

Form 5500

Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan

OMB Nos. 1210-0110 1210-0089

2024

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Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration

Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

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

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

Part I Annual Report Identification Information

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

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

Part II Basic Plan Information—enter all requested information

1a Name of plan: WELSTAR COMPANY COMBINED RETIREMENT PLAN
1b Three-digit plan number (PN): 004
1c Effective date of plan: 10/01/1989
2a Plan sponsor's name (employer, if for a single-employer plan): WELSTAR COMPANY
2b Employer Identification Number (EIN): 36-6098632
2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number: 630-859-3100
2d Business code (see instructions): 423800

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

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

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

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| <b>3a</b> Plan administrator's name and address <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Same as Plan Sponsor  | <b>3b</b> Administrator's EIN              |     |
|   | <b>3c</b> Administrator's telephone number |     |
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| <b>4</b> If the name and/or EIN of the plan sponsor or the plan name has changed since the last return/report filed for this plan, enter the plan sponsor's name, EIN, the plan name and the plan number from the last return/report:<br><b>a</b> Sponsor's name<br><b>c</b> Plan Name  | <b>4b</b> EIN                              |     |
|   | <b>4d</b> PN                               |     |
| <b>5</b> Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year   | <b>5</b>                                   | 150 |
| <b>6</b> Number of participants as of the end of the plan year unless otherwise stated (welfare plans complete only lines <b>6a(1)</b> , <b>6a(2)</b> , <b>6b</b> , <b>6c</b> , and <b>6d</b> ).<br><b>a(1)</b> Total number of active participants at the beginning of the plan year .....<br><b>a(2)</b> Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year .....<br><b>b</b> Retired or separated participants receiving benefits.....<br><b>c</b> Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits .....<br><b>d</b> Subtotal. Add lines <b>6a(2)</b> , <b>6b</b> , and <b>6c</b> .....<br><b>e</b> Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits. ....<br><b>f</b> Total. Add lines <b>6d</b> and <b>6e</b> .....<br><b>g(1)</b> Number of participants with account balances as of the beginning of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item) .....<br><b>g(2)</b> Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item) .....<br><b>h</b> Number of participants who terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested..... | <b>6a(1)</b>                               | 126 |
|   | <b>6a(2)</b>                               | 110 |
|   | <b>6b</b>                                  |     |
|   | <b>6c</b>                                  | 34  |
|   | <b>6d</b>                                  | 144 |
|   | <b>6e</b>                                  | 0   |
|   | <b>6f</b>                                  | 144 |
|   | <b>6g(1)</b>                               | 142 |
|   | <b>6g(2)</b>                               | 144 |
| <b>7</b> Enter the total number of employers obligated to contribute to the plan (only multiemployer plans complete this item) .....  | <b>7</b>                                   |     |

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

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

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| <b>9a</b> Plan funding arrangement (check all that apply)               | <b>9b</b> Plan benefit arrangement (check all that apply)               |
| (1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Insurance                       | (1) <input 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)

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| <b>a Pension Schedules</b>   | <b>b General Schedules</b>  |
| (1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>R</b> (Retirement Plan Information)   | (1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>H</b> (Financial Information)                            |
| (2) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>MB</b> (Multiemployer Defined Benefit Plan and Certain Money Purchase Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary | (2) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>I</b> (Financial Information – Small Plan)                          |
| (3) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>SB</b> (Single-Employer Defined Benefit Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary                               | (3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>A</b> (Insurance Information) – Number Attached <u>1</u> |
| (4) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>DCG</b> (Individual Plan Information) – Number Attached _____  | (4) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>C</b> (Service Provider Information)                     |
| (5) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>MEP</b> (Multiple-Employer Retirement Plan Information)  | (5) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>D</b> (DFE/Participating Plan Information)               |
|  | (6) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>G</b> (Financial Transaction Schedules)                             |

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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|---|--|-------------------|
| <p><b>A</b> Name of plan<br/><b>WELSTAR COMPANY COMBINED RETIREMENT PLAN</b></p>                | <p><b>B</b> Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶</p>                             | <p><b>004</b></p> |
| <p><b>C</b> Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500<br/><b>WELSTAR COMPANY</b></p> | <p><b>D</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN)<br/><b>36-6098632</b></p> |                   |

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

**1 Coverage Information:**

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

| (b) EIN    | (c) NAIC code | (d) Contract or identification number | (e) Approximate number of persons covered at end of policy or contract year | Policy or contract year |            |
|------------|---------------|---------------------------------------|---|-------------------------|------------|
|            |               |                                       |   | (f) From                | (g) To     |
| 42-0127290 | 61271         | 437051                                | 146   | 01/01/2024              | 12/31/2024 |

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

|  |   |
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| <p>(a) Total amount of commissions paid<br/><b>20391</b></p> | <p>(b) Total amount of fees paid<br/><b>11848</b></p> |
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**3 Persons receiving commissions and fees.** (Complete as many entries as needed to report all persons).

(a) Name and address of the agent, broker, or other person to whom commissions or fees were paid  
**NORTHWESTERN MUTUAL INVESTMENT SERV 720 E WISCONSIN AVE MILWAUKEE, WI 53202-4703**

| (b) Amount of sales and base commissions paid | Fees and other commissions paid |             | (e) Organization code |
|---|---------------------------------|-------------|-----------------------|
|   | (c) Amount                      | (d) Purpose |                       |
| 20391   |                                 |             | 3                     |

(a) Name and address of the agent, broker, or other person to whom commissions or fees were paid  
**ERISA, INC 5215 OLD ORCHAR RD, SUITE 1200 SKOKIE, IL 60077-1035**

| (b) Amount of sales and base commissions paid | Fees and other commissions paid |             | (e) Organization code |
|---|---------------------------------|-------------|-----------------------|
|   | (c) Amount                      | (d) Purpose |                       |
|   | 11848                           |             | 5                     |

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|   |                                 |             |                       |

| <b>Part II</b>             | <b>Investment and Annuity Contract Information</b>   |                     |
|----------------------------|--|---------------------|
|                            | Where individual contracts are provided, the entire group of such individual contracts with each carrier may be treated as a unit for purposes of this report.   |                     |
| <b>4</b>                   | Current value of plan's interest under this contract in the general account at year end .....  | 959811              |
| <b>5</b>                   | Current value of plan's interest under this contract in separate accounts at year end.....   | 15430608            |
| <b>6</b>                   | <b>Contracts With Allocated Funds:</b>   |                     |
| <b>a</b>                   | State the basis of premium rates ▶   |                     |
| <b>b</b>                   | Premiums paid to carrier .....   | <b>6b</b>           |
| <b>c</b>                   | Premiums due but unpaid at the end of the year .....   | <b>6c</b>           |
| <b>d</b>                   | If the carrier, service, or other organization incurred any specific costs in connection with the acquisition or retention of the contract or policy, enter amount. ....<br>Specify nature of costs ▶  | <b>6d</b>           |
| <b>e</b>                   | Type of contract: (1) <input type="checkbox"/> individual policies                      (2) <input type="checkbox"/> group deferred annuity<br>(3) <input type="checkbox"/> other (specify) ▶  |                     |
| <b>f</b>                   | If contract purchased, in whole or in part, to distribute benefits from a terminating plan, check here ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>  |                     |
| <b>7</b>                   | <b>Contracts With Unallocated Funds (Do not include portions of these contracts maintained in separate accounts)</b>   |                     |
| <b>a</b>                   | Type of contract: (1) <input type="checkbox"/> deposit administration                      (2) <input type="checkbox"/> immediate participation guarantee<br>(3) <input type="checkbox"/> guaranteed investment                      (4) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other ▶ FLEXIBLE INVESTMENT ANNUITY |                     |
| <b>b</b>                   | Balance at the end of the previous year .....  | <b>7b</b> 471263    |
| <b>c</b>                   | Additions: (1) Contributions deposited during the year .....   | <b>7c(1)</b> 14605  |
|                            | (2) Dividends and credits.....   | <b>7c(2)</b>        |
|                            | (3) Interest credited during the year.....   | <b>7c(3)</b> 33651  |
|                            | (4) Transferred from separate account .....  | <b>7c(4)</b> 444862 |
|                            | (5) Other (specify below).....<br>▶ LOAN PAYMENT   | <b>7c(5)</b> 702    |
|                            | (6) Total additions .....  | <b>7c(6)</b> 493820 |
| <b>d</b>                   | Total of balance and additions (add lines <b>7b</b> and <b>7c(6)</b> ) .....   | <b>7d</b> 965083    |
| <b>e</b>                   | Deductions:  |                     |
|                            | (1) Disbursed from fund to pay benefits or purchase annuities during year .....  | <b>7e(1)</b>        |
|                            | (2) Administration charge made by carrier.....   | <b>7e(2)</b> 2370   |
|                            | (3) Transferred to separate account .....  | <b>7e(3)</b>        |
|                            | (4) Other (specify below).....<br>▶  | <b>7e(4)</b>        |
| (5) Total deductions ..... | <b>7e(5)</b> 2370  |                     |
| <b>f</b>                   | Balance at the end of the current year (subtract line <b>7e(5)</b> from line <b>7d</b> ).....  | <b>7f</b> 962713    |

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

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

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

**9** Experience-rated contracts:

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

**10** Nonexperience-rated contracts:

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

Specify nature of costs.

**Part IV Provision of Information**

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

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

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| <b>SCHEDULE C</b><br><b>(Form 5500)</b><br><br><small>Department of the Treasury<br/>Internal Revenue Service</small><br><br><small>Department of Labor<br/>Employee Benefits Security Administration</small><br><br><small>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</small> | <b>Service Provider Information</b><br><br>This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).<br><br><b>▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.</b> | <small>OMB No. 1210-0110</small><br><br><b>2024</b><br><br><b>This Form is Open to Public Inspection.</b> |
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| <b>C</b> Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500<br><b>WELDSTAR COMPANY</b> | <b>D</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN)<br><b>36-6098632</b> |            |

**Part I Service Provider Information (see instructions)**

You must complete this Part, in accordance with the instructions, to report the information required for **each person** who received, directly or indirectly, \$5,000 or more in total compensation (i.e., money or anything else of monetary value) in connection with services rendered to the plan or the person's position with the plan during the plan year. If a person received **only** eligible indirect compensation for which the plan received the required disclosures, you are required to answer line 1 but are not required to include that person when completing the remainder of this Part.

**1 Information on Persons Receiving Only Eligible Indirect Compensation**

**a** Check "Yes" or "No" to indicate whether you are excluding a person from the remainder of this Part because they received only eligible indirect compensation for which the plan received the required disclosures (see instructions for definitions and conditions)...  Yes  No

**b** If you answered line 1a "Yes," enter the name and EIN or address of each person providing the required disclosures for the service providers who received only eligible indirect compensation. Complete as many entries as needed (see instructions).

**(b)** Enter name and EIN or address of person who provided you disclosures on eligible indirect compensation

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**2. Information on Other Service Providers Receiving Direct or Indirect Compensation.** Except for those persons for whom you answered "Yes" to line 1a above, complete as many entries as needed to list each person receiving, directly or indirectly, \$5,000 or more in total compensation (i.e., money or anything else of value) in connection with services rendered to the plan or their position with the plan during the plan year. (See instructions).

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

PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

42-0127290

| (b)<br>Service Code(s) | (c)<br>Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest | (d)<br>Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-. | (e)<br>Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor) | (f)<br>Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures? | (g)<br>Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-. | (h)<br>Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount? |
|------------------------|---|--|--|--|---|--|
| 13 37 50<br>64         | CONTRACT ADMINISTRATOR  | 100690   | Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>                                  | Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>  | 0   | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>                          |

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

ERISA, INC.

36-3180571

| (b)<br>Service Code(s) | (c)<br>Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest | (d)<br>Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-. | (e)<br>Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor) | (f)<br>Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures? | (g)<br>Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-. | (h)<br>Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount? |
|------------------------|---|--|--|--|---|--|
| 49 99                  | OTHER SERVICES  | 0  | Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>                                  | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>  | 10877   | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>                          |

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

NORTHWESTERN MUTUAL INVESTMENT SERV

52-2114207

| (b)<br>Service Code(s) | (c)<br>Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest | (d)<br>Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-. | (e)<br>Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor) | (f)<br>Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures? | (g)<br>Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-. | (h)<br>Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount? |
|------------------------|---|--|--|--|---|--|
| 49 99                  | OTHER SERVICES  | 0  | Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>                                  | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>  | 19302   | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>                          |

**2. Information on Other Service Providers Receiving Direct or Indirect Compensation.** Except for those persons for whom you answered "Yes" to line 1a above, complete as many entries as needed to list each person receiving, directly or indirectly, \$5,000 or more in total compensation (i.e., money or anything else of value) in connection with services rendered to the plan or their position with the plan during the plan year. (See instructions).

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

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| (b)<br>Service Code(s) | (c)<br>Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest | (d)<br>Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-. | (e)<br>Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor) | (f)<br>Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures? | (g)<br>Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-. | (h)<br>Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount? |
|------------------------|---|--|--|--|---|--|
| 27 72                  | INVESTMENT ADVISORY   | 0  | Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>                                  | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>  | 0   | Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>                          |

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

| (b)<br>Service Code(s) | (c)<br>Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest | (d)<br>Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-. | (e)<br>Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor) | (f)<br>Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures? | (g)<br>Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-. | (h)<br>Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount? |
|------------------------|---|--|--|--|---|--|
|                        |   |  | 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)<br>Service Code(s) | (c)<br>Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest | (d)<br>Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-. | (e)<br>Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor) | (f)<br>Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures? | (g)<br>Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-. | (h)<br>Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount? |
|------------------------|---|--|--|--|---|--|
|                        |   |  | 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 |
|---|--|---|
| ERISA INC   | 49 99  | 10899                                     |
| (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. |   |
| PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY<br><br>42-0127290                  | REFERRAL/SERVICE FEE   |   |
| (a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2             | (b) Service Codes (see instructions)   | (c) Enter amount of indirect compensation |
| NORTHWESTERN MUTUAL INVESTMENT SERI                                 | 49 99  | 19302                                     |
| (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. |   |
| PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY<br><br>42-0127290                  | REFERRAL/SERVICE FEE   |   |
| (a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2             | (b) Service Codes (see instructions)   | (c) Enter amount of indirect compensation |
| WILSHIRE ADVISORS LLC   | 27 72  | 0   |
| (d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation | (e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation. |   |
| PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY<br><br>42-0127290                  | 1 BASIS POINT ANNUALLY ON ELIGIBLE PLAN ASSETS IN WILSHIRE 3(21) OR WILSHIRE 3 (21) AUTO-EXECUTE FIDUCIARY SERVICE   |   |

**Part II Service Providers Who Fail or Refuse to Provide Information**

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

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

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

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

Explanation:

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

Explanation:

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

Explanation:

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

Explanation:

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

Explanation:

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|---|--|--|
| <b>SCHEDULE D</b><br><b>(Form 5500)</b><br><br>Department of the Treasury<br>Internal Revenue Service<br><br>Department of Labor<br>Employee Benefits Security Administration | <b>DFE/Participating Plan Information</b><br><br>This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).<br><br><b>▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.</b> | OMB No. 1210-0110<br><br><hr/> <b>2024</b><br><br><hr/> <b>This Form is Open to Public Inspection.</b> |
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| For calendar plan year 2024 or fiscal plan year beginning <u>01/01/2024</u> and ending <u>12/31/2024</u> |  |
| <b>A</b> Name of plan<br><u>WELDSTAR COMPANY COMBINED RETIREMENT PLAN</u>                                | <b>B</b> Three-digit plan number (PN) <u>004</u>                   |
| <b>C</b> Plan or DFE sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500<br><u>WELDSTAR COMPANY</u>          | <b>D</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN)<br><u>36-6098632</u> |

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| <b>Part I</b> | <b>Information on interests in MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs (to be completed by plans and DFEs)</b><br>(Complete as many entries as needed to report all interests in DFEs) |
|---------------|--|

|   |                               |  |
|---|-------------------------------|--|
| <b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <u>PRIN MIDCAP SEP ACCT-Z</u>                |                               |  |
| <b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY</u>   |                               |  |
| <b>c</b> EIN-PN <u>42-0127290-020</u>   | <b>d</b> Entity code <u>P</u> | <b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>1638086</u> |
| <b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <u>PRIN LIQUID ASSETS SEP ACCT-Z</u>         |                               |  |
| <b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY</u>   |                               |  |
| <b>c</b> EIN-PN <u>42-0127290-024</u>   | <b>d</b> Entity code <u>P</u> | <b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>139478</u>  |
| <b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <u>PRIN U.S. PROPERTY SA-Z</u>               |                               |  |
| <b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY</u>   |                               |  |
| <b>c</b> EIN-PN <u>42-0127290-027</u>   | <b>d</b> Entity code <u>P</u> | <b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>228830</u>  |
| <b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <u>PRIN CORE PLUS BOND SEP ACCT-Z</u>        |                               |  |
| <b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY</u>   |                               |  |
| <b>c</b> EIN-PN <u>42-0127290-005</u>   | <b>d</b> Entity code <u>P</u> | <b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>1205383</u> |
| <b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <u>PRIN DIVERSIFIED INTL SA-Z</u>            |                               |  |
| <b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY</u>   |                               |  |
| <b>c</b> EIN-PN <u>42-0127290-015</u>   | <b>d</b> Entity code <u>P</u> | <b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>991649</u>  |
| <b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <u>PRIN LGCP S&amp;P 500 INDEX SA-Z</u>      |                               |  |
| <b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY</u>   |                               |  |
| <b>c</b> EIN-PN <u>42-0127290-016</u>   | <b>d</b> Entity code <u>P</u> | <b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>4304975</u> |
| <b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <u>PRIN SMCAP S&amp;P 500 600 INDEX SA-Z</u> |                               |  |
| <b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY</u>   |                               |  |
| <b>c</b> EIN-PN <u>42-0127290-028</u>   | <b>d</b> Entity code <u>P</u> | <b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>1885553</u> |

**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PRIN MIDCAP S&P 400 IDX SA-Z

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

|                                |                        |   |         |
|--------------------------------|------------------------|---|---------|
| <b>c</b> EIN-PN 42-0127290-023 | <b>d</b> Entity code P | <b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) | 1548658 |
|--------------------------------|------------------------|---|---------|

**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PRIN REAL ESTATE SECS SA-Z

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

|                                |                        |   |        |
|--------------------------------|------------------------|---|--------|
| <b>c</b> EIN-PN 42-0127290-095 | <b>d</b> Entity code P | <b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) | 357999 |
|--------------------------------|------------------------|---|--------|

**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PRIN EQUITY INCOME SA-Z

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

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| <b>c</b> EIN-PN 42-0127290-120 | <b>d</b> Entity code P | <b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) | 1016649 |
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**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PRIN SHORT-TERM INCOME SA-Z

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

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| <b>c</b> EIN-PN 42-0127290-124 | <b>d</b> Entity code P | <b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) | 406560 |
|--------------------------------|------------------------|---|--------|

**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PRIN BLUE CHIP SA-Z

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

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|--------------------------------|------------------------|---|---------|
| <b>c</b> EIN-PN 42-0127290-133 | <b>d</b> Entity code P | <b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) | 1706788 |
|--------------------------------|------------------------|---|---------|

**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

|                 |                      |   |  |
|-----------------|----------------------|---|--|
| <b>c</b> EIN-PN | <b>d</b> Entity code | <b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) |  |
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| <b>SCHEDULE H</b><br><b>(Form 5500)</b><br><br><small>Department of the Treasury<br/>Internal Revenue Service</small><br><br><small>Department of Labor<br/>Employee Benefits Security Administration</small><br><br><small>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</small> | <b>Financial Information</b><br><br>This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code).<br><br><b>▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.</b> | <small>OMB No. 1210-0110</small><br><br><b>2024</b><br><br><b>This Form is Open to Public Inspection</b> |
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| For calendar plan year 2024 or fiscal plan year beginning <b>01/01/2024</b> and ending <b>12/31/2024</b> |  |
| <b>A</b> Name of plan<br><b>WELDSTAR COMPANY COMBINED RETIREMENT PLAN</b>                                | <b>B</b> Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ <b>004</b>                 |
| <b>C</b> Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500<br><b>WELDSTAR COMPANY</b>                 | <b>D</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN)<br><b>36-6098632</b> |

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

|   |                 | (a) Beginning of Year | (b) End of Year |
|---|-----------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| <b>Assets</b>   |                 |                       |                 |
| <b>a</b> Total noninterest-bearing cash .....   | <b>1a</b>       |                       |                 |
| <b>b</b> Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts):                                      |                 |                       |                 |
| <b>(1)</b> Employer contributions .....   | <b>1b(1)</b>    | 559197                | 547294          |
| <b>(2)</b> Participant contributions .....  | <b>1b(2)</b>    | 18455                 |                 |
| <b>(3)</b> Other .....  | <b>1b(3)</b>    |                       |                 |
| <b>c</b> General investments:   |                 |                       |                 |
| <b>(1)</b> Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit) .....  | <b>1c(1)</b>    |                       |                 |
| <b>(2)</b> U.S. Government securities .....   | <b>1c(2)</b>    |                       |                 |
| <b>(3)</b> Corporate debt instruments (other than employer securities):                           |                 |                       |                 |
| <b>(A)</b> Preferred .....  | <b>1c(3)(A)</b> |                       |                 |
| <b>(B)</b> All other .....  | <b>1c(3)(B)</b> |                       |                 |
| <b>(4)</b> Corporate stocks (other than employer securities):                                     |                 |                       |                 |
| <b>(A)</b> Preferred .....  | <b>1c(4)(A)</b> |                       |                 |
| <b>(B)</b> Common .....   | <b>1c(4)(B)</b> |                       |                 |
| <b>(5)</b> Partnership/joint venture interests .....  | <b>1c(5)</b>    |                       |                 |
| <b>(6)</b> Real estate (other than employer real property) .....                                  | <b>1c(6)</b>    |                       |                 |
| <b>(7)</b> Loans (other than to participants) .....   | <b>1c(7)</b>    |                       |                 |
| <b>(8)</b> Participant loans .....  | <b>1c(8)</b>    | 269339                | 299768          |
| <b>(9)</b> Value of interest in common/collective trusts .....                                    | <b>1c(9)</b>    |                       |                 |
| <b>(10)</b> Value of interest in pooled separate accounts .....                                   | <b>1c(10)</b>   | 14550874              | 15430608        |
| <b>(11)</b> Value of interest in master trust investment accounts .....                           | <b>1c(11)</b>   |                       |                 |
| <b>(12)</b> Value of interest in 103-12 investment entities .....                                 | <b>1c(12)</b>   |                       |                 |
| <b>(13)</b> Value of interest in registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds) .....       | <b>1c(13)</b>   | 13698911              | 16167133        |
| <b>(14)</b> Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts)..... | <b>1c(14)</b>   | 469308                | 959811          |
| <b>(15)</b> Other.....  | <b>1c(15)</b>   |                       |                 |

| <b>1d</b> Employer-related investments:                                  |              | (a) Beginning of Year | (b) End of Year |
|--|--------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| (1) Employer securities.....   | <b>1d(1)</b> |                       |                 |
| (2) Employer real property.....  | <b>1d(2)</b> |                       |                 |
| <b>e</b> Buildings and other property used in plan operation.....        | <b>1e</b>    |                       |                 |
| <b>f</b> Total assets (add all amounts in lines 1a through 1e).....      | <b>1f</b>    | 29566084              | 33404614        |
| <b>Liabilities</b>   |              |                       |                 |
| <b>g</b> Benefit claims payable.....                                     | <b>1g</b>    |                       |                 |
| <b>h</b> Operating payables.....   | <b>1h</b>    |                       |                 |
| <b>i</b> Acquisition indebtedness.....                                   | <b>1i</b>    |                       |                 |
| <b>j</b> Other liabilities.....  | <b>1j</b>    | 3776                  | 0               |
| <b>k</b> Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through 1j)..... | <b>1k</b>    | 3776                  | 0               |
| <b>Net Assets</b>  |              |                       |                 |
| <b>l</b> Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f).....                 | <b>1l</b>    | 29562308              | 33404614        |

**Part II Income and Expense Statement**

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

| <b>Income</b>  |                 | (a) Amount | (b) Total |
|--|-----------------|------------|-----------|
| <b>a Contributions:</b>  |                 |            |           |
| (1) Received or receivable in cash from: <b>(A)</b> Employers.....   | <b>2a(1)(A)</b> | 758406     |           |
| <b>(B)</b> Participants.....   | <b>2a(1)(B)</b> | 773369     |           |
| <b>(C)</b> Others (including rollovers).....   | <b>2a(1)(C)</b> | 47767      |           |
| (2) Noncash contributions.....   | <b>2a(2)</b>    |            |           |
| (3) Total contributions. Add lines <b>2a(1)(A)</b> , <b>(B)</b> , <b>(C)</b> , and line <b>2a(2)</b> ..... | <b>2a(3)</b>    |            | 1579542   |
| <b>b Earnings on investments:</b>  |                 |            |           |
| <b>(1) Interest:</b>   |                 |            |           |
| <b>(A)</b> Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit).....        | <b>2b(1)(A)</b> |            |           |
| <b>(B)</b> U.S. Government securities.....   | <b>2b(1)(B)</b> |            |           |
| <b>(C)</b> Corporate debt instruments.....   | <b>2b(1)(C)</b> |            |           |
| <b>(D)</b> Loans (other than to participants).....   | <b>2b(1)(D)</b> |            |           |
| <b>(E)</b> Participant loans.....  | <b>2b(1)(E)</b> | 24369      |           |
| <b>(F)</b> Other.....  | <b>2b(1)(F)</b> |            |           |
| <b>(G)</b> Total interest. Add lines <b>2b(1)(A)</b> through <b>(F)</b> .....                              | <b>2b(1)(G)</b> |            | 24369     |
| <b>(2) Dividends:</b>  |                 |            |           |
| <b>(A)</b> Preferred stock.....  | <b>2b(2)(A)</b> |            |           |
| <b>(B)</b> Common stock.....   | <b>2b(2)(B)</b> |            |           |
| <b>(C)</b> Registered investment company shares (e.g. mutual funds).....                                   | <b>2b(2)(C)</b> | 288366     |           |
| <b>(D)</b> Total dividends. Add lines <b>2b(2)(A)</b> , <b>(B)</b> , and <b>(C)</b> .....                  | <b>2b(2)(D)</b> |            | 288366    |
| (3) Rents.....   | <b>2b(3)</b>    |            |           |
| <b>(4) Net gain (loss) on sale of assets:</b>  |                 |            |           |
| <b>(A)</b> Aggregate proceeds.....   | <b>2b(4)(A)</b> |            |           |
| <b>(B)</b> Aggregate carrying amount (see instructions).....   | <b>2b(4)(B)</b> |            |           |
| <b>(C)</b> Subtract line <b>2b(4)(B)</b> from line <b>2b(4)(A)</b> and enter result.....                   | <b>2b(4)(C)</b> |            |           |
| <b>(5) Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of assets:</b>   |                 |            |           |
| <b>(A)</b> Real estate.....  | <b>2b(5)(A)</b> |            |           |
| <b>(B)</b> Other.....  | <b>2b(5)(B)</b> |            |           |
| <b>(C)</b> Total unrealized appreciation of assets. Add lines <b>2b(5)(A)</b> and <b>(B)</b> .....         | <b>2b(5)(C)</b> |            |           |

|   |               | (a) Amount | (b) Total |
|---|---------------|------------|-----------|
| (6) Net investment gain (loss) from common/collective trusts .....                              | <b>2b(6)</b>  |            |           |
| (7) Net investment gain (loss) from pooled separate accounts .....                              | <b>2b(7)</b>  |            | 3943915   |
| (8) Net investment gain (loss) from master trust investment accounts .....                      | <b>2b(8)</b>  |            |           |
| (9) Net investment gain (loss) from 103-12 investment entities .....                            | <b>2b(9)</b>  |            |           |
| (10) Net investment gain (loss) from registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds) ..... | <b>2b(10)</b> |            |           |
| <b>c</b> Other income .....   | <b>2c</b>     |            |           |
| <b>d</b> Total income. Add all <b>income</b> amounts in column (b) and enter total .....        | <b>2d</b>     |            | 5836192   |

**Expenses**

|   |               |         |         |
|---|---------------|---------|---------|
| <b>e</b> Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:                                  |               |         |         |
| (1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers .....             | <b>2e(1)</b>  | 1902841 |         |
| (2) To insurance carriers for the provision of benefits .....                               | <b>2e(2)</b>  |         |         |
| (3) Other .....   | <b>2e(3)</b>  |         |         |
| (4) Total benefit payments. Add lines <b>2e(1)</b> through <b>(3)</b> .....                 | <b>2e(4)</b>  |         | 1902841 |
| <b>f</b> Corrective distributions (see instructions) .....                                  | <b>2f</b>     |         |         |
| <b>g</b> Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions) .....         | <b>2g</b>     |         |         |
| <b>h</b> Interest expense .....   | <b>2h</b>     |         |         |
| <b>i</b> Administrative expenses:   |               |         |         |
| (1) Salaries and allowances .....   | <b>2i(1)</b>  |         |         |
| (2) Contract administrator fees .....   | <b>2i(2)</b>  | 86763   |         |
| (3) Recordkeeping fees .....  | <b>2i(3)</b>  |         |         |
| (4) IQPA audit fees .....   | <b>2i(4)</b>  |         |         |
| (5) Investment advisory and investment management fees .....                                | <b>2i(5)</b>  |         |         |
| (6) Bank or trust company trustee/custodial fees .....                                      | <b>2i(6)</b>  |         |         |
| (7) Actuarial fees .....  | <b>2i(7)</b>  |         |         |
| (8) Legal fees .....  | <b>2i(8)</b>  |         |         |
| (9) Valuation/appraisal fees .....  | <b>2i(9)</b>  |         |         |
| (10) Other trustee fees and expenses .....  | <b>2i(10)</b> |         |         |
| (11) Other expenses .....   | <b>2i(11)</b> | 4282    |         |
| (12) Total administrative expenses. Add lines <b>2i(1)</b> through <b>(11)</b> .....        | <b>2i(12)</b> |         | 91045   |
| <b>j</b> Total expenses. Add all <b>expense</b> amounts in column (b) and enter total ..... | <b>2j</b>     |         | 1993886 |

**Net Income and Reconciliation**

|   |              |  |         |
|---|--------------|--|---------|
| <b>k</b> Net income (loss). Subtract line <b>2j</b> from line <b>2d</b> ..... | <b>2k</b>    |  | 3842306 |
| <b>l</b> Transfers of assets:   |              |  |         |
| (1) To this plan .....  | <b>2l(1)</b> |  |         |
| (2) From this plan .....  | <b>2l(2)</b> |  |         |

**Part III Accountant's Opinion**

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

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

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

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

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

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

(1) Name: **SIKICH CPA LLC**

(2) EIN: **54-1172176**

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

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

**Part IV Compliance Questions**

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

During the plan year:

|  | Yes                                 | No                                  | Amount |
|--|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------|
| <b>a</b> Was there a failure to transmit to the plan any participant contributions within the time period described in 29 CFR 2510.3-102? Continue to answer "Yes" for any prior year failures until fully corrected. (See instructions and DOL's Voluntary Fiduciary Correction Program.)                 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>            | 1072   |
| <b>b</b> Were any loans by the plan or fixed income obligations due the plan in default as of the close of the plan year or classified during the year as uncollectible? Disregard participant loans secured by participant's account balance. (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part I if "Yes" is checked.) | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |        |
| <b>c</b> Were any leases to which the plan was a party in default or classified during the year as uncollectible? (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part II if "Yes" is checked.)   | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |        |
| <b>d</b> Were there any nonexempt transactions with any party-in-interest? (Do not include transactions reported on line 4a. Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part III if "Yes" is checked.)  | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |        |
| <b>e</b> Was this plan covered by a fidelity bond?   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>            | 500000 |
| <b>f</b> Did the plan have a loss, whether or not reimbursed by the plan's fidelity bond, that was caused by fraud or dishonesty?  | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |        |
| <b>g</b> Did the plan hold any assets whose current value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?   | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |        |
| <b>h</b> Did the plan receive any noncash contributions whose value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?   | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |        |
| <b>i</b> Did the plan have assets held for investment? (Attach schedule(s) of assets if "Yes" is checked, and see instructions for format requirements.)   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>            |        |
| <b>j</b> Were any plan transactions or series of transactions in excess of 5% of the current value of plan assets? (Attach schedule of transactions if "Yes" is checked and see instructions for format requirements.)   | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |        |
| <b>k</b> Were all the plan assets either distributed to participants or beneficiaries, transferred to another plan, or brought under the control of the PBGC?  | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |        |
| <b>l</b> Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan?   | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |        |
| <b>m</b> If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.)   | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |        |
| <b>n</b> If 4m was answered "Yes," check the "Yes" box if you either provided the required notice or one of the exceptions to providing the notice applied under 29 CFR 2520.101-3.  | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/>            |        |

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

|  |  |            |
|--|--|------------|
| <b>A</b> Name of plan<br><u>WELDSTAR COMPANY COMBINED RETIREMENT PLAN</u>                | <b>B</b> Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶                            | <u>004</u> |
| <b>C</b> Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500<br><u>WELDSTAR COMPANY</u> | <b>D</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN)<br><u>36-6098632</u> |            |

|               |                      |
|---------------|----------------------|
| <b>Part I</b> | <b>Distributions</b> |
|---------------|----------------------|

**All references to distributions relate only to payments of benefits during the plan year.**

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

|   |  |   |
|---|--|---|
| 1 |  | 0 |
|---|--|---|

**2** Enter the EIN(s) of payor(s) who paid benefits on behalf of the plan to participants or beneficiaries during the year (if more than two, enter EINs of the two payors who paid the greatest dollar amounts of benefits):  
 EIN(s): 42-0127290 36-6098632

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

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

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

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|----------------|---|
| <b>Part II</b> | <b>Funding Information</b> (If the plan is not subject to the minimum funding requirements of section 412 of the Internal Revenue Code or ERISA section 302, skip this Part.) |
|----------------|---|

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**10** Were unallocated employer securities or proceeds from the sale of unallocated securities used to repay any exempt loan? .....  Yes  No

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Part VII IRS Compliance Questions**

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

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

**22** If the plan sponsor is an adopter of a pre-approved plan that received a favorable IRS Opinion Letter, enter the date of the Opinion Letter 06 / 30 / 2020 (MM/DD/YYYY) and the Opinion Letter serial number Q703729A.



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## **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT**

To the Trustees of  
Weldstar Company Combined Retirement Plan

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

We have performed audits of the accompanying financial statements of Weldstar Company Combined 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 as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, and the related statements of changes in net assets available for benefits for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

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

Management has obtained certifications from qualified institutions as of and for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023, stating that the certified investment information, as described in Note 5 to the financial statements, is complete and accurate.

### **Opinion**

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

- The amounts and disclosures in the financial statements referred to above, other than those agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

- The information in the financial statements referred to above related to assets held by and certified to by qualified institutions agrees to, or is derived from, in all material respects, the information prepared and certified by institutions that management determined meets the requirements of ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C).

### **Basis for Opinion**

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

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

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

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

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

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

Except as described in the Scope and Nature of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) Audit section of our report, our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.

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

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

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

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

### **Other Matters - Supplemental Schedule Required by ERISA**

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

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

In our opinion:

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

*Schein CPA LLC*

Naperville, Illinois  
September 10, 2025

## **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**WELDSTAR COMPANY  
COMBINED RETIREMENT PLAN**

STATEMENTS OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS

December 31, 2024 and 2023

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|  | <u>2024</u>          | <u>2023</u>          |
|--|----------------------|----------------------|
| <b>ASSETS</b>                            |                      |                      |
| Investments at fair value                | \$ 32,557,552        | \$ 28,719,093        |
| Receivables                              |                      |                      |
| Employee contributions                   | -                    | 18,455               |
| Employer contributions                   | 547,294              | 559,197              |
| Notes receivable from participants       | 299,768              | 269,339              |
| Total receivables                        | <u>847,062</u>       | <u>846,991</u>       |
| Total assets                             | 33,404,614           | 29,566,084           |
| <b>LIABILITIES</b>                       |                      |                      |
| Excess contributions payable             | -                    | 3,776                |
| <b>NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS</b> | <u>\$ 33,404,614</u> | <u>\$ 29,562,308</u> |

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

**WELDSTAR COMPANY  
COMBINED RETIREMENT PLAN**

STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS  
AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS

For the Years Ended December 31, 2024 and 2023

|   | <b>2024</b>   | <b>2023</b>   |
|---|---------------|---------------|
| <b>ADDITIONS IN NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTED TO</b>            |               |               |
| Investment income                                       |               |               |
| Net appreciation in fair value of investments           | \$ 3,911,333  | \$ 4,379,932  |
| Interest and dividends                                  | 320,948       | 252,469       |
| Other income, net                                       | -             | 4,634         |
| Total investment income                                 | 4,232,281     | 4,637,035     |
| Interest on notes receivable from participants          | 24,369        | 16,588        |
| Contributions   |               |               |
| Employee  | 773,369       | 705,686       |
| Employer  | 758,406       | 737,828       |
| Rollover  | 47,767        | 53,669        |
| Total contributions                                     | 1,579,542     | 1,497,183     |
| Total additions   | 5,836,192     | 6,150,806     |
| <b>DEDUCTIONS FROM NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTED TO</b>         |               |               |
| Benefits paid to participants                           | 1,902,841     | 933,078       |
| Administrative expenses                                 | 91,045        | 94,682        |
| Total deductions  | 1,993,886     | 1,027,760     |
| NET INCREASE  | 3,842,306     | 5,123,046     |
| NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS,<br>BEGINNING OF YEAR | 29,562,308    | 24,439,262    |
| NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS,<br>END OF YEAR       | \$ 33,404,614 | \$ 29,562,308 |

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

**WELDSTAR COMPANY  
COMBINED RETIREMENT PLAN**

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

December 31, 2024 and 2023

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**1. DESCRIPTION OF PLAN**

The following description of Weldstar Company Combined Retirement Plan (the Plan) provides only general information. Participants should refer to the plan document for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions.

General

The Plan is a defined contribution plan covering substantially all employees of Weldstar Company, Depke Welding Supplies, Inc., and DI Fire and Safety, Inc. (collectively, referred to as the Company) who are age 21 or older. Participants must have worked at least one year with 1,000 hours of service to receive matching or discretionary non-elective profit-sharing contributions. The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).

Contributions

Each year, with the exception of highly-compensated employees, participants may contribute up to 100% of pre-tax annual compensation, as defined in the Plan. Highly-compensated employees may contribute up to 7% of pre-tax annual compensation. Participants are permitted to designate a portion or all of their deferral contributions as Roth 401(k) contributions. Participants who have attained age 50 before the end of the plan year are eligible to make catch-up contributions. Participants may also contribute amounts representing distributions from other qualified defined benefit or defined contribution plans.

The Company may elect to make discretionary matching contributions up to a maximum of 3% of base compensation. For the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023, the Company matched 50% of the first 6% of base compensation that a participant contributes to the Plan.

The Company may elect to make discretionary non-elective profit-sharing contributions. To be eligible for an allocation of any discretionary non-elective profit-sharing contributions, employees must have worked at least one year with 1,000 hours of service and be employed on the last day of the plan year. For the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023, the Company elected to make discretionary non-elective profit-sharing contributions of 6% of eligible compensation.

Contributions are subject to certain limitations as mandated by the Internal Revenue Code (IRC).

**WELDSTAR COMPANY**  
**COMBINED RETIREMENT PLAN**  
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

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**1. DESCRIPTION OF PLAN (Continued)**

Investment Options

Participants may direct all their contributions among one or more funds subject to the allocation limitations set forth in the Plan. Changes in allocation of future contributions and transfers among funds of presently invested contributions are permitted pursuant to the Plan's provisions.

Participant Accounts

Each participant's account is credited with the participant's contribution and allocations of (a) the Company's contributions and (b) plan earnings (losses) and charged with the participant's benefit payment and an allocation of administrative expenses. Allocations are based on participant earnings (losses), 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 balance.

Vesting

Participants are immediately vested in their contributions and the Company's discretionary matching contribution portion of their accounts plus actual earnings (losses) thereon. Vesting in the Company's discretionary non-elective profit-sharing portion of their accounts is based on the following table:

| <u>Years of Service</u> | <u>Percentage</u> |
|-------------------------|-------------------|
| Less than 2             | 0%                |
| 2                       | 20%               |
| 3                       | 40%               |
| 4                       | 60%               |
| 5                       | 80%               |
| 6                       | 100%              |

Notes Receivable from Participants

Participants may borrow from their fund accounts a minimum of \$1,000 up to the maximum equal to the lesser of \$50,000 or 50% of their account balance, less defaulted loans (if any). Participants can have only two loans outstanding at any time. The loans are secured by the balances in the participants' accounts and bear interest at the prime rate plus 1%. The term of the loan may not exceed five years. Principal and interest are paid ratably through payroll deductions.

**WELDSTAR COMPANY**  
**COMBINED RETIREMENT PLAN**  
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

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**1. DESCRIPTION OF PLAN (Continued)**

Payment of Benefits

On termination of service, death, disability, or retirement, 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 or partial payments. A participant that terminates employment whose account balance is less than \$7,000 (previously \$5,000 in 2023) will receive a distribution of their vested aggregate account balance without the consent of the participant. If the distribution is less than \$1,000 the distribution will be made in the form of lump sum cash. If the distribution is greater than \$1,000, but less than \$7,000, the Plan will pay the distribution in an automatic direct rollover to an individual retirement account (IRA). In-service withdrawals of all or a portion of the participant's vested account balance are also permitted upon the participant's attainment of age 59 ½ or early retirement age of 60. Under certain conditions participants may receive a hardship distribution if certain criteria is met.

Forfeited Accounts

As of December 31, 2024 and 2023 there were no forfeited nonvested accounts. During the plan years 2024 and 2023, forfeitures of \$26,268 and \$7,458, respectively, were used to reduce the Company's contributions.

**2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

Basis of Accounting

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

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements is in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (US GAAP) and 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.

Investment Valuation and Income Recognition

Investments are stated 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, custodians, and insurance company. See Note 4 for discussion of fair value measurements.

**WELDSTAR COMPANY**  
**COMBINED RETIREMENT PLAN**  
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

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**2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**

Investment Valuation and Income Recognition (Continued)

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

Notes Receivable from Participants

Notes receivable from participants are measured at their unpaid principal balance plus any accrued but unpaid interest less amounts defaulted (if any). Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. Related fees are recorded as administrative expenses and are expensed when they are incurred.

Payment of Benefits

Benefits are recorded when paid.

Administrative Expenses

Certain expenses of maintaining the Plan are paid by the Company and are excluded from these financial statements. Loan administration and distribution fees are charged directly to the participant's account and are included in administrative expenses. The Plan also pays certain investment advisory and plan administration fees from plan assets. Certain investment-related expenses are included in net appreciation (depreciation) of fair value of investments.

Recent Accounting and Regulatory Pronouncements

The SECURE 2.0 Act of 2022 was signed into law on December 29, 2022. This legislation includes a vast array of provisional changes to retirement plans, becoming effective in 2023 and beyond. Plan management adopted mandatory provisions effective for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023. Plan management continues to evaluate the impact of the optional provisions of SECURE 2.0 and awaiting additional regulatory guidance from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and Department of Labor (DOL). The application of SECURE 2.0 Act did not have a material effect on the Plan's financial statements for the plan years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023. The Plan will be amended to reflect any changes made in response to SECURE 2.0 prior to the deadline set by law or applicable regulations.

**WELDSTAR COMPANY**  
**COMBINED RETIREMENT PLAN**  
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

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**3. NON-FULLY BENEFIT RESPONSIVE INVESTMENT CONTRACTS**

The Plan entered into two guaranteed interest contracts (the Contracts) with Principal Life Insurance Company. The contract issuer maintains the contributions in a general account. The account is credited with earnings on the underlying investments and charged for participant withdrawals and administrative expenses. The contract issuer is contractually obligated to repay the principal and a specified interest rate that is guaranteed to the Plan.

The contracts are non-fully benefit-responsive investment contracts and are reported at fair value.

There are no reserves against fair value for credit risk of the contract issuer or otherwise. The crediting rate is based on a formula established by the contract issuer but may not be less than 0%. The crediting rate is reviewed on a quarterly basis for resetting. The contracts cannot be terminated before the scheduled maturity date.

The Plan's ability to receive amounts due in accordance with non-fully benefit-responsive investment contracts is dependent on the third-party issuer's ability to meet its financial obligations. The contract issuer's ability to meet its contractual obligations may be affected by future economic and regulatory developments.

**4. 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 the fair value hierarchy under Topic 820 are described as follows:

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

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

- a. Quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets,
- b. Quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in inactive markets,
- c. Inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability, and

**WELDSTAR COMPANY**  
**COMBINED RETIREMENT PLAN**  
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

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**4. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS (Continued)**

Level 2: (Continued)

- d. Inputs that are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data by correlation or other means.

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

Level 3: Inputs 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 used need to maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs.

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

*Mutual funds:* Valued at the daily closing price as reported by the fund. Mutual funds held by the Plan are open-ended mutual funds that are registered with the US Securities and Exchange Commission. These funds are required to publish their daily net asset value (NAV) and to transact at that price. The mutual funds held by the Plan are deemed to be actively traded.

*Guaranteed investment contracts:* The guaranteed investments contracts are non-fully benefit-responsive contracts and are adjusted for possible market value adjustments and stated at estimated fair value as determined by the custodian. The fair values of the guaranteed investment contracts are estimated by discounting the related cash flows based on current yields of similar instruments with comparable durations and credit quality.

*Pooled separate accounts:* Investments in units of pooled separate accounts held with an insurance company are stated at estimated fair market value and are valued by the insurance company based on the NAV of units held by the Plan on a daily basis. The unit value is updated and posted on NASDAQ's website for each day that NASDAQ is open. The NAV is determined by the insurance company based on the market value of the underlying investments held in the pooled fund.

**WELDSTAR COMPANY**  
**COMBINED RETIREMENT PLAN**  
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

**4. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS (Continued)**

The preceding methods described may produce a fair value calculation that may not be indicative of net realizable value or reflective of future fair values. Furthermore, although the Plan believes its valuation methods are appropriate and consistent with other market participants, the use of different methodologies or assumptions to determine the fair value of certain financial instruments could result in a different fair value measurement at the reporting date.

The following tables set forth by level, within the fair value hierarchy, the Plan's assets at fair value as of December 31, 2024 and 2023:

| Description                     | Assets at Fair Value as of<br>December 31, 2024 |             |                   |                      |
|---------------------------------|---|-------------|-------------------|----------------------|
|                                 | Level 1   | Level 2     | Level 3           | Total                |
| Mutual funds                    | \$ 16,167,133                                   | \$ -        | \$ -              | \$ 16,167,133        |
| Pooled separate accounts        | 15,430,608                                      | -           | -                 | 15,430,608           |
| Guaranteed investment contracts | -   | -           | 959,811           | 959,811              |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                    | <b>\$ 31,597,741</b>                            | <b>\$ -</b> | <b>\$ 959,811</b> | <b>\$ 32,557,552</b> |

| Description                     | Assets at Fair Value as of<br>December 31, 2023 |             |                   |                      |
|---------------------------------|---|-------------|-------------------|----------------------|
|                                 | Level 1   | Level 2     | Level 3           | Total                |
| Mutual funds                    | \$ 13,698,911                                   | \$ -        | \$ -              | \$ 13,698,911        |
| Pooled separate accounts        | 14,550,874                                      | -           | -                 | 14,550,874           |
| Guaranteed investment contracts | -   | -           | 469,308           | 469,308              |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                    | <b>\$ 28,249,785</b>                            | <b>\$ -</b> | <b>\$ 469,308</b> | <b>\$ 28,719,093</b> |

Fair Value of Level 3 Assets

The availability of observable market data is monitored to assess the appropriate classification of financial instruments within the fair value hierarchy. Changes in economic conditions or model-based valuation techniques may require the transfer of financial instruments from one fair value level to another. We evaluate the significance of transfers between levels based upon the nature of the financial instrument and size of the transfer relative to total net assets available for benefits.

The Plan's Level 3 assets for the year ended December 31, 2024 and 2023 included purchases of \$15,306 and \$2,497, respectively, and issuances of \$2,370 and \$137,020, respectively. During the year ended December 31, 2024, \$444,862 was transferred into the investment due a change in a participant's investment elections.

**WELDSTAR COMPANY**  
**COMBINED RETIREMENT PLAN**  
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

**4. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS (Continued)**

Changes in Fair Value of Level 3 Assets

The following tables represent the Plan's Level 3 financial instruments, the valuation techniques used to measure the fair value of those financial instruments, and the significant unobservable inputs and the ranges of values for those inputs.

Quantitative Information about Level 3 Fair Value Measurements  
as of December 31, 2024

| Instrument                      | Fair Value | Valuation Techniques | Unobservable Input | Range         |
|---------------------------------|------------|----------------------|--------------------|---------------|
| Guaranteed investment contracts | \$ 959,811 | Discounted cash flow | Payout percentage  | 0.10% - 4.95% |

Quantitative Information about Level 3 Fair Value Measurements  
as of December 31, 2023

| Instrument                      | Fair Value | Valuation Techniques | Unobservable Input | Range         |
|---------------------------------|------------|----------------------|--------------------|---------------|
| Guaranteed investment contracts | \$ 469,308 | Discounted cash flow | Payout percentage  | 0.10% - 4.57% |

**5. CERTIFICATION OF FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

The financial data included in the accompanying financial statements as of and for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023 and supplemental schedule of assets (held at end of year) as of December 31, 2024, has been certified as complete and accurate by Delaware Charter Guarantee and Trust Company d/b/a Principal Trust Company and Principal Life Insurance Company, qualified institutions. The following certified information obtained by management and agreed to or derived from information certified as complete and accurate, and has not been audited by the independent auditors for the Plan: investments at fair value, notes receivable from participants, interest and dividends, other income, net, interest on notes receivable from participants, and net appreciation in fair value of investments.

**6. 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. Any unallocated assets of the Plan shall be allocated to participant accounts and distributed in such a manner as the Company may determine.

**WELDSTAR COMPANY**  
**COMBINED RETIREMENT PLAN**  
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

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**7. TAX STATUS**

The Company adopted a non-standardized pre-approved plan document, which received an opinion letter dated June 30, 2020, in which the IRS stated that the non-standardized pre-approved plan document was in compliance with applicable requirements of the IRC. The Plan has not received a determination letter specific to the Plan itself and has been amended since adopting the non-standardized pre-approved plan document; however, the plan administrator believes that the Plan is designed, and is being operated, in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC.

US GAAP requires management to evaluate tax positions taken by the Plan and recognize a tax liability (or asset) 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.

**8. PARTY-IN-INTEREST TRANSACTIONS**

Certain Plan investments are managed by an affiliate of Delaware Charter Guarantee and Trust Company d/b/a Principal Trust Company, the custodian; therefore, these transactions qualify as party-in-interest. Fees paid by the Plan for investment management services were included as a reduction of the return earned on each fund. Certain administrative expenses were paid by the Plan or the Company. The Plan issues loans to participants, which are secured by the vested balance in the participants' accounts. These transactions qualify as party-in-interest. Employees of the Company provide administrative services to the Plan for which no fees are charged.

In addition, the Company is eligible for expense reduction credits from the custodian. Total amounts received from the custodian and used to offset expenses during the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023 were \$4,367 and \$4,634, respectively.

**9. RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES**

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

**WELDSTAR COMPANY**  
**COMBINED RETIREMENT PLAN**  
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

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**10. PROHIBITED TRANSACTIONS**

During 2023, the Company failed to remit to the Plan's custodian certain employee contributions totaling \$1,072 within the period prescribed by DOL's regulations. Delays in remitting contributions to the custodian were due to administrative errors, and the Company has made contributions to the affected participants' accounts to compensate those participants for potential lost income due to the delays.

**11. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS**

The Plan has evaluated subsequent events through September 10, 2025 which was the date that these financial statements were available for issuance and determined that there were no significant nonrecognized subsequent events through that date.

## **SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULES**

**WELDSTAR COMPANY  
COMBINED RETIREMENT PLAN**

SCHEDULE OF DELINQUENT PARTICIPANT CONTRIBUTIONS  
FORM 5500, SCHEDULE H, LINE 4a

EIN: 36-6098632      PLAN: #004

For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

| Participant Contributions Transferred Late to the Plan                                       |                             |                             | Total that Constitute Non-exempt Prohibited Transactions |                                      |  | Total Fully Corrected Under VFCP and PTE 2002-51 |
|--|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|--|--------------------------------------|--|--|
| Check here if Late Participant Loan Repayments are Included:<br><br><input type="checkbox"/> |                             |                             | Contributions Not Corrected                              | Contributions Corrected Outside VFCP | Contributions Pending Correction in VFCP |  |
| Date Contributions Withheld  | Date Contributions Remitted | Date Lost Earnings Remitted |  |                                      |  |  |
| October 5, 2023  | July 16, 2024               | August 30, 2024             | \$ -   | \$ 147                               | \$ -                                     | \$ -   |
| December 8, 2023   | July 16, 2024               | August 30, 2024             | -  | 925                                  | -  | -  |
| <b>TOTAL</b>   |                             |                             | <b>\$ -</b>  | <b>\$ 1,072</b>                      | <b>\$ -</b>                              | <b>\$ -</b>                                      |

**WELDSTAR COMPANY  
COMBINED RETIREMENT PLAN**

SCHEDULE OF ASSETS (HELD AT END OF YEAR)  
FORM 5500, SCHEDULE H, LINE 4i

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| (a)  | (b)<br>Identity of Issue, Borrower,<br>or Similar Party | (c)<br>Description of Investment Including<br>Maturity Date, Rate of Interest,<br>Collateral, Par, or Maturity Value | (d)<br>Cost | (e)<br>Current<br>Value |
|--|---|--|-------------|-------------------------|
| <b>Non-Fully Benefit Responsive Investment Contracts</b> |   |  |             |                         |
| *  | Principal Life Insurance Company                        | Guaranteed Interest Account Class A - 2 Year and 5 Year contracts  | **          | \$ 959,811              |
| <b>Mutual Funds</b>                                      |   |  |             |                         |
|  | American Funds Service Company                          | American Funds Target Date Retirement Fund R6 - 2010   | **          | 34,231                  |
|  | American Funds Service Company                          | American Funds Target Date Retirement Fund R6 - 2020   | **          | 473,621                 |
|  | American Funds Service Company                          | American Funds Target Date Retirement Fund R6 - 2025   | **          | 3,485,373               |
|  | American Funds Service Company                          | American Funds Target Date Retirement Fund R6 - 2030   | **          | 2,080,148               |
|  | American Funds Service Company                          | American Funds Target Date Retirement Fund R6 - 2035   | **          | 987,271                 |
|  | American Funds Service Company                          | American Funds Target Date Retirement Fund R6 - 2040   | **          | 400,362                 |
|  | American Funds Service Company                          | American Funds Target Date Retirement Fund R6 - 2045   | **          | 183,696                 |
|  | American Funds Service Company                          | American Funds Target Date Retirement Fund R6 - 2050   | **          | 673,512                 |
|  | American Funds Service Company                          | American Funds Target Date Retirement Fund R6 - 2055   | **          | 959,031                 |
|  | American Funds Service Company                          | American Funds Target Date Retirement Fund R6 - 2060   | **          | 842,946                 |
|  | American Funds Service Company                          | American Funds Target Date Retirement Fund R6 - 2065   | **          | 157,077                 |
|  | The American Funds                                      | American Funds EuroPacific Growth R6 Fund  | **          | 642                     |
|  | The American Funds                                      | Growth Fund of America   | **          | 2,236,969               |
|  | The American Funds                                      | Capital World Growth and Income Fund   | **          | 5,934                   |
|  | The American Funds                                      | American Balanced R6 Fund  | **          | 247,691                 |
|  | The American Funds                                      | Washington Mutual Investors R6 Fund  | **          | 454,967                 |
|  | The American Funds                                      | New Perspective R6 Fund  | **          | 141,907                 |
|  | The American Funds                                      | New World Fund R6  | **          | 486,526                 |
|  | MFS Investment Management                               | MFS Mass Invest Trust R6 Fund  | **          | 172,487                 |
|  | Fidelity Investments                                    | Fidelity Advisor High Income Advantage I Fund  | **          | 438,518                 |
|  | PIMCO Funds   | PIMCO International Bond Fund US Dollar-Hedged I Fund  | **          | 31,230                  |
|  | PIMCO Funds   | PIMCO Real Return Institutional Fund   | **          | 50,086                  |
|  | Shelton Capital Management                              | Nasdaq 100 Index Fund  | **          | 1,622,908               |
|  | Total mutual funds                                      |  |             | <u>16,167,133</u>       |
| <b>Pooled Separate Accounts</b>                          |   |  |             |                         |
| *  | Principal Life Insurance Company                        | Principal Global Investors - Blue Chip Separate Acct   | **          | 1,706,788               |
| *  | Principal Life Insurance Company                        | Principal Global Investors - Core Plus Bd Separate Acct Z  | **          | 1,205,383               |
| *  | Principal Life Insurance Company                        | Principal Global Investors - Diversified Intl Separate Account   | **          | 991,649                 |
| *  | Principal Life Insurance Company                        | Edge Asset Management, Inc - Equity Income Separate Account  | **          | 1,016,649               |
| *  | Principal Life Insurance Company                        | Principal Global Investors - Lgcap S&P 500 Index Separate Acct   | **          | 4,304,975               |
| *  | Principal Life Insurance Company                        | Principal Global Investors - Liquid Assets Separate Acct   | **          | 139,478                 |
| *  | Principal Life Insurance Company                        | Principal Global Investors - Midcap S&P 400 Index Separate Acct  | **          | 1,548,658               |
| *  | Principal Life Insurance Company                        | Principal Global Investors - Midcap Separate Acct  | **          | 1,638,086               |
| *  | Principal Life Insurance Company                        | Principal Real Estate Investment - Real Estate Secs Separate Account   | **          | 357,999                 |
| *  | Principal Life Insurance Company                        | Edge Asset Management, Inc - ST Income Separate Account  | **          | 406,560                 |
| *  | Principal Life Insurance Company                        | Principal Global Investors - Smallcap S&P 600 Index Separate Acct  | **          | 1,885,553               |
| *  | Principal Life Insurance Company                        | Principal Real Estate Investment - US Property Separate Account  | **          | 228,830                 |
|  | Total pooled separate accounts                          |  |             | <u>15,430,608</u>       |
| <b>TOTAL INVESTMENTS PER FINANCIAL STATEMENTS</b>        |   |  |             | 32,557,552              |
| *  | Participant loans                                       | Interest rates from 4.25% to 9.50%   | -0-         | <u>299,768</u>          |
| <b>TOTAL INVESTMENTS PER 5500</b>                        |   |  |             | <u>\$ 32,857,320</u>    |

\* Denotes a party-in-interest to the Plan.

\*\* Cost information not required for participant-directed investments.