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):	<u>JOHN HANCOCK USA</u>		
c EIN-PN <u>01-0233346-000</u>	d Entity code <u>P</u>	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	<u>152920</u>
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:	<u>JH LIFETIME BLEND 2040</u>		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):	<u>JOHN HANCOCK USA</u>		
c EIN-PN <u>01-0233346-000</u>	d Entity code <u>P</u>	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	<u>503775</u>
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:	<u>JH LIFETIME BLEND 2035</u>		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):	<u>JOHN HANCOCK USA</u>		
c EIN-PN <u>01-0233346-000</u>	d Entity code <u>P</u>	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	<u>169725</u>

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: [JH LIFETIME BLEND 2030](#)

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): [JOHN HANCOCK USA](#)

c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	210460
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: [JH LIFETIME BLEND 2025](#)

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): [JOHN HANCOCK USA](#)

c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	102507
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: [JH LIFETIME BLEND 2020](#)

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): [JOHN HANCOCK USA](#)

c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	8278
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: [JH LIFETIME BLEND 2015](#)

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): [JOHN HANCOCK USA](#)

c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	9000
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: [JH LIFETIME BLEND 2010](#)

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): [JOHN HANCOCK USA](#)

c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	28397
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: [JH MULTIMANAGER AGGRESSIVE LS](#)

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): [JOHN HANCOCK USA](#)

c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	796812
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: [JH MULTIMANAGER GROWTH LS](#)

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): [JOHN HANCOCK USA](#)

c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	1815466
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: [JH MULTIMANAGER BALANCED LS](#)

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): [JOHN HANCOCK USA](#)

c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	1176630
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: [JH MULTIMANAGER MODERATE LS](#)

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): [JOHN HANCOCK USA](#)

c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	1275001
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: [JH MULTIMANAGER CONSERV LS](#)

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): [JOHN HANCOCK USA](#)

c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	778477
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: AP THE GROWTH FUND OF AMERICA		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA		
c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 232974
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: BLUE CHIP GROWTH FUND		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA		
c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 632456
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: INVESCO SMALL CAP GROWTH		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA		
c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 101995
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: JPMORGAN MIDCAP VALUE FUND		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA		
c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 330479
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: MID CAP INDEX FUND		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA		
c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 90576
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: NORTHERN EM EQUITY INDEX FUND		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA		
c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 100141
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: ROYCE SMALL CAP OPPORTUNITY		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA		
c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 3562
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: T. ROWE PRICE SCI & TECH		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA		
c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 442497
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: T. ROWE PRICE HEALTH SCI		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA		
c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 207822
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: VANGUARD EXPLORER FUND		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA		
c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 85717

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: VANGUARD SMALL CAP GROW INDEX		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA		
c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 600836
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: 500 INDEX FUND		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA		
c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 966197
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: AMERICAN FUNDS EUROPAC GROWTH		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA		
c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 94172
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: INTL EQUITY INDEX FUND		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA		
c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 172870
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: INVESCO GLOBAL FUND		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA		
c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 9649
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: JOHN HANCOCK DISCIPLINED VALUE		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA		
c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 34919
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: JPMORGAN US EQUITY INCOME FUND		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA		
c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 256241
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: NUVEEN SOCIAL CHOICE EQUITY		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA		
c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 32832
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: T. ROWE PRICE EQUITY INC		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA		
c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 234090
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: TOTAL STOCK MARKET INDEX FUND		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA		
c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 64215

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: AF AMERICAN BALANCED FUND

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

c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	40688
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: FIDELITY ADVISOR TOTAL BOND

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

c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	381828
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: HIGH YIELD FUND

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

c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	1674
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PIMCO REAL RETURN

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

c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	156529
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: STRATEGIC INCOME OPP FUND

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

c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	79033
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: JOHN HANCOCK STABLE VALUE

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

c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	2058894
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

c EIN-PN	d Entity code	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	
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SCHEDULE H (Form 5500) <small>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</small> <small>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</small> <small>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</small>	Financial Information 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). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.	<small>OMB No. 1210-0110</small> 2024 This Form is Open to Public Inspection
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For calendar plan year 2024 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2024 and ending 12/31/2024	
A Name of plan AKS INDUSTRIES 401(K) RETIREMENT PLAN & TRUST	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 AKS INDUSTRIES, INC.	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 92-0077074

Part I	Asset and Liability Statement
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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
Assets			
a Total noninterest-bearing cash	1a	2073	15473
b Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts):			
(1) Employer contributions	1b(1)		
(2) Participant contributions	1b(2)		
(3) Other	1b(3)		
c General investments:			
(1) Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit)	1c(1)	0	0
(2) U.S. Government securities	1c(2)		
(3) Corporate debt instruments (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(3)(A)		
(B) All other	1c(3)(B)		
(4) Corporate stocks (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(4)(A)		
(B) Common	1c(4)(B)		
(5) Partnership/joint venture interests	1c(5)		
(6) Real estate (other than employer real property)	1c(6)		
(7) Loans (other than to participants)	1c(7)		
(8) Participant loans	1c(8)	0	0
(9) Value of interest in common/collective trusts	1c(9)		
(10) Value of interest in pooled separate accounts	1c(10)	13132515	15006603
(11) Value of interest in master trust investment accounts	1c(11)		
(12) Value of interest in 103-12 investment entities	1c(12)		
(13) Value of interest in registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds)	1c(13)	0	0
(14) Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts)	1c(14)	0	0
(15) Other	1c(15)		

1d Employer-related investments:		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
(1) Employer securities.....	1d(1)		
(2) Employer real property.....	1d(2)		
e Buildings and other property used in plan operation.....	1e		
f Total assets (add all amounts in lines 1a through 1e).....	1f	13134588	15022076
Liabilities			
g Benefit claims payable.....	1g		
h Operating payables.....	1h		
i Acquisition indebtedness.....	1i		
j Other liabilities.....	1j		
k Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through 1j).....	1k	0	0
Net Assets			
l Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f).....	1l	13134588	15022076

Part II Income and Expense Statement

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

Income		(a) Amount	(b) Total
a Contributions:			
(1) Received or receivable in cash from: (A) Employers.....	2a(1)(A)	484004	
(B) Participants.....	2a(1)(B)	448012	
(C) Others (including rollovers).....	2a(1)(C)		
(2) Noncash contributions.....	2a(2)		
(3) Total contributions. Add lines 2a(1)(A) , (B) , (C) , and line 2a(2)	2a(3)		932016
b Earnings on investments:			
(1) Interest:			
(A) Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit).....	2b(1)(A)		
(B) U.S. Government securities.....	2b(1)(B)		
(C) Corporate debt instruments.....	2b(1)(C)		
(D) Loans (other than to participants).....	2b(1)(D)		
(E) Participant loans.....	2b(1)(E)		
(F) Other.....	2b(1)(F)		
(G) Total interest. Add lines 2b(1)(A) through (F)	2b(1)(G)		0
(2) Dividends:			
(A) Preferred stock.....	2b(2)(A)		
(B) Common stock.....	2b(2)(B)		
(C) Registered investment company shares (e.g. mutual funds).....	2b(2)(C)		
(D) Total dividends. Add lines 2b(2)(A) , (B) , and (C)	2b(2)(D)		0
(3) Rents.....	2b(3)		
(4) Net gain (loss) on sale of assets:			
(A) Aggregate proceeds.....	2b(4)(A)		
(B) Aggregate carrying amount (see instructions).....	2b(4)(B)		
(C) Subtract line 2b(4)(B) from line 2b(4)(A) and enter result.....	2b(4)(C)		
(5) Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of assets:			
(A) Real estate.....	2b(5)(A)		
(B) Other.....	2b(5)(B)		
(C) Total unrealized appreciation of assets. Add lines 2b(5)(A) and (B)	2b(5)(C)		

		(a) Amount	(b) Total
(6) Net investment gain (loss) from common/collective trusts	2b(6)		
(7) Net investment gain (loss) from pooled separate accounts	2b(7)		1623863
(8) Net investment gain (loss) from master trust investment accounts	2b(8)		
(9) Net investment gain (loss) from 103-12 investment entities	2b(9)		
(10) Net investment gain (loss) from registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds)	2b(10)		
c Other income	2c		
d Total income. Add all income amounts in column (b) and enter total.....	2d		2555879

Expenses

e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers.....	2e(1)	575458	
(2) To insurance carriers for the provision of benefits	2e(2)		
(3) Other.....	2e(3)		
(4) Total benefit payments. Add lines 2e(1) through (3)	2e(4)		575458
f Corrective distributions (see instructions)	2f		
g Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions).....	2g		
h Interest expense.....	2h		
i Administrative expenses:			
(1) Salaries and allowances	2i(1)		
(2) Contract administrator fees	2i(2)	92933	
(3) Recordkeeping fees	2i(3)		
(4) IQPA audit fees	2i(4)		
(5) Investment advisory and investment management fees	2i(5)		
(6) Bank or trust company trustee/custodial fees	2i(6)		
(7) Actuarial fees	2i(7)		
(8) Legal fees	2i(8)		
(9) Valuation/appraisal fees	2i(9)		
(10) Other trustee fees and expenses	2i(10)		
(11) Other expenses.....	2i(11)		
(12) Total administrative expenses. Add lines 2i(1) through (11)	2i(12)		92933
j Total expenses. Add all expense amounts in column (b) and enter total.....	2j		668391

Net Income and Reconciliation

k Net income (loss). Subtract line 2j from line 2d.....	2k		1887488
l Transfers of assets:			
(1) To this plan.....	2l(1)		
(2) From this plan	2l(2)		

Part III Accountant's Opinion

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

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

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

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

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

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

(1) Name: SABEY CPA,LLC

(2) EIN: 83-2111556

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

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

Part IV Compliance Questions

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

During the plan year:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

A Name of plan <u>AKS INDUSTRIES 401(K) RETIREMENT PLAN & TRUST</u>	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	<u>001</u>
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <u>AKS INDUSTRIES, INC.</u>	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>92-0077074</u>	

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

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

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2 Enter the EIN(s) of payor(s) who paid benefits on behalf of the plan to participants or beneficiaries during the year (if more than two, enter EINs of the two payors who paid the greatest dollar amounts of benefits):
 EIN(s): 01-0233346

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

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

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Part II	Funding Information (If the plan is not subject to the minimum funding requirements of section 412 of the Internal Revenue Code or ERISA section 302, skip this Part.)
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4 Is the plan administrator making an election under Code section 412(d)(2) or ERISA section 302(d)(2)? 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.

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

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

7 Will the minimum funding amount reported on line 6c be met by the funding deadline?..... 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

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

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

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

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

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

Part V Additional Information for Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans

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

a Name of contributing employer _____

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

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer _____

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

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer _____

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

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer _____

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

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer _____

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

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer _____

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Part VII IRS Compliance Questions

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

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

22 If the plan sponsor is an adopter of a pre-approved plan that received a favorable IRS Opinion Letter, enter the date of the Opinion Letter 06 / 30 / 2020 (MM/DD/YYYY) and the Opinion Letter serial number Q703912A.

AKS INDUSTRIES 401(k) RETIREMENT PLAN
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULE
DECEMBER 31, 2024 AND 2023

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Certain supplemental schedules have been omitted because they are either not required or not applicable.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Board of Directors and Plan Trustees
AKS Industries 401(k) Retirement Plan
Kirkland, Washington

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

I have performed audits of the accompanying financial statements of AKS Industries 401(k) Retirement Plan (the Plan), an employee benefit plan subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), as permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) [ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit]. The financial statements comprise the statements of net assets available for benefits – modified cash basis as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, and the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits – modified cash basis for the year ended December 31, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements.

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

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

Opinion

In my opinion, based on my audits and on the procedures performed as described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of my report —

- the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements referred to above, other than those agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with the modified cash basis of accounting as described in Note 2.
- the information in the financial statements referred to above, related to assets which provide benefits under the Plan 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

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

Emphasis of Matter – Basis of Accounting

I draw attention to Note 2 of the financial statements, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial statements are prepared on the modified cash basis of accounting, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. My opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with the modified cash basis of accounting described in Note 2 and for determining that the modified cash basis of accounting is an acceptable basis for the preparation of the financial statements in the circumstances. Management is also responsible for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. Management's election of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit does not affect management's responsibility for the financial statements.

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

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

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Except as described in the Scope and Nature of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) Audit section of my report, my 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 my 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, I:

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

My audits did not extend to the certified investment information, except for obtaining and reading the certifications, comparing the certified investment information with the related information presented and disclosed in the financial statements, and reading the disclosures relating to the certified investment information to assess whether they are in accordance with the presentation and disclosure requirements of the modified cash basis of accounting as described in Note 2.

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 the modified cash basis of accounting as described in Note 2.

I am 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 I identified during the audit.

Other Matter – Supplemental Schedule Required by ERISA

The supplemental schedule (modified cash basis) of the schedule of assets (held 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 DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information included in the supplemental schedule (modified cash basis), 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 (modified cash basis) that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, I compared such information to the related certified investment information.

In forming my opinion on the supplemental schedule (modified cash basis), I evaluated whether the supplemental schedule (modified cash basis), other than the information agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, including their form and content, are presented in conformity with the DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.

In my opinion—

- the form and content of the supplemental schedule (modified cash basis), other than the information in the supplemental schedule (modified cash basis) that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, is presented, in all material respects, in conformity with the DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.
- the information in the supplemental schedule (modified cash basis) related to assets which provide benefits under the Plan 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).



Sabey CPA, LLC
September 23, 2025

**AKS INDUSTRIES 401(k) RETIREMENT PLAN
STATEMENTS OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS –
MODIFIED CASH BASIS
DECEMBER 31, 2024 AND 2023**

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
ASSETS		
Investments, at fair value	\$ 15,006,603	\$ 13,132,515
Non-interest bearing cash	<u>15,473</u>	<u>2,073</u>
Total assets	<u>15,022,076</u>	<u>13,134,588</u>
NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS	<u>\$ 15,022,076</u>	<u>\$ 13,134,588</u>

See accompanying notes to the financial statements.

**AKS INDUSTRIES 401(k) RETIREMENT PLAN
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS –
MODIFIED CASH BASIS
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024**

ADDITIONS

Additions to net assets attributed to:

Net appreciation in fair value of investments	\$ 1,623,863
Total investment income	<u>1,623,863</u>

Contributions:

Employer	484,004
Participants	448,012
Total contributions	<u>932,016</u>

Total additions	<u>2,555,879</u>
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DEDUCTIONS

Deductions from net assets attributed to:

Benefits paid to participants	575,458
Administrative expenses	<u>92,933</u>

Total deductions	<u>668,391</u>
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Net increase	1,887,488
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NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS

Beginning of year	<u>13,134,588</u>
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End of year	<u>\$ 15,022,076</u>
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See accompanying notes to the financial statements.

AKS INDUSTRIES 401(k) RETIREMENT PLAN
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2024 AND 2023

NOTE 1 DESCRIPTION OF PLAN

The following description of the AKS Industries 401(k) Retirement Plan provides only general information. Participants should refer to the plan agreement for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions.

General

The Plan was created on May 1, 2002 and was most recently restated as of January 1, 2022. The Plan is a defined contribution plan covering substantially all eligible employees of AKS Industries, Inc., and the Richard W. Hotes Foundation (collectively, "the Company"), other than union, leased, and non-resident alien employees. The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). The Plan Trustees are responsible for oversight of the Plan, which includes determining the appropriateness of the Plan's investment offerings, monitoring investment performance, and reporting to the Company's Board of Directors.

Eligibility

All employees may enter the Plan who are age 21 or older, as defined by the Plan. To be eligible for the profit-sharing contribution, participants must be 21 years old, complete 1,000 hours of service, and be employed on the last day of the Plan year, as defined by the Plan. Participants who do not make an investment election will have their contributions invested in a John Hancock Multi-Index Lifetime fund, with the target date closest to the year in which the respective participant turns 65.

Contributions

Participants – Each year, participants may contribute on a pretax or after-tax (Roth) (effective October 1, 2023) basis up to 90 percent of annual compensation, as defined by the Plan, and subject to certain Internal Revenue Service (IRS) limitations. Participants may also contribute amounts representing distributions from other qualified defined benefit or defined contribution plans (rollover). Participants aged 50 and over may elect to defer additional amounts ("catch-up" contributions) to the Plan.

Safe Harbor – The Company contributes a safe harbor contribution to each eligible participant in an amount not less than 3 percent of a participant's compensation, as defined by the Plan. Safe harbor contributions, which are made in accordance with the Company's fiscal year-end, were \$484,004 for the plan year ended December 31, 2024. Employer safe harbor contributions are paid after the Company's year-end of April 30th.

Profit Sharing – Additional profit sharing amounts may be contributed at the option of the Company's board of directors. Profit sharing contributions, which are based on the Company's results of operations for its fiscal year-end, were \$0 for the plan year ended December 31, 2024. Employer profit sharing contributions, if any, are paid after the Plan's year-end.

Participant Accounts

Separate accounts are maintained for each participant. Each participant's respective account is credited with the participant's contributions and Company safe harbor contributions, as well as an allocation of the Company's profit sharing contribution, if any, and Plan earnings. Participant accounts are charged with withdrawals, an allocation of investment losses, and administrative expenses that are paid by the Plan. Allocations are based on participant earnings, account balances, or specific participant transactions, as defined. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the benefit that can be provided from the participant's vested account.

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NOTE 1 DESCRIPTION OF PLAN (CONTINUED)

Investment Options

Participants direct the investment of their contributions into various investment options offered by the Plan. Participants may move portions of their accounts between investment options at any time.

Vesting

Participants are vested immediately in their deferral contributions plus actual earnings thereon. Participants are also vested immediately in the Company's safe harbor contributions. Vesting in the Company's profit sharing contribution portion of their accounts is based on years of continuous service. A participant is 100 percent vested in employer profit sharing contributions after six years of credited service.

Payment of Benefits

On termination of service due to any reason, a participant may elect to receive a lump-sum amount equal to the value of the participant's vested interest in his or her account. Participants with vested account balances of less than \$7,000 (\$5,000 in 2023) without the participant's consent will receive an automatic distribution to an Individual Retirement Account (IRA).

Hardship and in-service withdrawals of the participants' contributions are permitted by the Plan. Hardship withdrawals must be approved by the Plan administrator and are available from elective deferral accounts. In-service withdrawals are limited to vested amounts of the participant's account.

Forfeitures

At December 31, 2024 and 2023, forfeited non-vested accounts totaled \$15,473 and \$2,073, respectively. These accounts will be used to pay administrative expenses under the Plan or can be applied to reduce the contributions of the Company. Also, in 2024, no forfeitures were used.

NOTE 2 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Accounting

The financial statements of the Plan are prepared under the modified cash basis of accounting, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP). Investments are reported at fair value. Under the modified cash basis of accounting, participant and Company contributions are recorded when received by the custodian. Under GAAP, these contributions are recorded in the year for which they relate to and/or are approved.

Use of Estimates

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

AKS INDUSTRIES 401(k) RETIREMENT PLAN
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NOTE 2 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Investment Valuation and Income Recognition

Investments are reported at fair value. Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. The Plan's Trustees determine the Plan's valuation policies utilizing information provided by the investment advisers and custodian. See Note 3 for discussion of fair value measurements.

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

Contributions

Contributions from participants are recorded when received by the custodian.

Payment of Benefits

Benefits are recorded when paid.

Administrative Expenses

Certain investment management fees and other charges paid to the Custodian are offset against fund performance in the net appreciation in fair value of investments on the statement of changes in net assets available for benefits – modified cash basis, and are not, therefore, separately reflected as administrative expenses. Certain Plan expenses are paid directly by the Company and therefore are excluded from these financial statements. Fees are charged to participants on a pro rata basis, equally to participant accounts, or to a participant's account for transactions specifically related to that participant.

Subsequent Events

The Plan has performed an evaluation of subsequent events through September 23, 2025, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

NOTE 3 FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

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

**AKS INDUSTRIES 401(k) RETIREMENT PLAN
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NOTE 3 FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS (CONTINUED)

Level 1	Inputs to the valuation methodology are unadjusted quoted prices for identical assets or liabilities in active markets that the Plan has the ability to access.
Level 2	<p>Inputs to the valuation methodology include</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. <p>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.</p>
Level 3	Inputs to the valuation methodology are unobservable and significant to the fair value measurement.

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

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

Pooled Separate Accounts:

The Plan's investments are pooled separate accounts, with underlying investments in units of mutual funds held within a group annuity contract and are considered Level 1 assets by the trustee and custodian, as the underlying funds are considered to have a readily determinable fair value. Interest and dividends are earned on the underlying investments held by the pooled separate accounts (PSAs). There are no dividends or realized and unrealized gains with respect to the PSAs. Instead, the dividends and realized and unrealized gains for the underlying funds are factored into the value of the PSAs.

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

		Assets at Fair Value as of December 31, 2024			
		Total	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Pooled separate accounts		\$ 15,006,603	\$ 15,006,603	\$ -	\$ -
Investments, at fair value		\$ 15,006,603	\$ 15,006,603	\$ -	\$ -
		Assets at Fair Value as of December 31, 2023			
		Total	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Pooled separate accounts		\$ 13,132,515	\$ 13,132,515	\$ -	\$ -
Investments, at fair value		\$ 13,132,515	\$ 13,132,515	\$ -	\$ -

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NOTE 4 CERTIFIED INVESTMENTS

Certain information disclosed in the accompanying financial statements and ERISA-required supplemental schedule, including investments held and non-interest bearing cash at December 31, 2024 and 2023, and net appreciation in fair value of investments for the year ended December 31, 2024, was obtained by management and agreed to or derived from information certified as complete and accurate by John Hancock Life Insurance Company (the custodian of the Plan). The Plan's independent auditor did not perform auditing procedures with respect to this information, except for comparing the information with the information included in the financial statements and supplemental schedule.

NOTE 5 PLAN TERMINATION

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

NOTE 6 RELATED PARTIES AND PARTY IN INTEREST TRANSACTIONS

Certain Plan investments are pooled separate accounts managed by John Hancock Life Insurance Company (JHLI). JHLI is the custodian as defined by the Plan and, therefore, these transactions qualify as exempt party-in-interest transactions.

NOTE 7 TAX STATUS

The Company has adopted a Non-Standardized Pre-Approved Profit-Sharing Plan with CODA plan document that has received an opinion letter from the IRS dated June 30, 2020, stating that the form of the Plan document was in compliance with the applicable requirements of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC). Although the Plan has been amended since receiving the determination letter, the Plan administrator believes that the Plan is designed, and is currently being operated, in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC, and, therefore, believes that the Plan is qualified, and the related trust is tax-exempt.

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

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NOTE 8 RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES

The Plan invests in various investment securities. Investment securities are exposed to various risks such as interest rate, market, and credit risks. Market risks include global events which could impact the value of investment securities, such as a pandemic or international conflict. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in the values of investment securities will occur in the near term and that such changes could materially affect participants' account balances and the amounts reported in the statement of net assets available for benefits – modified cash basis.

SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULE

AKS INDUSTRIES 401(k) RETIREMENT PLAN
SCHEDULE H, LINE 4i – SCHEDULE OF ASSETS (HELD AT END OF YEAR) – MODIFIED
CASH BASIS
DECEMBER 31, 2024

PLAN NUMBER: 001
EMPLOYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 92-0077074

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
	Identity of Issue, Borrower, Lessor or Similar Party	Description of Investment, including maturity date, rate of interest, collateral, and par, or maturity value	Cost	Current Value
	<u>John Hancock Life Insurance:</u>			
*	JH Multi-Index 2065 Lifetime	Pooled separate accounts	**	\$ 71,322
*	JH Multi-Index 2060 Lifetime	Pooled separate accounts	**	141,210
*	JH Multi-Index 2055 Lifetime	Pooled separate accounts	**	221,524
*	JH Multi-Index 2050 Lifetime	Pooled separate accounts	**	132,214
*	JH Multi-Index 2045 Lifetime	Pooled separate accounts	**	152,920
*	JH Multi-Index 2040 Lifetime	Pooled separate accounts	**	503,775
*	JH Multi-Index 2035 Lifetime	Pooled separate accounts	**	169,725
*	JH Multi-Index 2030 Lifetime	Pooled separate accounts	**	210,460
*	JH Multi-Index 2025 Lifetime	Pooled separate accounts	**	102,507
*	JH Multi-Index 2020 Lifetime	Pooled separate accounts	**	8,278
*	JH Multi-Index 2015 Lifetime	Pooled separate accounts	**	9,000
*	JH Multi-Index 2010 Lifetime	Pooled separate accounts	**	28,397
*	JH Multimanager Aggressive LS	Pooled separate accounts	**	796,812
*	JH Multimanager Growth LS	Pooled separate accounts	**	1,815,466
*	JH Multimanager Balanced LS	Pooled separate accounts	**	1,176,630
*	JH Multimanager Moderate LS	Pooled separate accounts	**	1,275,001
*	JH Multimanager Conserv LS	Pooled separate accounts	**	778,477
*	AF The Growth Fund of America	Pooled separate accounts	**	232,974
*	Blue Chip Growth Fund	Pooled separate accounts	**	632,456
*	Invesco Small Cap Growth	Pooled separate accounts	**	101,995
*	JPMorgan MidCap Value Fund	Pooled separate accounts	**	330,479
*	Mid Cap Index Fund	Pooled separate accounts	**	90,576
*	Northern EM Equity Index Fund	Pooled separate accounts	**	100,141
*	Royce Small-Cap Opportunity	Pooled separate accounts	**	3,562
*	T. Rowe Price Health Sci	Pooled separate accounts	**	207,822
*	T. Rowe Price Sci & Tech	Pooled separate accounts	**	442,497
*	Vanguard Explorer Fund	Pooled separate accounts	**	85,717
*	Vanguard Small Cap Grow Index	Pooled separate accounts	**	600,836
*	500 Index Fund	Pooled separate accounts	**	966,197
*	American Funds EuroPac Growth	Pooled separate accounts	**	94,172
*	Intl Equity Index Fund	Pooled separate accounts	**	172,870

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DECEMBER 31, 2024

PLAN NUMBER: 001
EMPLOYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 92-0077074

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
	Identity of Issue, Borrower, Lessor or Similar Party	Description of Investment, including maturity date, rate of interest, collateral, and par, or maturity value	Cost	Current Value
*	Invesco Global Fund	Pooled separate accounts	**	9,649
*	John Hancock Disciplined Value	Pooled separate accounts	**	34,919
*	JPMorgan US Equity Fund	Pooled separate accounts	**	256,241
*	Nuveen Social Choice Equity	Pooled separate accounts	**	32,832
*	T. Rowe Price Equity Inc	Pooled separate accounts	**	234,090
*	Total Stock Market Index Fund	Pooled separate accounts	**	64,215
*	AF American Balanced Fund	Pooled separate accounts	**	40,688
*	Fidelity Advisor Total Bond	Pooled separate accounts	**	381,828
*	High Yield Fund	Pooled separate accounts	**	1,674
*	PIMCO Real Return	Pooled separate accounts	**	156,529
*	Strategic Income Opp Fund	Pooled separate accounts	**	79,033
*	John Hancock Stable Value	Pooled separate accounts	**	2,058,894
				\$ 15,006,603

* Party-in-Interest

** Amounts not required as investments are participant directed.

Schedule H, Line 4i
Schedule of Assets (Held At End of Year)

Name of Plan:

▶ Alaska Structures 401(k) Retirement Plan & Trust

Employer Identification Number:▶ 92-0077074

For plan year (beginning/ending):▶ 1/1/2024 - 12/31/2024

Plan number:▶ 001

(a)	(b) Identity of issue, borrower, lessor, or similar party	(c) Description of investment including maturity date, rate of interest, collateral, par or maturity value	(d) Cost	(e) Current value
	JH Lifetime Blend 2065	Pooled Separate Account		71322.41
	JH Lifetime Blend 2060	Pooled Separate Account		141209.77
	JH Lifetime Blend 2055	Pooled Separate Account		221524.23
	JH Lifetime Blend 2050	Pooled Separate Account		132213.74
	JH Lifetime Blend 2045	Pooled Separate Account		152919.5
	JH Lifetime Blend 2040	Pooled Separate Account		503775.32
	JH Lifetime Blend 2035	Pooled Separate Account		169725.14
	JH Lifetime Blend 2030	Pooled Separate Account		210460.4
	JH Lifetime Blend 2025	Pooled Separate Account		102507.06
	JH Lifetime Blend 2020	Pooled Separate Account		8278.16
	JH Lifetime Blend 2015	Pooled Separate Account		8999.65
	JH Lifetime Blend 2010	Pooled Separate Account		28396.66
	JH Multimanager Aggressive LS	Pooled Separate Account		796811.62
	JH Multimanager Growth LS	Pooled Separate Account		1815466.13
	JH Multimanager Balanced LS	Pooled Separate Account		1176629.88
	JH Multimanager Moderate LS	Pooled Separate Account		1275000.9
	JH Multimanager Conserv LS	Pooled Separate Account		778477.14
	Blue Chip Growth Fund	Pooled Separate Account		632455.79
	EuroPacific Growth Fund	Pooled Separate Account		94171.69
	Intl Equity Index Fund	Pooled Separate Account		172869.51
	Invesco Small Cap Growth	Pooled Separate Account		101995.11
	JPMorgan MidCap Value Fund	Pooled Separate Account		330478.96
	Mid Cap Index Fund	Pooled Separate Account		90575.68
	Northern EM Equity Index Fund	Pooled Separate Account		100141.16
	Royce Small-Cap Opportunity	Pooled Separate Account		3561.75
	T. Rowe Price Health Sci	Pooled Separate Account		207822.33
	T. Rowe Price Sci & Tech	Pooled Separate Account		442497.41
	The Growth Fund of America	Pooled Separate Account		232973.97
	Vanguard Explorer Fund	Pooled Separate Account		85717.14
	Vanguard Small Cap Grow Index	Pooled Separate Account		600835.56
	500 Index Fund	Pooled Separate Account		966197.25
	Invesco Global Fund	Pooled Separate Account		9648.94
	John Hancock Disciplined Value	Pooled Separate Account		34919.12
	JPMorgan US Equity Fund	Pooled Separate Account		256241.32
	T. Rowe Price Equity Inc	Pooled Separate Account		234090.19
	Nuveen Social Choice Equity	Pooled Separate Account		32831.72
	Total Stock Market Index Fund	Pooled Separate Account		64214.68
	American Balanced Fund	Pooled Separate Account		40688.03
	Fidelity Advisor Total Bond	Pooled Separate Account		381828.02
	High Yield Fund	Pooled Separate Account		1673.53
	PIMCO Real Return	Pooled Separate Account		156529.18
	Strategic Income Opp Fund	Pooled Separate Account		79033.3
	John Hancock Stable Val	Pooled Separate Account		2058893.77
	Non-Interest Bearing Cash	Cash		15472.91