

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... 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 SIMANTEL GROUP LTD 401K PROFIT SHARING PLAN & TRUS
1b Three-digit plan number (PN) 001
1c Effective date of plan 01/01/1987
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) SIMANTEL GROUP LTD 321 SW WATER ST PEORIA, IL 61602-1414
2b Employer Identification Number (EIN) 37-1116064
2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number 309-674-7747
2d Business code (see instructions) 541800

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

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

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

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<b>3a</b> Plan administrator's name and address <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Same as Plan Sponsor	<b>3b</b> Administrator's EIN	
	<b>3c</b> Administrator's telephone number	
<b>4</b> If the name and/or EIN of the plan sponsor or the plan name has changed since the last return/report filed for this plan, enter the plan sponsor's name, EIN, the plan name and the plan number from the last return/report: <b>a</b> Sponsor's name <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>	212
<b>6</b> Number of participants as of the end of the plan year unless otherwise stated (welfare plans complete only lines <b>6a(1)</b> , <b>6a(2)</b> , <b>6b</b> , <b>6c</b> , and <b>6d</b> ). <b>a(1)</b> Total number of active participants at the beginning of the plan year ..... <b>a(2)</b> Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year ..... <b>b</b> Retired or separated participants receiving benefits..... <b>c</b> Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits ..... <b>d</b> Subtotal. Add lines <b>6a(2)</b> , <b>6b</b> , and <b>6c</b> ..... <b>e</b> Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits. .... <b>f</b> Total. Add lines <b>6d</b> and <b>6e</b> ..... <b>g(1)</b> Number of participants with account balances as of the beginning of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item) ..... <b>g(2)</b> Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item) ..... <b>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>	164
	<b>6a(2)</b>	125
	<b>6b</b>	0
	<b>6c</b>	48
	<b>6d</b>	173
	<b>6e</b>	0
	<b>6f</b>	173
	<b>6g(1)</b>	167
<b>6g(2)</b>	173	
<b>6h</b>	0	
<b>7</b> Enter the total number of employers obligated to contribute to the plan (only multiemployer plans complete this item) .....	<b>7</b>	

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

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

<b>9a</b> Plan funding arrangement (check all that apply)	<b>9b</b> 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)

<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 type="checkbox"/> <b>A</b> (Insurance Information) – Number Attached <u>0</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 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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<b>SCHEDULE C</b> <b>(Form 5500)</b>  <small>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</small>  <small>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</small>  <small>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</small>	<b>Service Provider Information</b>  This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).  <b>▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.</b>	<small>OMB No. 1210-0110</small>  <b>2024</b>  <b>This Form is Open to Public Inspection.</b>
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For calendar plan year 2024 or fiscal plan year beginning **01/01/2024** and ending **12/31/2024**

<b>A</b> Name of plan <b>SIMANTEL GROUP LTD 401K PROFIT SHARING PLAN &amp; TRUS</b>	<b>B</b> Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	<b>001</b>
<b>C</b> Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <b>SIMANTEL GROUP LTD</b>	<b>D</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN) <b>37-1116064</b>	

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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(b) 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?
27	INVESTMENT ADVISOR	31176	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

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

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GREENWOOD VILLAGE, CO 80111

(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?
28	INVESTMENT MGMT	2127	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

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

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(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
64	RECORDKEEPER	1707	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	0	Yes <input checked="" 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.

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

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

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

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

Explanation:

<b>a</b> Name:	<b>b</b> EIN:
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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>	14650	14766
<b>(2)</b> Participant contributions .....	<b>1b(2)</b>	27804	30464
<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>	16205	12880
<b>(9)</b> Value of interest in common/collective trusts .....	<b>1c(9)</b>		
<b>(10)</b> Value of interest in pooled separate accounts .....	<b>1c(10)</b>		
<b>(11)</b> Value of interest in master trust investment accounts .....	<b>1c(11)</b>		
<b>(12)</b> Value of interest in 103-12 investment entities .....	<b>1c(12)</b>		
<b>(13)</b> Value of interest in registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds) .....	<b>1c(13)</b>	7025061	8896336
<b>(14)</b> Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts) .....	<b>1c(14)</b>		
<b>(15)</b> Other .....	<b>1c(15)</b>		

<b>1d</b> Employer-related investments:		<b>(a)</b> Beginning of Year	<b>(b)</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>	7083720	8954446
<b>Liabilities</b>			
<b>g</b> Benefit claims payable.....	<b>1g</b>		
<b>h</b> Operating payables.....	<b>1h</b>		
<b>i</b> Acquisition indebtedness.....	<b>1i</b>		
<b>j</b> Other liabilities.....	<b>1j</b>		
<b>k</b> Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through 1j).....	<b>1k</b>	0	0
<b>Net Assets</b>			
<b>l</b> Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f).....	<b>1l</b>	7083720	8954446

**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>		<b>(a)</b> Amount	<b>(b)</b> Total
<b>a Contributions:</b>			
(1) Received or receivable in cash from: <b>(A)</b> Employers.....	<b>2a(1)(A)</b>	424222	
<b>(B)</b> Participants.....	<b>2a(1)(B)</b>	891873	
<b>(C)</b> Others (including rollovers).....	<b>2a(1)(C)</b>	69141	
(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>		1385236
<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>	942	
<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>		942
<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>	707443	
<b>(D)</b> Total dividends. Add lines <b>2b(2)(A)</b> , <b>(B)</b> , and <b>(C)</b> .....	<b>2b(2)(D)</b>		707443
<b>(3)</b> 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 .....	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)		398257
<b>c</b> Other income .....	2c		
<b>d</b> Total income. Add all <b>income</b> amounts in column (b) and enter total.....	2d		2491878

**Expenses**

<b>e</b> Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers.....	2e(1)	586141	
(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)		586141
<b>f</b> Corrective distributions (see instructions) .....	2f		
<b>g</b> Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions).....	2g		
<b>h</b> Interest expense.....	2h		
<b>i</b> Administrative expenses:			
(1) Salaries and allowances .....	2i(1)		
(2) Contract administrator fees .....	2i(2)		
(3) Recordkeeping fees .....	2i(3)	35011	
(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)		35011
<b>j</b> Total expenses. Add all <b>expense</b> amounts in column (b) and enter total.....	2j		621152

**Net Income and Reconciliation**

<b>k</b> Net income (loss). Subtract line 2j from line 2d.....	2k		1870726
<b>l</b> 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: **BETHKE CPA, LLC**

(2) EIN: **42-1591506**

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

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

**Part IV Compliance Questions**

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

During the plan year:

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

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

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

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

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

<b>SCHEDULE R</b> <b>(Form 5500)</b>  <small>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</small>  <small>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</small>  <small>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</small>	<b>Retirement Plan Information</b>  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).  <b>▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.</b>	OMB No. 1210-0110  <b>2024</b>  <b>This Form is Open to Public Inspection.</b>
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For calendar plan year 2024 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2024 and ending 12/31/2024

<b>A</b> Name of plan <u>SIMANTEL GROUP LTD 401K PROFIT SHARING PLAN &amp; TRUS</u>	<b>B</b> Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	<u>001</u>
<b>C</b> Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <u>SIMANTEL GROUP LTD</u>	<b>D</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>37-1116064</u>	

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

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

<b>1</b>		<b>0</b>
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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): 84-1455663

**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..... 

<b>3</b>	
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<b>Part II</b>	<b>Funding Information</b> (If the plan is not subject to the minimum funding requirements of section 412 of the Internal Revenue Code or ERISA section 302, skip this Part.)
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**4** Is the plan administrator making an election under Code section 412(d)(2) or ERISA section 302(d)(2)? .....  Yes  No  N/A  
**If the plan is a defined benefit plan, go to line 8.**

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

<b>6 a</b> Enter the minimum required contribution for this plan year (include any prior year accumulated funding deficiency not waived) .....	<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>
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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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

<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 Q702874A.

**Simantel Group, Ltd.  
401k Profit Sharing Plan & Trust**

**Financial Statements  
And Supplemental Information**

**December 31, 2024 and 2023**

**With Independent Auditor's Report**

**Simantel Group, Ltd. 401k Profit Sharing Plan & Trust  
December 31, 2024 and 2023**

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Plan Administrator of **Simantel Group, Ltd. 401k Profit Sharing Plan & Trust:**

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

We have performed an audit of the accompanying financial statements of Simantel Group, Ltd. 401k Profit Sharing Plan & Trust, an employee benefit plan subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), as permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) (ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit). The financial statements comprise the statement of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, and the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements.

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

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

### Opinion

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

- the amounts and disclosures in the 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 a qualified institution agrees to, or is derived from, in all material respects, the information prepared and certified by an institution that management determined meets the requirements of ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C).

### Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. 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 Simantel Group, Ltd. 401k Profit Sharing Plan & Trust and to meet our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. 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 these 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 Simantel Group, Ltd. 401k Profit Sharing Plan & Trust's ability to continue as a going concern for one year after the date 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 generally accepted auditing standards 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 generally accepted auditing standards, 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 Simantel Group, Ltd. 401k Profit Sharing Plan & Trust'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 Simantel Group, Ltd. 401k Profit Sharing Plan & Trust's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

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

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

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

### **Supplemental Schedules Required by ERISA**

The supplemental schedule of assets (held at end of year) as of or for the period January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024, is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements but is supplementary information required by the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information included in the supplemental schedule, other than that agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, has been subjected to auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. For information included in the supplemental schedule that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, we compared such information to the related certified investment information.

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

In our opinion—

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

*Bethke CPA, LLC*

Bethke CPA, LLC  
Silver Spring, MD  
September 30, 2025

**Simantel Group, Ltd. 401k Profit Sharing Plan & Trust**  
**Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits**  
**December 31, 2024 and 2023**

	<b>12/31/2024</b>	<b>12/31/2023</b>
<b>Assets</b>		
Investments		
Investments, at fair value	\$ 8,896,336	\$ 7,025,061
Receivables		
Participant contributions	30,464	27,804
Employer contributions	14,766	14,650
Notes receivable from participants	12,880	16,205
Total receivables	58,110	58,659
 <b>Net assets available for benefits</b>	 <b>\$ 8,954,446</b>	 <b>\$ 7,083,720</b>

The accompanying Notes to Financial Statements are an integral part of the financial statements.

**Simantel Group, Ltd. 401k Profit Sharing Plan & Trust**  
**Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits**  
**Year Ended December 31, 2024**

	<b>Year Ended 12/31/2024</b>
<b>Additions to net assets attributable to:</b>	
Investment income	
Net appreciation in fair value of investments	\$ 398,257
Dividends and interest	707,443
Total investment income	1,105,700
Interest on notes receivable from participants	942
Contributions	
Participants	891,873
Employer	424,222
Rollovers	69,141
Total contributions	1,385,236
Total additions	2,491,878
<b>Deductions from net assets attributable to:</b>	
Benefits paid to participants	586,141
Fees and other expenses	35,011
Total deductions	621,152
<b>Net increase</b>	1,870,726
Net assets available for benefits at beginning of year	7,083,720
<b>Net assets available for benefits at end of year</b>	<b>\$ 8,954,446</b>

The accompanying Notes to Financial Statements are an integral part of the financial statements.

**Simantel Group, Ltd. 401k Profit Sharing Plan & Trust**  
**Notes to Financial Statements**  
**December 31, 2024 and 2023**

**A. Description of Plan**

The following description of Simantel Group, Ltd. 401k Profit Sharing Plan & Trust (the "Plan") provides only general information. Participants should refer to the Plan agreement or the Summary Plan Description for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions.

General

Simantel Group, Ltd. (the "Company") is the Plan sponsor and serves as the Plan administrator. The Plan is a defined contribution, tax-deferred retirement savings plan covering employees of the Company who are at least 21 years of age, with certain exceptions. Eligible employees may begin participation in the Plan on the first of the month following one month of employment.

The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).

Contributions

Participants may contribute up to 100% of compensation, not to exceed the maximum salary deferral limit and other limitations established by law. Compensation includes wages, tips and other compensation as reported on Form W-2 plus pre-tax deferrals and pre-tax contributions made to a qualified cafeteria plan. Deferrals on bonuses are not processed at the discretion of the Company.

Participants may elect deferral contributions as either pre-tax or Roth elective deferrals, or both. Participants who have attained age 50 before the end of the Plan year are eligible to make catch-up contributions as allowed by the Internal Revenue Code (IRC). Participants also may make rollover contributions of distributions from other retirement plans and individual retirement accounts, subject to Plan provisions. Participant contributions are invested according to direction of the participants.

The Company makes safe harbor matching contributions to the Plan equal to 100% of deferrals up to the first 3% of compensation and 50% of deferrals on the next 2% of compensation, as determined each pay period. Company matching contributions are invested according to direction of the participants.

Participant Accounts

Each participant's account is credited with the participant's contributions and any Company matching contributions. Investment earnings, losses, and changes in market value are allocated based upon the investment experience of each holding in a participant account. Certain transactional costs and service charges, if any, are allocated to the specific accounts involved in the transaction or receiving the service. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the benefit that can be provided from the participant's vested account.

Vesting

Participants are fully vested in their own deferral and rollover contributions and earnings thereon. Participants are fully vested in Company safe harbor matching contributions and earnings. Discretionary profit sharing contributions are subject to a five-year vesting schedule, as follows: 25% vesting after completion of two years of service, 50% vesting after completion of three years of service, 75% vesting after four years of service, and 100% vesting after completion of five years of service. Participants become 100% vested under certain other circumstances, including attainment of age 65, the Plan's normal retirement age. Non-vested balances are subject to forfeiture upon termination of employment.

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Participant Loans

Participants who are active employees may borrow from their fund accounts a minimum of \$1,000 up to a maximum equal to the lesser of \$50,000 or 50 percent of their nonforfeitable account balance, subject to certain other Plan provisions. Loans are secured by the balance in the participant's account and bear interest at the prime rate in effect at the time of loan approval plus 1%. Principal and interest are paid ratably through payroll deduction from each regular paycheck. For a given participant, a maximum of two loans may be outstanding at the same time.

Payment of Benefits

Plan participants are eligible to receive benefit payments from the Plan at retirement, prior to retirement under certain circumstances, upon termination of employment with the Company, upon disability and at death. In-service distributions are allowed for participants beginning at age 59 ½. Benefit payments may be elected as a lump-sum payment or as a partial withdrawal for the purpose of meeting minimum distribution requirements. Terminated or deceased participants whose account balances do not exceed \$1,000 may be automatically distributed in the form of a lump sum payment or rollover.

Forfeitures

At December 31, 2024 and 2023, unallocated forfeitures totaled \$1,457 and \$1,397, respectively, held in the John Hancock Stable Value Fund. Forfeitures may be used to reduce employer contributions or pay Plan expenses. During 2024, zero forfeitures were used to reduce employer contributions or to pay Plan expenses.

**B. Summary of Accounting Policies**

Basis of Accounting

The financial statements of the Plan are prepared on the accrual basis of accounting in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Use of Estimates

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 assets, 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 valued 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 trustee of the Plan certifies the fair market value of the Plan investments.

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 or depreciation includes the Plan's gains and losses on investments bought and sold as well as held during the year.

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Notes Receivable from Participants

Notes receivable from participants are measured at their unpaid principal balance plus any accrued but unpaid interest. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. Notes receivable from participants are secured by vested participant account balances. Delinquent participant loans are reclassified as distributions based on the terms of the Plan document. No allowance for credit losses has been recorded as of December 31, 2024 and 2023.

Payment of Benefits

Benefits payments are recorded when paid.

Expenses

Certain administrative expenses of the Plan are paid by the Company and are excluded from these financial statements. Per-use transaction fees are charged directly to specific participant accounts for certain services, such as processing loans, in-service withdrawals, distributions, and other transactions. Investment related expenses are included in net appreciation or depreciation of fair value of investments.

Subsequent Events

The Plan has evaluated subsequent events for disclosure in these financial statements through September 30, 2025, the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

**C. Information Prepared and Certified by the Trustee of the Plan**

The Company is the Plan administrator. Empower Trust Company, LLC is the Plan trustee and held the Plan's investment assets and executed the investment transactions as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, and for the year ended December 31, 2024. Empower Trust Company, LLC has provided a certification that the investment balances, related investment activity, notes receivable from participants and related interest income in these financial statements and supplemental schedule, are complete and accurate, as shown below.

	<u>12/31/2024</u>	<u>12/31/2023</u>
Investments, at fair value	\$ 8,896,336	\$ 7,025,061
Notes receivable from participants	\$ 12,880	\$ 16,205
Net appreciation in fair value of investments	\$ 398,257	
Dividends and interest	\$ 707,443	
Interest on notes receivable from participants	\$ 942	

**D. Fair Value Measurements**

Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) 820, Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures, provides the framework for measuring fair value. That framework 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 measurement). The three levels of the fair value hierarchy under FASB ASC 820 are described as follows:

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- 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 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. 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.
- 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.

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

Mutual funds are valued at the daily closing price as reported by the fund. Mutual funds held by the Plan are open-end funds that are registered with the 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.

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 sets forth by level, within the fair value hierarchy, the Plan's assets at fair value as of December 31, 2024 and 2023. Assets are classified in their entirety based on the lowest level of input that is significant to the fair value measurement.

	<b>12/31/2024</b>			
	<b>Level 1</b>	<b>Level 2</b>	<b>Level 3</b>	<b>Total</b>
Mutual funds	\$ 8,896,336	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,896,336
	<b>12/31/2023</b>			
	<b>Level 1</b>	<b>Level 2</b>	<b>Level 3</b>	<b>Total</b>
Mutual funds	\$ 7,025,061	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,025,061

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**E. Related Party and Party-In-Interest Transactions**

Empower Trust Company, LLC is the trustee of the Plan and receives fees for services. Empower Retirement, LLC is the Plan recordkeeper and receives fees for services and per-use transactions. A third party administrator provides services and receives fees that are paid by the company and not charged to the Plan. A financial advisor receives fees for services. The company provides the Plan with accounting and administrative services, for which no fees are charged to the Plan. The Plan allows loans to participants. These transactions qualify as party-in-interest transactions.

**F. 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 become 100 percent vested in their accounts and the Company will arrange for distributions as soon as administratively feasible.

**G. Tax Status**

The Internal Revenue Service has determined and reported in its opinion letter dated June 30, 2020, that the form of the adopted pre-approved plan was then designed in accordance with applicable sections of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC) for use by employers for the benefit of their employees. The Plan administrator believes the Plan is currently being operated in compliance with applicable requirements of the IRC and, therefore, believes that the Plan is qualified, and the related trust is tax exempt.

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require Plan management to evaluate tax positions taken by the Plan and recognize a tax liability if the organization has taken an uncertain position that more likely than not would not be sustained upon examination by the Internal Revenue Service. Management believes that no uncertain tax positions have been taken or are expected to be taken that would require recognition or disclosure in the financial statements.

**H. Risks and Uncertainties**

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

**Simantel Group, Ltd. 401k Profit Sharing Plan & Trust  
Supplemental Schedule**

**Schedule H, line 4i – Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year)**

**Simantel Group, Ltd. 401k Profit Sharing Plan & Trust**

**EIN: 37-1116064**

**Plan Number: 001**

**Plan Year: January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024**

(a)	(b) Identity of Issue, Borrower, Lessor or Similar Party	(c) Description of Investment	(d) Cost **	(e) Current Value
	American Funds 2020 Target Date Retirement Fund	Mutual Fund	\$	1,675
	American Funds 2025 Target Date Retirement Fund	Mutual Fund		1,763
	American Funds 2030 Target Date Retirement Fund	Mutual Fund		66,067
	American Funds 2035 Target Date Retirement Fund	Mutual Fund		77,434
	American Funds 2040 Target Date Retirement Fund	Mutual Fund		58,645
	American Funds 2045 Target Date Retirement Fund	Mutual Fund		845,667
	American Funds 2050 Target Date Retirement Fund	Mutual Fund		222,976
	American Funds 2055 Target Date Retirement Fund	Mutual Fund		555,611
	American Funds 2060 Target Date Retirement Fund	Mutual Fund		26,981
	American Funds 2065 Target Date Retirement Fund	Mutual Fund		247,413
	American Funds Fundamental Investors Fund	Mutual Fund		687,114
	American Funds Growth Fund of America R2E	Mutual Fund		927,063
	American Funds New World R2E Fund	Mutual Fund		255,162
	Dodge & Cox International Stock Fund	Mutual Fund		129,624
	Eaton Vance Income Fund of Boston R	Mutual Fund		252,926
*	Empower International Index Fund - Investor Class	Mutual Fund		134,047
*	Empower S&P Mid Cap 400 Index Fund	Mutual Fund		85,579
*	Empower S&P Small Cap 600 Index Fund	Mutual Fund		62,769
	Fidelity Advisor Total Bond M Fund	Mutual Fund		213,010
	Franklin Small Cap Value Fund	Mutual Fund		41,986
	Hartford International Opportunities Fund	Mutual Fund		300,962
	Invesco Small Cap Equity R Fund	Mutual Fund		418,812
	Invesco Small Cap Growth R Fund	Mutual Fund		116,688
	Invesco Summit Fund	Mutual Fund		963,251
	JPMorgan U.S. Government Money Market Fund	Mutual Fund		25,002
	Lord Abbett Value Opportunities Fund	Mutual Fund		90,790
	MassMutual 20/80 Allocation R3 Fund	Mutual Fund		128,778
	MassMutual 60/40 Allocation R3 Fund	Mutual Fund		821,377
	MassMutual 80/20 Allocation R3 Fund	Mutual Fund		240,593
	MassMutual Global Fund	Mutual Fund		181,373
	MassMutual Mid Cap Growth R3 Fund	Mutual Fund		36,102
	MFS Mid Cap Value R2 Fund	Mutual Fund		110,301
	MFS Total Return R2 Fund	Mutual Fund		568,795
	Total Investments		\$	8,896,336
	<b>Participant Loans</b>	Interest: 3.25% to 9.50%	\$	12,880

\* A party-in-interest as defined under ERISA.

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

Form 5500

Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan

OMB Nos. 1210-0110 1210-0089

Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

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).

2024

Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration

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

Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

This Form is Open to Public Inspection

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... D Check box if filing under: [x] Form 5558 [ ] automatic extension... E If this is a retroactively adopted plan...

Part II Basic Plan Information—enter all requested information

1a Name of plan SIMANTEL GROUP LTD 401K PROFIT SHARING PLAN & TRUS 1b Three-digit plan number (PN) 001 1c Effective date of plan 01/01/1987 2a Plan sponsor's name (employer, if for a single-employer plan) Mailing address... 2b Employer Identification Number (EIN) 37-1116064 2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number 309-674-7747 2d Business code (see instructions) 541800

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. Row 1: Jillian Light, 10/13/2025, JILLIAN LIGHT, Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator. Row 2: Jillian Light, 10/13/2025, JILLIAN LIGHT, Enter name of individual signing as employer or plan sponsor. Row 3: Signature of DFE, Date, Enter name of individual signing as DFE.

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<b>3a</b> Plan administrator's name and address <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Same as Plan Sponsor	<b>3b</b> Administrator's EIN	
	<b>3c</b> Administrator's telephone number	
<b>4</b> If the name and/or EIN of the plan sponsor or the plan name has changed since the last return/report filed for this plan, enter the plan sponsor's name, EIN, the plan name and the plan number from the last return/report: <b>a</b> Sponsor's name <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>	212
<b>6</b> Number of participants as of the end of the plan year unless otherwise stated (welfare plans complete only lines <b>6a(1)</b> , <b>6a(2)</b> , <b>6b</b> , <b>6c</b> , and <b>6d</b> ). <b>a(1)</b> Total number of active participants at the beginning of the plan year ..... <b>a(2)</b> Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year ..... <b>b</b> Retired or separated participants receiving benefits ..... <b>c</b> Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits ..... <b>d</b> Subtotal. Add lines <b>6a(2)</b> , <b>6b</b> , and <b>6c</b> . ..... <b>e</b> Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits ..... <b>f</b> Total. Add lines <b>6d</b> and <b>6e</b> . ..... <b>g(1)</b> Number of participants with account balances as of the beginning of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item) ..... <b>g(2)</b> Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item) ..... <b>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>	164
	<b>6a(2)</b>	125
	<b>6b</b>	0
	<b>6c</b>	48
	<b>6d</b>	173
	<b>6e</b>	0
	<b>6f</b>	173
	<b>6g(1)</b>	167
<b>6g(2)</b>	173	
<b>6h</b>	0	
<b>7</b> Enter the total number of employers obligated to contribute to the plan (only multiemployer plans complete this item).....	<b>7</b>	

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

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

<b>9a</b> Plan funding arrangement (check all that apply)	<b>9b</b> 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**
- (1)  **R** (Retirement Plan Information)
  - (2)  **MB** (Multiemployer Defined Benefit Plan and Certain Money Purchase Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary
  - (3)  **SB** (Single-Employer Defined Benefit Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary
  - (4)  **DCG** (Individual Plan Information) – Number Attached \_\_\_\_\_
  - (5)  **MEP** (Multiple-Employer Retirement Plan Information)

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

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

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

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

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

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**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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INVESTMENT OPTION	PURCHASE AMOUNT	PURCHASE UNITS/SHARES	PURCHASE COUNT	SALES AMOUNT	SALES UNITS/SHARES	SALES COUNT	COST OF SALES	TRANSACTION DATE
3SJGXX	34.17	34.170000	12	0.00	0.000000	0	0.00	SERIES
4SJGXX	(9,509.98)	(9,509.980000)	29	0.00	0.000000	8	0.00	SERIES
1RBEHX	80.83	6.080752	6	0.00	0.000000	0	0.00	SERIES
1RBEDX	85.41	5.706613	6	0.00	0.000000	0	0.00	SERIES
1RBEXX	27,053.99	1,605.654932	138	0.00	0.000000	0	0.00	SERIES
1RBEFX	65,405.97	3,520.196226	361	(83,487.02)	(4,339.898016)	8	(74,411.26)	SERIES
1RBEKX	32,397.24	1,582.701366	84	(82,920.29)	(4,280.861681)	2	(70,185.21)	SERIES
1RBHHX	361,287.14	17,281.727504	748	(228,624.09)	(10,753.712874)	15	(191,142.64)	SERIES
1RBHEX	77,625.25	3,797.247907	243	0.00	0.000000	0	0.00	SERIES
1RBEMX	243,432.72	9,589.871565	1002	(192,252.13)	(7,463.027006)	22	(161,844.32)	SERIES
1RBENX	217,086.43	12,249.576375	1070	(175,656.72)	(10,143.871424)	22	(155,985.41)	SERIES
1RBE0X	27,863.78	1,561.418297	44	0.00	0.000000	0	0.00	SERIES
1RNEBX	97,873.49	1,253.635492	5935	(17,910.12)	(225.525270)	668	(15,387.30)	SERIES
1MXINX	96,317.08	7,457.953874	4013	(26,520.93)	(2,031.668684)	2310	(24,719.82)	SERIES
1IHORX	61,296.42	3,271.629389	4031	(17,976.69)	(958.311291)	1812	(16,625.02)	SERIES
1MGFNX	58,353.24	6,088.706213	3511	(18,165.50)	(1,821.223192)	1505	(23,181.64)	SERIES
1FVFRX	14,535.00	257.973482	1471	(5,047.71)	(83.336899)	726	(4,829.45)	SERIES
1MXNSX	37,833.46	1,911.537668	5215	(2,658.62)	(136.658254)	718	(2,487.10)	SERIES
1SMERX	79,395.13	6,084.924982	2798	(46,904.97)	(3,577.149197)	1778	(43,962.18)	SERIES
1GTSRX	14,026.13	604.321992	334	(5.88)	(0.270063)	4	(6.11)	SERIES
1MXBUX	56,237.43	6,123.909487	3769	(23,663.30)	(2,512.135848)	2319	(22,167.06)	SERIES
1LVOQX	29,253.36	1,632.217000	335	(52,358.46)	(2,958.105122)	6	(50,821.96)	SERIES
1MEFNX	14,748.87	1,297.973090	2090	(26,199.02)	(2,155.089638)	1466	(32,799.53)	SERIES
1MCVRX	32,246.56	1,032.528880	3284	(44,702.91)	(1,426.938395)	1897	(37,239.92)	SERIES
1RGEBX	291,449.02	4,346.493864	4881	(32,943.73)	(463.755276)	1545	(25,646.84)	SERIES
1DDFRX	45,166.65	2,385.804797	3493	(20,393.16)	(1,075.274351)	1704	(20,288.58)	SERIES
1MMINX	821,096.71	59,846.582204	4491	(155,399.68)	(10,309.057226)	2986	(138,037.12)	SERIES
1RFEBX	148,097.54	1,849.886208	5190	(471,566.47)	(6,655.495947)	1867	(417,062.59)	SERIES
1MTRRX	161,490.65	8,373.691067	5758	(26,953.00)	(1,358.435013)	1159	(26,234.41)	SERIES
1MRGVX	46,271.44	4,713.882480	328	(197,334.44)	(21,197.145339)	38	(211,184.70)	SERIES
1MRVCX	21,784.63	2,477.102271	194	(0.12)	(0.013853)	4	(0.14)	SERIES
1MROTX	112,872.90	12,953.602523	3261	(33,511.67)	(3,794.752177)	1570	(34,366.18)	SERIES
1ERIBX	183,537.84	35,783.937955	1270	(6,784.62)	(1,305.677431)	203	(7,159.60)	SERIES
1FEPTX	74,639.04	7,874.031211	6558	(37,372.92)	(3,977.864784)	1095	(39,655.13)	SERIES
1SJGXX	10,078.59	10,078.590000	1335	(5,908.09)	(5,908.110000)	439	(5,904.77)	SERIES

## 5% TRANSACTIONS

1RFEBX	0.00	0.000000	0	(448,252.71)	(6,362.707137)	16	(397,879.71)	16-JAN-24
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INVESTMENT OPTION	PURCHASE AMOUNT	PURCHASE UNITS/SHARES	PURCHASE COUNT	SALES AMOUNT	SALES UNITS/SHARES	SALES COUNT	COST OF SALES	TRANSACTION DATE
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## LEGEND

## INVESTMENT OPTION:

3SJGXX	JPMorgan US Government MMkt Service	4SJGXX	JPMorgan US Government MMkt Service
1RBEHX	American Funds 2020 Trgt Date Retire R2E	1RBEDX	American Funds 2025 Trgt Date Retire R2E
1RBEEEX	American Funds 2030 Trgt Date Retire R2E	1RBEFX	American Funds 2035 Trgt Date Retire R2E
1RBEKX	American Funds 2040 Trgt Date Retire R2E	1RBHHX	American Funds 2045 Trgt Date Retire R2E
1RBHEX	American Funds 2050 Trgt Date Retire R2E	1RBEMX	American Funds 2055 Trgt Date Retire R2E
1RBENX	American Funds 2060 Trgt Date Retire R2E	1RBEOX	American Funds 2065 Trgt Date Retire R2E
1RNEBX	American Funds New World R2E	1MXINX	Empower International Index Fund Inv
1IHORX	Hartford International Opportunities R3	1MGFNX	MassMutual Global R3
1FVFRX	Franklin Small Cap Value R	1MXNSX	Empower S&P SmallCap 600 Index Fund L
1SMERX	Invesco Small Cap Equity R	1GTSRX	Invesco Small Cap Growth R
1MXBUX	Empower S&P Mid Cap 400 Index Fund L	1LVOQX	Lord Abbett Value Opportunities R2
1MEFNX	MassMutual Mid Cap Growth R3	1MCVRX	MFS Mid Cap Value R2
1RGEBX	American Funds Growth Fund of Amer R2E	1DDFRX	Invesco Diversified Dividend R
1MMINX	MM S&P 500(R) Index R3	1RFEBX	American Funds Fundamental Invs R2E
1MTRRX	MFS Total Return R2	1MRGVX	MassMutual 80/20 Allocation R3
1MRCVX	MassMutual 20/80 Allocation R3	1MROTX	MassMutual 60/40 Allocation R3
1ERIBX	Eaton Vance Income Fund of Boston R	1FEPTX	Fidelity Advisor Total Bond M
1SJGXX	JPMorgan US Government MMkt Service		

**Simantel Group, Ltd.  
401k Profit Sharing Plan & Trust**

**Financial Statements  
And Supplemental Information**

**December 31, 2024 and 2023**

**With Independent Auditor's Report**

**Simantel Group, Ltd. 401k Profit Sharing Plan & Trust  
December 31, 2024 and 2023**

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Plan Administrator of **Simantel Group, Ltd. 401k Profit Sharing Plan & Trust:**

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

We have performed an audit of the accompanying financial statements of Simantel Group, Ltd. 401k Profit Sharing Plan & Trust, an employee benefit plan subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), as permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) (ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit). The financial statements comprise the statement of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, and the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements.

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

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

### Opinion

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

- the amounts and disclosures in the 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 a qualified institution agrees to, or is derived from, in all material respects, the information prepared and certified by an institution that management determined meets the requirements of ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C).

### Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. 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 Simantel Group, Ltd. 401k Profit Sharing Plan & Trust and to meet our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. 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 these 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 Simantel Group, Ltd. 401k Profit Sharing Plan & Trust's ability to continue as a going concern for one year after the date 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 generally accepted auditing standards 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 generally accepted auditing standards, 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 Simantel Group, Ltd. 401k Profit Sharing Plan & Trust'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 Simantel Group, Ltd. 401k Profit Sharing Plan & Trust's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

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

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

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

### **Supplemental Schedules Required by ERISA**

The supplemental schedule of assets (held at end of year) as of or for the period January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024, is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements but is supplementary information required by the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information included in the supplemental schedule, other than that agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, has been subjected to auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. For information included in the supplemental schedule that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, we compared such information to the related certified investment information.

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

In our opinion—

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

*Bethke CPA, LLC*

Bethke CPA, LLC  
Silver Spring, MD  
September 30, 2025

**Simantel Group, Ltd. 401k Profit Sharing Plan & Trust**  
**Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits**  
**December 31, 2024 and 2023**

	<u>12/31/2024</u>	<u>12/31/2023</u>
<b>Assets</b>		
Investments		
Investments, at fair value	\$ 8,896,336	\$ 7,025,061
Receivables		
Participant contributions	30,464	27,804
Employer contributions	14,766	14,650
Notes receivable from participants	<u>12,880</u>	<u>16,205</u>
Total receivables	<u>58,110</u>	<u>58,659</u>
 <b>Net assets available for benefits</b>	 <u>\$ 8,954,446</u>	 <u>\$ 7,083,720</u>

The accompanying Notes to Financial Statements are an integral part of the financial statements.

**Simantel Group, Ltd. 401k Profit Sharing Plan & Trust**  
**Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits**  
**Year Ended December 31, 2024**

	<b>Year Ended 12/31/2024</b>
<b>Additions to net assets attributable to:</b>	
Investment income	
Net appreciation in fair value of investments	\$ 398,257
Dividends and interest	707,443
Total investment income	1,105,700
Interest on notes receivable from participants	942
Contributions	
Participants	891,873
Employer	424,222
Rollovers	69,141
Total contributions	1,385,236
Total additions	2,491,878
<b>Deductions from net assets attributable to:</b>	
Benefits paid to participants	586,141
Fees and other expenses	35,011
Total deductions	621,152
<b>Net increase</b>	1,870,726
Net assets available for benefits at beginning of year	7,083,720
<b>Net assets available for benefits at end of year</b>	<b>\$ 8,954,446</b>

The accompanying Notes to Financial Statements are an integral part of the financial statements.

**Simantel Group, Ltd. 401k Profit Sharing Plan & Trust**  
**Notes to Financial Statements**  
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**A. Description of Plan**

The following description of Simantel Group, Ltd. 401k Profit Sharing Plan & Trust (the "Plan") provides only general information. Participants should refer to the Plan agreement or the Summary Plan Description for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions.

General

Simantel Group, Ltd. (the "Company") is the Plan sponsor and serves as the Plan administrator. The Plan is a defined contribution, tax-deferred retirement savings plan covering employees of the Company who are at least 21 years of age, with certain exceptions. Eligible employees may begin participation in the Plan on the first of the month following one month of employment.

The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).

Contributions

Participants may contribute up to 100% of compensation, not to exceed the maximum salary deferral limit and other limitations established by law. Compensation includes wages, tips and other compensation as reported on Form W-2 plus pre-tax deferrals and pre-tax contributions made to a qualified cafeteria plan. Deferrals on bonuses are not processed at the discretion of the Company.

Participants may elect deferral contributions as either pre-tax or Roth elective deferrals, or both. Participants who have attained age 50 before the end of the Plan year are eligible to make catch-up contributions as allowed by the Internal Revenue Code (IRC). Participants also may make rollover contributions of distributions from other retirement plans and individual retirement accounts, subject to Plan provisions. Participant contributions are invested according to direction of the participants.

The Company makes safe harbor matching contributions to the Plan equal to 100% of deferrals up to the first 3% of compensation and 50% of deferrals on the next 2% of compensation, as determined each pay period. Company matching contributions are invested according to direction of the participants.

Participant Accounts

Each participant's account is credited with the participant's contributions and any Company matching contributions. Investment earnings, losses, and changes in market value are allocated based upon the investment experience of each holding in a participant account. Certain transactional costs and service charges, if any, are allocated to the specific accounts involved in the transaction or receiving the service. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the benefit that can be provided from the participant's vested account.

Vesting

Participants are fully vested in their own deferral and rollover contributions and earnings thereon. Participants are fully vested in Company safe harbor matching contributions and earnings. Discretionary profit sharing contributions are subject to a five-year vesting schedule, as follows: 25% vesting after completion of two years of service, 50% vesting after completion of three years of service, 75% vesting after four years of service, and 100% vesting after completion of five years of service. Participants become 100% vested under certain other circumstances, including attainment of age 65, the Plan's normal retirement age. Non-vested balances are subject to forfeiture upon termination of employment.

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Participant Loans

Participants who are active employees may borrow from their fund accounts a minimum of \$1,000 up to a maximum equal to the lesser of \$50,000 or 50 percent of their nonforfeitable account balance, subject to certain other Plan provisions. Loans are secured by the balance in the participant's account and bear interest at the prime rate in effect at the time of loan approval plus 1%. Principal and interest are paid ratably through payroll deduction from each regular paycheck. For a given participant, a maximum of two loans may be outstanding at the same time.

Payment of Benefits

Plan participants are eligible to receive benefit payments from the Plan at retirement, prior to retirement under certain circumstances, upon termination of employment with the Company, upon disability and at death. In-service distributions are allowed for participants beginning at age 59 ½. Benefit payments may be elected as a lump-sum payment or as a partial withdrawal for the purpose of meeting minimum distribution requirements. Terminated or deceased participants whose account balances do not exceed \$1,000 may be automatically distributed in the form of a lump sum payment or rollover.

Forfeitures

At December 31, 2024 and 2023, unallocated forfeitures totaled \$1,457 and \$1,397, respectively, held in the John Hancock Stable Value Fund. Forfeitures may be used to reduce employer contributions or pay Plan expenses. During 2024, zero forfeitures were used to reduce employer contributions or to pay Plan expenses.

**B. Summary of Accounting Policies**

Basis of Accounting

The financial statements of the Plan are prepared on the accrual basis of accounting in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Use of Estimates

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 assets, 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 valued 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 trustee of the Plan certifies the fair market value of the Plan investments.

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 or depreciation includes the Plan's gains and losses on investments bought and sold as well as held during the year.

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Notes Receivable from Participants

Notes receivable from participants are measured at their unpaid principal balance plus any accrued but unpaid interest. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. Notes receivable from participants are secured by vested participant account balances. Delinquent participant loans are reclassified as distributions based on the terms of the Plan document. No allowance for credit losses has been recorded as of December 31, 2024 and 2023.

Payment of Benefits

Benefits payments are recorded when paid.

Expenses

Certain administrative expenses of the Plan are paid by the Company and are excluded from these financial statements. Per-use transaction fees are charged directly to specific participant accounts for certain services, such as processing loans, in-service withdrawals, distributions, and other transactions. Investment related expenses are included in net appreciation or depreciation of fair value of investments.

Subsequent Events

The Plan has evaluated subsequent events for disclosure in these financial statements through September 30, 2025, the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

**C. Information Prepared and Certified by the Trustee of the Plan**

The Company is the Plan administrator. Empower Trust Company, LLC is the Plan trustee and held the Plan's investment assets and executed the investment transactions as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, and for the year ended December 31, 2024. Empower Trust Company, LLC has provided a certification that the investment balances, related investment activity, notes receivable from participants and related interest income in these financial statements and supplemental schedule, are complete and accurate, as shown below.

	<u>12/31/2024</u>	<u>12/31/2023</u>
Investments, at fair value	\$ 8,896,336	\$ 7,025,061
Notes receivable from participants	\$ 12,880	\$ 16,205
Net appreciation in fair value of investments	\$ 398,257	
Dividends and interest	\$ 707,443	
Interest on notes receivable from participants	\$ 942	

**D. Fair Value Measurements**

Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) 820, Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures, provides the framework for measuring fair value. That framework 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 measurement). The three levels of the fair value hierarchy under FASB ASC 820 are described as follows:

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- 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 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. 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.
- 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.

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

Mutual funds are valued at the daily closing price as reported by the fund. Mutual funds held by the Plan are open-end funds that are registered with the 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.

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 sets forth by level, within the fair value hierarchy, the Plan's assets at fair value as of December 31, 2024 and 2023. Assets are classified in their entirety based on the lowest level of input that is significant to the fair value measurement.

	<b>12/31/2024</b>			
	<b>Level 1</b>	<b>Level 2</b>	<b>Level 3</b>	<b>Total</b>
Mutual funds	\$ 8,896,336	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,896,336
	<b>12/31/2023</b>			
	<b>Level 1</b>	<b>Level 2</b>	<b>Level 3</b>	<b>Total</b>
Mutual funds	\$ 7,025,061	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,025,061

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**E. Related Party and Party-In-Interest Transactions**

Empower Trust Company, LLC is the trustee of the Plan and receives fees for services. Empower Retirement, LLC is the Plan recordkeeper and receives fees for services and per-use transactions. A third party administrator provides services and receives fees that are paid by the company and not charged to the Plan. A financial advisor receives fees for services. The company provides the Plan with accounting and administrative services, for which no fees are charged to the Plan. The Plan allows loans to participants. These transactions qualify as party-in-interest transactions.

**F. 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 become 100 percent vested in their accounts and the Company will arrange for distributions as soon as administratively feasible.

**G. Tax Status**

The Internal Revenue Service has determined and reported in its opinion letter dated June 30, 2020, that the form of the adopted pre-approved plan was then designed in accordance with applicable sections of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC) for use by employers for the benefit of their employees. The Plan administrator believes the Plan is currently being operated in compliance with applicable requirements of the IRC and, therefore, believes that the Plan is qualified, and the related trust is tax exempt.

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require Plan management to evaluate tax positions taken by the Plan and recognize a tax liability if the organization has taken an uncertain position that more likely than not would not be sustained upon examination by the Internal Revenue Service. Management believes that no uncertain tax positions have been taken or are expected to be taken that would require recognition or disclosure in the financial statements.

**H. Risks and Uncertainties**

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

**Simantel Group, Ltd. 401k Profit Sharing Plan & Trust  
Supplemental Schedule**

**Schedule H, line 4i – Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year)**

**Simantel Group, Ltd. 401k Profit Sharing Plan & Trust**

**EIN: 37-1116064**

**Plan Number: 001**

**Plan Year: January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024**

(a)	(b) Identity of Issue, Borrower, Lessor or Similar Party	(c) Description of Investment	(d) Cost **	(e) Current Value
	American Funds 2020 Target Date Retirement Fund	Mutual Fund	\$	1,675
	American Funds 2025 Target Date Retirement Fund	Mutual Fund		1,763
	American Funds 2030 Target Date Retirement Fund	Mutual Fund		66,067
	American Funds 2035 Target Date Retirement Fund	Mutual Fund		77,434
	American Funds 2040 Target Date Retirement Fund	Mutual Fund		58,645
	American Funds 2045 Target Date Retirement Fund	Mutual Fund		845,667
	American Funds 2050 Target Date Retirement Fund	Mutual Fund		222,976
	American Funds 2055 Target Date Retirement Fund	Mutual Fund		555,611
	American Funds 2060 Target Date Retirement Fund	Mutual Fund		26,981
	American Funds 2065 Target Date Retirement Fund	Mutual Fund		247,413
	American Funds Fundamental Investors Fund	Mutual Fund		687,114
	American Funds Growth Fund of America R2E	Mutual Fund		927,063
	American Funds New World R2E Fund	Mutual Fund		255,162
	Dodge & Cox International Stock Fund	Mutual Fund		129,624
	Eaton Vance Income Fund of Boston R	Mutual Fund		252,926
*	Empower International Index Fund - Investor Class	Mutual Fund		134,047
*	Empower S&P Mid Cap 400 Index Fund	Mutual Fund		85,579
*	Empower S&P Small Cap 600 Index Fund	Mutual Fund		62,769
	Fidelity Advisor Total Bond M Fund	Mutual Fund		213,010
	Franklin Small Cap Value Fund	Mutual Fund		41,986
	Hartford International Opportunities Fund	Mutual Fund		300,962
	Invesco Small Cap Equity R Fund	Mutual Fund		418,812
	Invesco Small Cap Growth R Fund	Mutual Fund		116,688
	Invesco Summit Fund	Mutual Fund		963,251
	JPMorgan U.S. Government Money Market Fund	Mutual Fund		25,002
	Lord Abbett Value Opportunities Fund	Mutual Fund		90,790
	MassMutual 20/80 Allocation R3 Fund	Mutual Fund		128,778
	MassMutual 60/40 Allocation R3 Fund	Mutual Fund		821,377
	MassMutual 80/20 Allocation R3 Fund	Mutual Fund		240,593
	MassMutual Global Fund	Mutual Fund		181,373
	MassMutual Mid Cap Growth R3 Fund	Mutual Fund		36,102
	MFS Mid Cap Value R2 Fund	Mutual Fund		110,301
	MFS Total Return R2 Fund	Mutual Fund		568,795
	Total Investments		\$	8,896,336
	<b>Participant Loans</b>	Interest: 3.25% to 9.50%	\$	12,880

\* A party-in-interest as defined under ERISA.

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