

<p style="text-align: center;">Form 5500</p> <p style="font-size: small;">Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</p> <hr/> <p style="font-size: small;">Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</p> <hr/> <p style="font-size: x-small;">Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</p>	<p>Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan</p> <p style="font-size: x-small;">This form is required to be filed for employee benefit plans under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and sections 6057(b) and 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code).</p> <p style="text-align: center;">▶ Complete all entries in accordance with the instructions to the Form 5500.</p>	<p style="font-size: x-small;">OMB Nos. 1210-0110 1210-0089</p> <hr/> <p style="font-size: large; text-align: center;">2024</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">This Form is Open to Public Inspection</p>
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Part I Annual Report Identification Information
 For calendar plan year 2024 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2024 and ending 12/31/2024

A This return/report is for: a multiemployer plan a multiple-employer plan (Filers checking this box must provide participating employer information in accordance with the form instructions.)

a single-employer plan a DFE (specify) _____

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

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

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

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

special extension (enter description)

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

Part II Basic Plan Information—enter all requested information

<p>1a Name of plan <u>MERUS EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN AND TRUST AGREEMENT</u></p>	<p>1b Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ <u>002</u></p>
<p>2a Plan sponsor's name (employer, if for a single-employer plan) Mailing address (include room, apt., suite no. and street, or P.O. Box) City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code (if foreign, see instructions) <u>MERUS CORPORATION</u></p> <p><u>302 WEST THIRD STREET</u> <u>SUITE 300</u> <u>CINCINNATI, OH 45202</u></p>	<p>1c Effective date of plan <u>04/01/2014</u></p> <p>2b Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>46-1375798</u></p> <p>2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number <u>513-271-6400</u></p> <p>2d Business code (see instructions) <u>551112</u></p>

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

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

SIGN HERE	Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature.	10/13/2025	JENNIFER BARNES
	Signature of plan administrator	Date	Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator
SIGN HERE	Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature.	10/13/2025	JENNIFER BARNES
	Signature of employer/plan sponsor	Date	Enter name of individual signing as employer or plan sponsor
SIGN HERE			
	Signature of DFE	Date	Enter name of individual signing as DFE

3a Plan administrator's name and address <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Same as Plan Sponsor	3b Administrator's EIN	
	3c Administrator's telephone number	
4 If the name and/or EIN of the plan sponsor or the plan name has changed since the last return/report filed for this plan, enter the plan sponsor's name, EIN, the plan name and the plan number from the last return/report: a Sponsor's name AL. NEYER CORPORATION c Plan Name AL. NEYER EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN AND TRUST AGREEMENT	4b EIN 46-1375798	
	4d PN 002	
5 Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year	5	260
6 Number of participants as of the end of the plan year unless otherwise stated (welfare plans complete only lines 6a(1) , 6a(2) , 6b , 6c , and 6d). a(1) Total number of active participants at the beginning of the plan year a(2) Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year b Retired or separated participants receiving benefits..... c Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits d Subtotal. Add lines 6a(2) , 6b , and 6c e Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits. f Total. Add lines 6d and 6e g(1) Number of participants with account balances as of the beginning of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item) g(2) Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item) h Number of participants who terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested.....	6a(1)	175
	6a(2)	151
	6b	14
	6c	30
	6d	195
	6e	0
	6f	195
	6g(1)	226
	6g(2)	193
	6h	20
7 Enter the total number of employers obligated to contribute to the plan (only multiemployer plans complete this item)	7	

8a If the plan provides pension benefits, enter the applicable pension feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions:
2I 2P 2Q 3I

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

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

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

a Pension Schedules		b General Schedules	
(1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> R (Retirement Plan Information)		(1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> H (Financial Information)	
(2) <input type="checkbox"/> MB (Multiemployer Defined Benefit Plan and Certain Money Purchase Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary		(2) <input type="checkbox"/> I (Financial Information – Small Plan)	
(3) <input type="checkbox"/> SB (Single-Employer Defined Benefit Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary		(3) <input type="checkbox"/> A (Insurance Information) – Number Attached _____	
(4) <input type="checkbox"/> DCG (Individual Plan Information) – Number Attached <u>0</u>		(4) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> C (Service Provider Information)	
(5) <input type="checkbox"/> MEP (Multiple-Employer Retirement Plan Information)		(5) <input type="checkbox"/> D (DFE/Participating Plan Information)	
		(6) <input type="checkbox"/> G (Financial Transaction Schedules)	

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

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

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

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

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

Receipt Confirmation Code _____

(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)

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

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

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

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

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

Part I Service Provider Information (continued)

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

(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
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Part II Service Providers Who Fail or Refuse to Provide Information

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

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

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

Explanation:

a Name:	b EIN:
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SCHEDULE H (Form 5500) <small>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</small> <small>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</small> <small>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</small>	Financial Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.	OMB No. 1210-0110 2024 This Form is Open to Public Inspection
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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>	
A Name of plan <u>MERUS EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN AND TRUST AGREEMENT</u>	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ <u>002</u>
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <u>MERUS CORPORATION</u>	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>46-1375798</u>

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

	(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
Assets		
a Total noninterest-bearing cash	1a	
b Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts):		
(1) Employer contributions	1b(1)	288624
(2) Participant contributions	1b(2)	
(3) Other	1b(3)	39801 19616
c General investments:		
(1) Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit)	1c(1)	10591538 9025498
(2) U.S. Government securities	1c(2)	
(3) Corporate debt instruments (other than employer securities):		
(A) Preferred	1c(3)(A)	
(B) All other	1c(3)(B)	
(4) Corporate stocks (other than employer securities):		
(A) Preferred	1c(4)(A)	
(B) Common	1c(4)(B)	
(5) Partnership/joint venture interests	1c(5)	
(6) Real estate (other than employer real property)	1c(6)	
(7) Loans (other than to participants)	1c(7)	
(8) Participant loans	1c(8)	
(9) Value of interest in common/collective trusts	1c(9)	
(10) Value of interest in pooled separate accounts	1c(10)	
(11) Value of interest in master trust investment accounts	1c(11)	
(12) Value of interest in 103-12 investment entities	1c(12)	
(13) Value of interest in registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds)	1c(13)	
(14) Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts)	1c(14)	
(15) Other	1c(15)	

1d Employer-related investments:		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
(1) Employer securities.....	1d(1)	82863498	92934100
(2) Employer real property.....	1d(2)		
e Buildings and other property used in plan operation.....	1e		
f Total assets (add all amounts in lines 1a through 1e).....	1f	93494837	102267838
Liabilities			
g Benefit claims payable.....	1g		
h Operating payables.....	1h		
i Acquisition indebtedness.....	1i		
j Other liabilities.....	1j	8335649	20746263
k Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through 1j).....	1k	8335649	20746263
Net Assets			
l Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f).....	1l	85159188	81521575

Part II Income and Expense Statement

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

Income		(a) Amount	(b) Total
a Contributions:			
(1) Received or receivable in cash from: (A) Employers.....	2a(1)(A)	821120	
(B) Participants.....	2a(1)(B)		
(C) Others (including rollovers).....	2a(1)(C)		
(2) Noncash contributions.....	2a(2)		
(3) Total contributions. Add lines 2a(1)(A) , (B) , (C) , and line 2a(2)	2a(3)		821120
b Earnings on investments:			
(1) Interest:			
(A) Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit).....	2b(1)(A)	461253	
(B) U.S. Government securities.....	2b(1)(B)		
(C) Corporate debt instruments.....	2b(1)(C)		
(D) Loans (other than to participants).....	2b(1)(D)		
(E) Participant loans.....	2b(1)(E)		
(F) Other.....	2b(1)(F)		
(G) Total interest. Add lines 2b(1)(A) through (F)	2b(1)(G)		461253
(2) Dividends:			
(A) Preferred stock.....	2b(2)(A)		
(B) Common stock.....	2b(2)(B)		
(C) Registered investment company shares (e.g. mutual funds).....	2b(2)(C)		
(D) Total dividends. Add lines 2b(2)(A) , (B) , and (C)	2b(2)(D)		0
(3) Rents.....	2b(3)		
(4) Net gain (loss) on sale of assets:			
(A) Aggregate proceeds.....	2b(4)(A)		
(B) Aggregate carrying amount (see instructions).....	2b(4)(B)		
(C) Subtract line 2b(4)(B) from line 2b(4)(A) and enter result.....	2b(4)(C)		
(5) Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of assets:			
(A) Real estate.....	2b(5)(A)		
(B) Other.....	2b(5)(B)	10070601	
(C) Total unrealized appreciation of assets. Add lines 2b(5)(A) and (B)	2b(5)(C)		

		(a) Amount	(b) Total
(6) Net investment gain (loss) from common/collective trusts	2b(6)		
(7) Net investment gain (loss) from pooled separate accounts	2b(7)		
(8) Net investment gain (loss) from master trust investment accounts	2b(8)		
(9) Net investment gain (loss) from 103-12 investment entities	2b(9)		
(10) Net investment gain (loss) from registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds)	2b(10)		
c Other income	2c		
d Total income. Add all income amounts in column (b) and enter total	2d		11352974

Expenses

e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers	2e(1)	14779984	
(2) To insurance carriers for the provision of benefits	2e(2)		
(3) Other	2e(3)		
(4) Total benefit payments. Add lines 2e(1) through (3)	2e(4)		14779984
f Corrective distributions (see instructions)	2f		
g Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions)	2g		
h Interest expense	2h		210603
i Administrative expenses:			
(1) Salaries and allowances	2i(1)		
(2) Contract administrator fees	2i(2)		
(3) Recordkeeping fees	2i(3)		
(4) IQPA audit fees	2i(4)		
(5) Investment advisory and investment management fees	2i(5)		
(6) Bank or trust company trustee/custodial fees	2i(6)		
(7) Actuarial fees	2i(7)		
(8) Legal fees	2i(8)		
(9) Valuation/appraisal fees	2i(9)		
(10) Other trustee fees and expenses	2i(10)		
(11) Other expenses	2i(11)		
(12) Total administrative expenses. Add lines 2i(1) through (11)	2i(12)		0
j Total expenses. Add all expense amounts in column (b) and enter total	2j		14990587

Net Income and Reconciliation

k Net income (loss). Subtract line 2j from line 2d	2k		-3637613
l Transfers of assets:			
(1) To this plan	2l(1)		
(2) From this plan	2l(2)		

Part III Accountant's Opinion

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

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

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

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

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

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

(1) Name: **CLARK, SCHAEFER HACKETT & CO.**

(2) EIN: **31-0800053**

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

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

Part IV Compliance Questions

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

During the plan year:

	Yes	No	Amount
a Was there a failure to transmit to the plan any participant contributions within the time period described in 29 CFR 2510.3-102? Continue to answer "Yes" for any prior year failures until fully corrected. (See instructions and DOL's Voluntary Fiduciary Correction Program.)		X	
b Were any loans by the plan or fixed income obligations due the plan in default as of the close of the plan year or classified during the year as uncollectible? Disregard participant loans secured by participant's account balance. (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part I if "Yes" is checked.)		X	
c Were any leases to which the plan was a party in default or classified during the year as uncollectible? (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part II if "Yes" is checked.)		X	
d Were there any nonexempt transactions with any party-in-interest? (Do not include transactions reported on line 4a. Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part III if "Yes" is checked.)		X	
e Was this plan covered by a fidelity bond?	X		5000000
f Did the plan have a loss, whether or not reimbursed by the plan's fidelity bond, that was caused by fraud or dishonesty?		X	
g Did the plan hold any assets whose current value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?		X	
h Did the plan receive any noncash contributions whose value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?		X	
i Did the plan have assets held for investment? (Attach schedule(s) of assets if "Yes" is checked, and see instructions for format requirements.)	X		
j Were any plan transactions or series of transactions in excess of 5% of the current value of plan assets? (Attach schedule of transactions if "Yes" is checked and see instructions for format requirements.)		X	
k Were all the plan assets either distributed to participants or beneficiaries, transferred to another plan, or brought under the control of the PBGC?		X	
l Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan?		X	
m If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.)		X	
n If 4m was answered "Yes," check the "Yes" box if you either provided the required notice or one of the exceptions to providing the notice applied under 29 CFR 2520.101-3.			

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

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

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

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

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

SCHEDULE R (Form 5500) <small>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</small> <small>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</small> <small>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</small>	Retirement Plan Information This schedule is required to be filed under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.	<small>OMB No. 1210-0110</small> 2024 This Form is Open to Public Inspection.
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A Name of plan <u>MERUS EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN AND TRUST AGREEMENT</u>	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	<u>002</u>
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <u>MERUS CORPORATION</u>	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>46-1375798</u>	

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

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

1		0
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2 Enter the EIN(s) of payor(s) who paid benefits on behalf of the plan to participants or beneficiaries during the year (if more than two, enter EINs of the two payors who paid the greatest dollar amounts of benefits):
EIN(s): 42-0127290

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Part V Additional Information for Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans

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

a Name of contributing employer _____

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

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer _____

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

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a Name of contributing employer _____

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

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a Name of contributing employer _____

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

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a Name of contributing employer _____

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

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a Name of contributing employer _____

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Part VII IRS Compliance Questions

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

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

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

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Participants and Plan Governance
Merus Employee Stock Ownership Plan and Trust Agreement

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of the Merus Employee Stock Ownership Plan and Trust Agreement (the Plan), an employee benefit plan subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), which comprise the statements of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, and the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the net assets available for benefits of the Plan as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, and the changes in its net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2024, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

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 Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Merus Employee Stock Ownership Plan and Trust Agreement 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 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.

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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.

Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

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 auditors' 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 Merus Employee Stock Ownership Plan and Trust Agreement'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 Merus Employee Stock Ownership Plan and Trust Agreement's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

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

Supplemental Schedule Required by ERISA

Our audits were conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements as a whole. The supplemental schedule of assets (held at end of year) as of December 31, 2024 is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements but is supplementary information required by the 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 has been subjected to the 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.

In forming our opinion on the supplemental schedule, we evaluated whether the supplemental schedule, including its form and content, is presented in conformity with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.

In our opinion, the information in the accompanying schedule is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the financial statements as a whole, and the form and content are presented in conformity with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.

Clark, Schaefer, Hackett & Co.

Cincinnati, Ohio
October 6, 2025



CLARK SCHAEFER HACKETT
BUSINESS ADVISORS

Merus Employee Stock Ownership Plan and Trust Agreement

Financial Statements and Supplemental Schedule

December 31, 2024 and 2023

with Independent Auditors' Report

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Cincinnati, Ohio
October 6, 2025

Merus Employee Stock Ownership Plan and Trust Agreement
Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits
December 31, 2024 and 2023

	December 31, 2024		
	Allocated	Unallocated	Total
Investments, at fair value:			
Merus Corporation common stock	\$ 63,658,192	29,275,908	92,934,100
Cash and cash equivalents	<u>9,025,498</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9,025,498</u>
	<u>72,683,690</u>	<u>29,275,908</u>	<u>101,959,598</u>
Receivable:			
Employer receivable	-	288,624	288,624
Accrued interest	<u>19,616</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>19,616</u>
	<u>19,616</u>	<u>288,624</u>	<u>308,240</u>
Total assets	<u>72,703,306</u>	<u>29,564,532</u>	<u>102,267,838</u>
Notes payable	<u>-</u>	<u>20,746,263</u>	<u>20,746,263</u>
Net assets available for benefits	\$ <u>72,703,306</u>	<u>8,818,269</u>	<u>81,521,575</u>

	December 31, 2023		
	Allocated	Unallocated	Total
Investments, at fair value:			
Merus Corporation common stock	\$ 70,991,794	11,871,704	82,863,498
Cash and cash equivalents	<u>10,591,538</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10,591,538</u>
	<u>81,583,332</u>	<u>11,871,704</u>	<u>93,455,036</u>
Receivable:			
Accrued interest	<u>39,801</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>39,801</u>
Total assets	<u>81,623,133</u>	<u>11,871,704</u>	<u>93,494,837</u>
Notes payable	<u>2,554,855</u>	<u>5,780,794</u>	<u>8,335,649</u>
Net assets available for benefits	\$ <u>79,068,278</u>	<u>6,090,910</u>	<u>85,159,188</u>

See accompanying notes to the financial statements.

Merus Employee Stock Ownership Plan and Trust Agreement
Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits
Year Ended December 31, 2024

	<u>Allocated</u>	<u>Unallocated</u>	<u>Total</u>
Additions:			
Employer contributions	\$ 107,567	713,553	821,120
Net appreciation in fair value of investments	6,782,968	3,287,633	10,070,601
Interest and dividends	461,253	-	461,253
Allocation of shares of common stock of Merus Corporation at fair value:			
2,352 shares released for loan payment	<u>1,063,224</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,063,224</u>
Total additions	<u>8,415,012</u>	<u>4,001,186</u>	<u>12,416,198</u>
Deductions:			
Benefits paid to participants	14,779,984	-	14,779,984
Interest expense	-	210,603	210,603
Allocation of shares of common stock of Merus Corporation at fair value:			
2,352 shares released for loan payment	<u>-</u>	<u>1,063,224</u>	<u>1,063,224</u>
Total deductions	<u>14,779,984</u>	<u>1,273,827</u>	<u>16,053,811</u>
Net change	(6,364,972)	2,727,359	(3,637,613)
Net assets available for benefits:			
Beginning of Year	<u>79,068,278</u>	<u>6,090,910</u>	<u>85,159,188</u>
End of year	\$ <u>72,703,306</u>	<u>8,818,269</u>	<u>81,521,575</u>

An additional 31,326 shares of stock were reclassified from allocated to unallocated with the receipt of an additional 80-26 loan of \$12,624,939 in 2024.

See accompanying notes to the financial statements.

1. DESCRIPTION OF PLAN:

The following description of the Merus Employee Stock Ownership Plan and Trust Agreement (formerly the Al. Neyer Employee Stock Ownership Plan and Trust) provides only general information. Participants should refer to the plan agreement for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions.

General

The Merus Employee Stock Ownership Plan and Trust Agreement (the "Plan") is a defined contribution plan covering substantially all employees of Merus Corporation (formerly Al. Neyer Corporation) and certain subsidiaries ("Sponsor", "Employer" or the "Company"). The primary purpose of the Plan is to allow participants to acquire stock ownership interests in the Company. The Plan holds 100% of the outstanding common stock of the Company. The Company also elected S-corporation status.

The Plan operates in relevant part as a leveraged employee stock ownership plan (ESOP) and is designed to comply with Section 4975(e)(7), and the regulations thereunder, of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC), and is subject to the applicable provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended (ERISA).

Eligibility

Generally, all eligible employees may participate in the Plan upon the completion of 1,000 hours of service during the Plan Year.

Contributions

The Company, at the approval of the Company's Board of Directors, may make contributions to the plan. Contributions can be in the form of cash and/or shares of Company stock, as determined by the Company's Board of Directors. The plan does not permit employee contributions.

Payment of benefits

Upon normal retirement, disability or death, benefits are paid in a single lump sum in cash as soon as administratively feasible after the last day of the plan year in which the retirement, disability or death occurs. If termination is for other reasons, the vested portion will be paid no later than the close of the fifth plan year, (or longer for balances that exceed the IRS Code Section 409(o)(1)(C) limit) after the year of termination, unless the vested balance does not exceed \$7,000, in which case the distribution will be made as soon as administratively feasible. If the balance exceeds \$7,000, the participant may elect to receive a distribution beginning no later than on or after the close of the fifth plan year after termination, in substantially equal annual installments over a period of five years.

Voting rights

Participants are entitled to exercise voting rights for certain matters as described in the plan document, attributable to those shares allocated to their accounts and are notified by the trustee prior to the time that such rights are to be exercised. Participant voting rights are exercised through the trustee, subject to provisions described in the Plan document.

Participant accounts

The Plan is a defined contribution plan under which a separate individual account is established for each participant. Each participant's account will be credited annually with their allocable share of Company contributions of cash or stock (including fractional shares), any stock dividends on the Company stock, and with any forfeitures of Company stock. Only those participants who are eligible employees of the Company as of the last day of the plan year will receive an allocation. Allocations are based on a participant's eligible compensation, relative to total eligible compensation.

Vesting

If a participant's employment with the Company ends for any reason other than retirement, permanent disability, or death, he or she will vest in the balances in his or her account based on total years of service with the Company. The participant's plan benefit will be vested based on the following schedule:

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

Put option

Under the Federal income tax regulations, the Company stock that is held by the Plan and its participants and is not readily tradable on an established market or is subject to trading limitations includes a put option. The put option is a right to demand that the Company buy any shares of stock distributed to participants for which there is no market. The Plan makes participant distributions in the form of cash only. Shares of stock are not distributed.

Diversification

Diversification is offered to participants over a six-year period to those who have attained the age of 55 and have completed at least 10 years of participation in the Plan. In each of the first five years, a participant may diversify up to 25% of their account balance. In the sixth year, the percentage changes to 50%. Participants who elect to diversify may elect to transfer the cash equivalent of the shares diversified, to the participant's account in the Merus 401(k) Retirement Savings Plan or to another qualified Plan. For the year ended December 31, 2024, \$911,339 was transferred from the Plan to the Merus 401(k) Retirement Savings Plan and \$771,030 was transferred from the Plan to another qualified Plan. These balances are included in distributions to participants in the statements of changes in net assets available for benefits.

Forfeitures

Company contributions are forfeited by participants upon termination before becoming vested. Forfeited amounts are first used to restore any participant's account that is reemployed. After that, forfeitures are used to pay a contribution required to be restored to a lost participant or to pay the reasonable expenses of administering the Plan. Any remaining forfeitures will be allocated to remaining participants in accordance with Plan provisions. As of December 31, 2024 and 2023, there were no unallocated forfeitures. Forfeitures of approximately 399 shares valued at \$180,292 plus cash and cash equivalents of \$809,895 were reallocated to participants on December 31, 2024.

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES:

The following is a brief description of the significant accounting policies of the Plan.

Basis of accounting

The accompanying financial statements of the Plan have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting.

Use of estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires the plan administrator to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of net assets available for benefits and changes in net assets available for benefits. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Investment valuation and income recognition

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

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

Benefits

Benefits are recorded when distributed.

Administrative expenses

The Sponsor pays all Plan administrative expenses, and such expenses are excluded from these financial statements. If the Sponsor does not pay such expenses, the trustee shall pay them from the Plan assets.

Subsequent events

The Plan has evaluated subsequent events through October 6, 2025, the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

Reclassification

Certain amounts in the 2023 financial statements have been reclassified to conform to the 2024 presentation.

3. INVESTMENTS:

The Plan's investment in the Company's common shares is as follows:

	December 31, 2024		
	<u>Allocated</u>	<u>Unallocated</u>	<u>Total</u>
Number of shares	140,836	64,770	205,606
Cost	\$ 2,745,999	1,262,861	4,008,860
Estimated fair value	\$ 63,658,192	29,275,908	92,934,100
	December 31, 2023		
	<u>Allocated</u>	<u>Unallocated</u>	<u>Total</u>
Number of shares	176,150	29,456	205,606
Cost	\$ 3,434,533	574,327	4,008,860
Estimated fair value	\$ 70,991,794	11,871,704	82,863,498

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 measurement) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (level 3 measurements). The three levels of the fair value hierarchy are described below.

- Level 1 Inputs to the valuation methodology are unadjusted quoted prices for identical assets or liabilities in active markets that the Plan has the ability to access.
- Level 2 Inputs to the valuation methodology include:
- Quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets;
 - Quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in inactive markets;
 - Inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability;
 - Inputs 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.
- 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 were no changes in methodologies used at December 31, 2024 and 2023.

Common stock: The fair value of the Merus Corporation common stock held by the Plan is valued based on an independent appraisal. This appraisal was based upon a combination of the market and income valuation techniques consistent with prior years. The appraiser took into account historical and projected cash flow and net income, return on assets, return on equity, market comparables and estimated fair value of the Company assets and liabilities. Plan management and the independent appraiser have concluded that a market participant would also recognize a discount for lack of marketability. The valuation process involves the selection of an independent appraiser by the Plan's trustee. Plan management accumulates the data for the appraiser from the audited financial statements of the Company as well as from other sources.

Cash and cash equivalents: The carrying value approximates fair value.

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

Investments at fair value as of December 31, 2024

	<u>Fair Value</u>	<u>Level 1</u>	<u>Level 2</u>	<u>Level 3</u>
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 9,025,498	9,025,498	-	-
Investment in Merus Corporation common stock	<u>92,934,100</u>	-	-	<u>92,934,100</u>
Total investments fair value	<u>\$ 101,959,598</u>	<u>9,025,498</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>92,934,100</u>

Investments at fair value as of December 31, 2023

	<u>Fair Value</u>	<u>Level 1</u>	<u>Level 2</u>	<u>Level 3</u>
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 10,591,538	10,591,538	-	-
Investment in Merus Corporation common stock	<u>82,863,498</u>	-	-	<u>82,863,498</u>
Total investments fair value	<u>\$ 93,455,036</u>	<u>10,591,538</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>82,863,498</u>

Changes in Fair Value of Level 3 Assets

The Plan did not purchase or distribute any shares of stock during 2024.

The following table represents 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.

December 31, 2024

Asset	Fair Value	Valuation Technique	Unobservable Input
Merus Corporation common stock	\$ 92,934,100	Capitalization of Cash Flow	Weighted average cost of capital Long-term growth rate Discount for lack of marketability
		Market Comparable Entities	Various pricing multiples Discount for lack of marketability

December 31, 2023

Asset	Fair Value	Valuation Technique	Unobservable Input
Merus Corporation common stock	\$ 82,863,498	Capitalization of Cash Flow	Weighted average cost of capital Long-term growth rate Discount for lack of marketability
		Market Comparable Entities	Various pricing multiples Discount for lack of marketability

5. TAX STATUS:

The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) has determined and informed the Company by a letter dated January 23, 2015, that the Plan and related trust are designed in accordance with applicable sections of the IRC. Although the Plan has been amended since receiving the determination letter, the Plan administrator and the Plan's counsel believe that the Plan is designed, and is currently being operated, in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC and, therefore, believe that the Plan is qualified, and the related trust is tax-exempt.

6. PLAN TERMINATION:

The Company intends to continue the Plan indefinitely for the benefit of the participants but reserves the right to terminate the Plan at any time by resolution of its Board of Directors. In the event the Plan is terminated, participants become fully vested in their capital accumulation accounts, and Plan assets are distributed to participants in accordance with the Plan agreement.

7. RISKS AND UNCERTANTIES:

Investment securities are exposed to various risks, such as interest rate, credit, and overall market volatility risks. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities, it is reasonably possible that change in the value of investment securities will occur in the near term and that such change could materially affect the amounts reported in the financial statements and supplemental schedules.

8. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS:

The Plan invests in Company common stock and has loans payable to the Company as discussed in Note 9. These are related party transactions. As described in Note 2, the Company pays most plan expenses. The Plan has a number of service providers. Such providers are parties in interest under ERISA.

9. NOTES PAYABLE:

During the plan year ended December 31, 2020, the Company advanced \$1,726,549 to the Trust to be used to convert the shares of Merus Corporation common stock to cash in certain terminated participant accounts. This advance was an interest-free loan to the Plan. No collateral had been taken for this loan. Plan management believes that the loan complied with the requirements of the Department of Labor Prohibited Transaction Class exemption 80-26. This loan was subsequently settled in July 2021 when the Plan remitted 12,716 common stock shares to the Company, equal to the value of the loan. Concurrent with the settlement of the loan, the Plan entered into a \$1,726,549 term loan agreement with the Company and reacquired 12,716 shares of Merus Corporation common stock. Unallocated shares are collateral for the loan. The agreement provides for the loan to be repaid in annual installments beginning December 31, 2021, through December 31, 2040, at an interest rate of 2.09%.

In September 2021, the Company advanced an additional interest-free loan of \$2,653,617 to the Trust to be used to convert the shares of Merus Corporation common stock to cash in certain terminated participant accounts. No collateral was taken for this loan. Plan management believes that this loan also complies with the requirements of Department of Labor Prohibited Transaction Class Exemption 80-26. This loan was subsequently settled in September 2022 when the Plan remitted 13,508 common stock shares to the Company, equal to the value of the loan. Concurrent with the settlement of the loan, the Plan entered into a \$2,653,617 term loan agreement with the Company and reacquired 13,508 shares of Merus Corporation common stock. Unallocated shares are collateral for the loan. The agreement provides for the loan to be repaid in annual installments beginning December 31, 2022, through December 31, 2041, at an interest rate of 3.14%.

In December 2022, the Company advanced an additional interest-free loan of \$1,890,206 to the Trust to be used to convert the shares of Merus Corporation common stock to cash in certain terminated participant accounts. No collateral has been taken for this loan. Plan management believes that this loan also complies with the requirements of Department of Labor Prohibited Transaction Class Exemption 80-26. This loan was subsequently settled in September 2023 when the Plan remitted 6,492 common stock shares to the Company, equal to the value of the loan. Concurrent with the settlement of the loan, the Plan entered into a \$1,890,206 term loan agreement with the Company and reacquired 6,492 shares of Merus Corporation common stock. Unallocated shares are collateral for the loan. The agreement provides for the loan to be repaid in annual installments beginning December 31, 2024 through December 31, 2043, at an interest rate of 4.19%.

Future minimum loan payments at December 31, 2024 are as follows:

2025	\$ 245,661
2026	253,268
2027	261,125
2028	269,244
2029	277,629
Thereafter	<u>4,259,542</u>
	<u>\$ 5,566,469</u>

In December 2023, the Company advanced an additional interest-free loan of \$2,554,855 to the Trust to be used to convert the shares of Merus Corporation common stock to cash in certain terminated participant accounts. No collateral has been taken for this loan. On December 31, 2023, the advance is included in notes payable in the accompanying statements of net assets available for benefits. Plan management believes that this loan also complies with the requirements of Department of Labor Prohibited Transaction Class Exemption 80-26.

In December 2024, the Company advanced an interest-free loan of \$12,624,939 to the trust to fund pending cash distributions related to retirement and diversification elections and segregation of terminated participant balances. No collateral has been taken for this loan. At December 31, 2024, the advance is included in notes payable in the accompanying statements of net assets available for benefits. Plan management believes that this loan also complies with the requirements of Department of Labor Prohibited Transaction Class Exemption 80-26. The maturity date of December 20, 2025, may be extended by one year if, as of the maturity date, the lender has not made employer contributions or S-Corporation distributions to the Plan in an amount to satisfy the principal amount of the loan.

For each of these notes, shares are released from collateral and allocated to participants as payments of principal and interest are made. The number of shares released in any year is the number of shares held as collateral, times the ratio of the current year's payments divided by the total of this year's payments, plus all future years' principal and interest payments. This resulted in 2,352 shares being released and allocated for the plan year ended December 31, 2024.

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 December 31, 2024

<u>(a)</u>	<u>(b), (c)</u>	<u>(d)</u>	<u>(e)</u>
<u>Description</u>	<u>Number of Shares</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Current Value</u>
* Merus Corporation Common Stock, No par value	205,606	\$ 4,008,860	92,934,100
Goldman Sachs Financial Square Government Fund Institutional Shares	9,025,498	<u>9,025,498</u>	<u>9,025,498</u>
Total Investments		\$ <u>13,034,358</u>	<u>101,959,598</u>

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