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

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

a single-employer plan a DFE (specify) _____

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

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

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

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

special extension (enter description)

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

Part II Basic Plan Information—enter all requested information

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| <p>1a Name of plan <u>THE RALPH J. STOLLE COMPANY EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN</u></p> | <p>1b Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ <u>001</u></p> |
| <p>2a Plan sponsor's name (employer, if for a single-employer plan) Mailing address (include room, apt., suite no. and street, or P.O. Box) City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code (if foreign, see instructions) <u>THE RALPH J. STOLLE COMPANY</u></p> <p><u>6990 CORNELL ROAD</u> <u>CINCINNATI, OH 45242</u></p> | <p>1c Effective date of plan <u>01/01/2023</u></p> <p>2b Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>31-0567438</u></p> <p>2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number <u>513-489-9770</u></p> <p>2d Business code (see instructions) <u>333200</u></p> |

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

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

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| SIGN HERE | Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature. | 10/15/2025 | SPENCER CROPPER |
| | Signature of plan administrator | Date | Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator |
| SIGN HERE | Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature. | 10/15/2025 | SPENCER CROPPER |
| | Signature of employer/plan sponsor | Date | Enter name of individual signing as employer or plan sponsor |
| SIGN HERE | | | |
| | Signature of DFE | Date | Enter name of individual signing as DFE |

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| 3a Plan administrator's name and address <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Same as Plan Sponsor | 3b Administrator's EIN | |
| | 3c Administrator's telephone number | |
| 4 If the name and/or EIN of the plan sponsor or the plan name has changed since the last return/report filed for this plan, enter the plan sponsor's name, EIN, the plan name and the plan number from the last return/report: a Sponsor's name c Plan Name | 4b EIN | |
| | 4d PN | |
| 5 Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year | 5 | 126 |
| 6 Number of participants as of the end of the plan year unless otherwise stated (welfare plans complete only lines 6a(1) , 6a(2) , 6b , 6c , and 6d). a(1) Total number of active participants at the beginning of the plan year a(2) Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year b Retired or separated participants receiving benefits..... c Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits d Subtotal. Add lines 6a(2) , 6b , and 6c e Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits. f Total. Add lines 6d and 6e g(1) Number of participants with account balances as of the beginning of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item) g(2) Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item) h Number of participants who terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested..... | 6a(1) | 124 |
| | 6a(2) | 105 |
| | 6b | 0 |
| | 6c | 16 |
| | 6d | 121 |
| | 6e | 0 |
| | 6f | 121 |
| | 6g(1) | 123 |
| 6g(2) | 121 | |
| 6h | 17 | |
| 7 Enter the total number of employers obligated to contribute to the plan (only multiemployer plans complete this item) | 7 | |

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

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

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

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

a Pension Schedules

- (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 0
- (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)

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

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

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

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

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

Receipt Confirmation Code _____

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

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| A Name of plan THE RALPH J. STOLLE COMPANY EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN | B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ | 001 |
| C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 THE RALPH J. STOLLE COMPANY | D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 31-0567438 | |

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)

| (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? |
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| | | | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> | | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> |

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

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

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

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| | | | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> | | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> |

Part I Service Provider Information (continued)

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

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

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

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

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

Explanation:

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

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| c Position: | |
| d Address: | e Telephone: |

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| SCHEDULE H (Form 5500) <small>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</small> <small>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</small> <small>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</small> | Financial Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500. | <small>OMB No. 1210-0110</small> 2024 This Form is Open to Public Inspection |
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| Part I | Asset and Liability Statement |
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1 Current value of plan assets and liabilities at the beginning and end of the plan year. Combine the value of plan assets held in more than one trust. Report the value of the plan's interest in a commingled fund containing the assets of more than one plan on a line-by-line basis unless the value is reportable on lines 1c(9) through 1c(14). Do not enter the value of that portion of an insurance contract which guarantees, during this plan year, to pay a specific dollar benefit at a future date. **Round off amounts to the nearest dollar.** MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs do not complete lines 1b(1), 1b(2), 1c(8), 1g, 1h, and 1i. CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs also do not complete lines 1d and 1e. See instructions.

| | | (a) Beginning of Year | (b) End of Year |
|---|-----------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| Assets | | | |
| a Total noninterest-bearing cash | 1a | | |
| b Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts): | | | |
| (1) Employer contributions | 1b(1) | 2000000 | |
| (2) Participant contributions | 1b(2) | | |
| (3) Other | 1b(3) | | |
| c General investments: | | | |
| (1) Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit) | 1c(1) | | |
| (2) U.S. Government securities | 1c(2) | | |
| (3) Corporate debt instruments (other than employer securities): | | | |
| (A) Preferred | 1c(3)(A) | | |
| (B) All other | 1c(3)(B) | | |
| (4) Corporate stocks (other than employer securities): | | | |
| (A) Preferred | 1c(4)(A) | | |
| (B) Common | 1c(4)(B) | | |
| (5) Partnership/joint venture interests | 1c(5) | | |
| (6) Real estate (other than employer real property) | 1c(6) | | |
| (7) Loans (other than to participants) | 1c(7) | | |
| (8) Participant loans | 1c(8) | | |
| (9) Value of interest in common/collective trusts | 1c(9) | | |
| (10) Value of interest in pooled separate accounts | 1c(10) | | |
| (11) Value of interest in master trust investment accounts | 1c(11) | | |
| (12) Value of interest in 103-12 investment entities | 1c(12) | | |
| (13) Value of interest in registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds) | 1c(13) | | |
| (14) Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts)..... | 1c(14) | | |
| (15) Other..... | 1c(15) | | |

| 1d Employer-related investments: | | (a) Beginning of Year | (b) End of Year |
|---|-------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| (1) Employer securities..... | 1d(1) | | 8210000 |
| (2) Employer real property..... | 1d(2) | | |
| e Buildings and other property used in plan operation..... | 1e | | |
| f Total assets (add all amounts in lines 1a through 1e)..... | 1f | 2000000 | 8210000 |
| Liabilities | | | |
| g Benefit claims payable..... | 1g | | |
| h Operating payables..... | 1h | | |
| i Acquisition indebtedness..... | 1i | | |
| j Other liabilities..... | 1j | | 33075915 |
| k Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through 1j)..... | 1k | 0 | 33075915 |
| Net Assets | | | |
| l Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f)..... | 1l | 2000000 | -24865915 |

Part II Income and Expense Statement

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

| Income | | (a) Amount | (b) Total |
|--|----------|------------|-----------|
| a Contributions: | | | |
| (1) Received or receivable in cash from: (A) Employers..... | 2a(1)(A) | 1581104 | |
| (B) Participants..... | 2a(1)(B) | | |
| (C) Others (including rollovers)..... | 2a(1)(C) | | |
| (2) Noncash contributions..... | 2a(2) | | |
| (3) Total contributions. Add lines 2a(1)(A), (B), (C), and line 2a(2)..... | 2a(3) | | 1581104 |
| b Earnings on investments: | | | |
| (1) Interest: | | | |
| (A) Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit)..... | 2b(1)(A) | | |
| (B) U.S. Government securities..... | 2b(1)(B) | | |
| (C) Corporate debt instruments..... | 2b(1)(C) | | |
| (D) Loans (other than to participants)..... | 2b(1)(D) | | |
| (E) Participant loans..... | 2b(1)(E) | | |
| (F) Other..... | 2b(1)(F) | | |
| (G) Total interest. Add lines 2b(1)(A) through (F)..... | 2b(1)(G) | | 0 |
| (2) Dividends: | | | |
| (A) Preferred stock..... | 2b(2)(A) | | |
| (B) Common stock..... | 2b(2)(B) | | |
| (C) Registered investment company shares (e.g. mutual funds)..... | 2b(2)(C) | | |
| (D) Total dividends. Add lines 2b(2)(A), (B), and (C)..... | 2b(2)(D) | | 0 |
| (3) Rents..... | 2b(3) | | |
| (4) Net gain (loss) on sale of assets: | | | |
| (A) Aggregate proceeds..... | 2b(4)(A) | | |
| (B) Aggregate carrying amount (see instructions)..... | 2b(4)(B) | | |
| (C) Subtract line 2b(4)(B) from line 2b(4)(A) and enter result..... | 2b(4)(C) | | 0 |
| (5) Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of assets: | | | |
| (A) Real estate..... | 2b(5)(A) | | |
| (B) Other..... | 2b(5)(B) | -27790000 | |
| (C) Total unrealized appreciation of assets. Add lines 2b(5)(A) and (B)..... | 2b(5)(C) | | |

| | | (a) Amount | (b) Total |
|---|--------|------------|-----------|
| (6) Net investment gain (loss) from common/collective trusts | 2b(6) | | |
| (7) Net investment gain (loss) from pooled separate accounts | 2b(7) | | |
| (8) Net investment gain (loss) from master trust investment accounts | 2b(8) | | |
| (9) Net investment gain (loss) from 103-12 investment entities | 2b(9) | | |
| (10) Net investment gain (loss) from registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds) | 2b(10) | | |
| c Other income | 2c | | |
| d Total income. Add all income amounts in column (b) and enter total..... | 2d | | -26208896 |

Expenses

| | | | |
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| e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits: | | | |
| (1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers..... | 2e(1) | 0 | |
| (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) | | 0 |
| f Corrective distributions (see instructions) | 2f | | |
| g Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions)..... | 2g | | |
| h Interest expense..... | 2h | | 657019 |
| i Administrative expenses: | | | |
| (1) Salaries and allowances | 2i(1) | | |
| (2) Contract administrator fees | 2i(2) | | |
| (3) Recordkeeping fees | 2i(3) | | |
| (4) IQPA audit fees | 2i(4) | | |
| (5) Investment advisory and investment management fees | 2i(5) | | |
| (6) Bank or trust company trustee/custodial fees | 2i(6) | | |
| (7) Actuarial fees | 2i(7) | | |
| (8) Legal fees | 2i(8) | | |
| (9) Valuation/appraisal fees | 2i(9) | | |
| (10) Other trustee fees and expenses | 2i(10) | | |
| (11) Other expenses..... | 2i(11) | | |
| (12) Total administrative expenses. Add lines 2i(1) through (11) | 2i(12) | | 0 |
| j Total expenses. Add all expense amounts in column (b) and enter total..... | 2j | | 657019 |

Net Income and Reconciliation

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| k Net income (loss). Subtract line 2j from line 2d..... | 2k | | -26865915 |
| l Transfers of assets: | | | |
| (1) To this plan..... | 2l(1) | | |
| (2) From this plan | 2l(2) | | |

Part III Accountant's Opinion

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

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

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

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

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

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

(1) Name: **BARNES DENNIG**

(2) EIN: **31-1119890**

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

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

Part IV Compliance Questions

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

During the plan year:

| | Yes | No | Amount |
|--|-----|----|---------|
| a Was there a failure to transmit to the plan any participant contributions within the time period described in 29 CFR 2510.3-102? Continue to answer "Yes" for any prior year failures until fully corrected. (See instructions and DOL's Voluntary Fiduciary Correction Program.) | | X | |
| b Were any loans by the plan or fixed income obligations due the plan in default as of the close of the plan year or classified during the year as uncollectible? Disregard participant loans secured by participant's account balance. (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part I if "Yes" is checked.) | | X | |
| c Were any leases to which the plan was a party in default or classified during the year as uncollectible? (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part II if "Yes" is checked.) | | X | |
| d Were there any nonexempt transactions with any party-in-interest? (Do not include transactions reported on line 4a. Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part III if "Yes" is checked.) | | X | |
| e Was this plan covered by a fidelity bond? | X | | 2000000 |
| f Did the plan have a loss, whether or not reimbursed by the plan's fidelity bond, that was caused by fraud or dishonesty? | | X | |
| g Did the plan hold any assets whose current value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser? | | X | |
| h Did the plan receive any noncash contributions whose value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser? | | X | |
| i Did the plan have assets held for investment? (Attach schedule(s) of assets if "Yes" is checked, and see instructions for format requirements.) | X | | |
| j Were any plan transactions or series of transactions in excess of 5% of the current value of plan assets? (Attach schedule of transactions if "Yes" is checked and see instructions for format requirements.) | | X | |
| k Were all the plan assets either distributed to participants or beneficiaries, transferred to another plan, or brought under the control of the PBGC? | | X | |
| l Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan? | | X | |
| m If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.) | | X | |
| n If 4m was answered "Yes," check the "Yes" box if you either provided the required notice or one of the exceptions to providing the notice applied under 29 CFR 2520.101-3. | | | |

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

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

| 5b(1) Name of plan(s) | 5b(2) EIN(s) | 5b(3) PN(s) |
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5c Was the plan a defined benefit plan covered under the PBGC insurance program at any time during this plan year? (See ERISA section 4021 and instructions.) Yes No Not determined
 If "Yes" is checked, enter the My PAA confirmation number from the PBGC premium filing for this plan year _____.

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

| | | |
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| A Name of plan <u>THE RALPH J. STOLLE COMPANY EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN</u> | B Three-digit plan number (PN) | <u>001</u> |
| C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <u>THE RALPH J. STOLLE COMPANY</u> | D Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>31-0567438</u> | |

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

1 Total value of distributions paid in property other than in cash or the forms of property specified in the instructions..... 1 0

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Part V Additional Information for Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans

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

a Name of contributing employer _____

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

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer _____

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

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer _____

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

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer _____

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

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer _____

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

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer _____

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Part VII IRS Compliance Questions

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

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

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

The Ralph J. Stolle Company Employee Stock Ownership Plan

**Financial Statements with Supplemental Information
Years Ended December 31, 2024 (audited) and 2023 (compiled)
With Independent Auditors' Report**

Independent Auditors' Report

To the Plan Administrator of The Ralph J.
Stolle Company Employee Stock Ownership Plan
Cincinnati, OH

Opinion on the 2024 Financial Statements

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

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the net assets available for benefits of The Ralph J. Stolle Company Employee Stock Ownership Plan as of December 31, 2024, and the changes in its net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2024, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinion on the 2024 Financial Statements

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 Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of The Ralph J. Stolle Company Employee Stock Ownership Plan and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audits. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Emphasis of a Matter

As discussed in Note 2 to the financial statements, the December 31, 2024 financial statements include common stock of The Ralph J. Stolle Company valued at \$8,210,000, whose value has been estimated by the Trustee of The Ralph J. Stolle Company Employee Stock Ownership Plan, based on an independent appraisal, in the absence of a readily ascertainable market value. We have examined the procedures used by the Trustee in arriving at its estimate of the value of such securities and have inspected the underlying documentation, and in the circumstances, we believe that such procedures are reasonable and the documentation appropriate. However, because of inherent uncertainty of a valuation, those estimated values may differ significantly from the values that would have been used had a ready market for the securities existed, and the differences could be material. Our opinion is not modified with respect to the matter.

Responsibilities of Management for the 2024 Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

**Independent Auditors' Report
(Continued)**

Responsibilities of Management for the 2024 Financial Statements (Continued)

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about The Ralph J. Stolle Company Employee Stock Ownership Plan'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.

Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the 2024 Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditors' report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with 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 The Ralph J. Stolle Company Employee Stock Ownership Plan's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about The Ralph J. Stolle Company Employee Stock Ownership Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

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

BARNES DENNIG

**Independent Auditors' Report
(Continued)**

Other Matter

2024 Supplemental Schedule Required by ERISA

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements as a whole. The supplemental schedule of Schedule H, Line 4i – Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year) at December 31, 2024 is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements but is supplementary information required by the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the 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.

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

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

Report on Compiled 2023 Financial Statement

Management is responsible for the accompanying 2023 financial statement of The Ralph J. Stolle Company Employee Stock Ownership Plan, which comprises the statement of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statement in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We have performed a compilation engagement in accordance with Statements on Standard for Accounting and Review Services promulgated by the Accounting and Review Services Committee of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. We did not audit or review the financial statement, nor were we required to perform any procedures to verify the accuracy or completeness of the information provided by plan management. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion, a conclusion, nor provide any form of assurance on the 2023 financial statement.



October 15, 2025
Cincinnati, OH

THE RALPH J. STOLLE COMPANY EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN

**Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits
December 31, 2024 (audited) and 2023 (compiled)**

| | 2024 | | |
|---|--------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| | Allocated | Unallocated | Total |
| Assets | | | |
| Investments - at fair value: | | | |
| Common stock of The Ralph J. Stolle Company | \$ 559,496 | \$ 7,650,504 | \$ 8,210,000 |
| Total assets | 559,496 | 7,650,504 | 8,210,000 |
| Liabilities | | | |
| Notes payable | - | 33,075,915 | 33,075,915 |
| Total liabilities | - | 33,075,915 | 33,075,915 |
| Net assets (deficit) available for benefits | \$ 559,496 | \$ (25,425,411) | \$ (24,865,915) |
| | | | |
| | 2023 | | |
| | Allocated | Unallocated | Total |
| Assets | | | |
| Employer contribution receivable | \$ 2,000,000 | \$ - | \$ 2,000,000 |
| Net assets available for benefits | \$ 2,000,000 | \$ - | \$ 2,000,000 |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements

THE RALPH J. STOLLE COMPANY EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN

Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits Year Ended December 31, 2024

| | 2024 | | |
|---|-------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| | Allocated | Unallocated | Total |
| Additions | | | |
| Employer contributions | \$ - | \$ 1,581,104 | \$ 1,581,104 |
| Total contributions | - | 1,581,104 | 1,581,104 |
| Allocation of 6,296 shares of Ralph J. Stolle Company common stock | 103,385 | (103,385) | - |
| Total additions | 103,385 | 1,477,719 | 1,581,104 |
| Deductions | | | |
| Net unrealized depreciation in fair value of investments | 1,543,889 | 26,246,111 | 27,790,000 |
| Interest expense | - | 657,019 | 657,019 |
| Total deductions | 1,543,889 | 26,903,130 | 28,447,019 |
| Net decrease | (1,440,504) | (25,425,411) | (26,865,915) |
| Net assets available for benefits | | | |
| Beginning of year | 2,000,000 | - | 2,000,000 |
| End of year | \$ 559,496 | \$ (25,425,411) | \$ (24,865,915) |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements

THE RALPH J. STOLLE COMPANY EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN

Notes to Financial Statements

NOTE 1 DESCRIPTION OF THE PLAN

The following description of The Ralph J. Stolle Company Employee Stock Ownership Plan provides only general information. Participants should refer to their The Ralph J. Stolle Employee Stock Ownership Plan document for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions.

General

The Ralph J. Stolle Company (the "Company") established The Ralph J. Stolle Company Employee Stock Ownership Plan (the "Plan") effective as of January 1, 2023. The Plan has been set up to operate as a leveraged Employee Stock Ownership Plan (the "ESOP"). It is also designed to comply with Section 4975(e)(7) and the regulations thereunder of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code") and will be funded through Company contributions. The Plan is subject to the applicable provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended ("ERISA"). The Plan is administered by the Trustee of the Employee Stock Ownership Plan of the Company appointed by the Company's Board of Directors. The common shares of the Company are valued annually as of December 31 (the "valuation date") based on an appraisal by an independent third party.

Eligibility and Participation

Employees of the Company except (i) leased employees, (ii) residents of Puerto Rico, (iii) employees covered by a collective bargaining agreement under which the Company has engaged in good faith negotiations about retirement benefits unless such bargaining results in participation in this plan, (iv) nonresident aliens receiving no earned income from sources within the United States, are generally eligible to participate in the Plan provided they have attained age 18 and have been credited with at least one full year of service, defined as a year in which an employee has earned not less than 1,000 hours of service.

Contributions

Contributions to the Plan are at the discretion of the Company provided that such contributions, shall be sufficient to cover principal and interest on any outstanding loans. As the Plan makes each payment of principal and interest, an appropriate percentage of stock will be allocated to eligible employees' accounts in accordance with applicable regulations under the Internal Revenue Code.

Participant Accounts

The Plan is a defined contribution plan under which a separate individual account is established for each participant. Each participant's account is credited as the last day of each year with an allocation of company contributions released from the unallocated account and forfeitures of terminated participants' non-vested accounts. Only those participants who are eligible employees of the Company as of the last day of the plan year will receive an allocation. Allocations are based on a participant's eligible compensation, relative to total eligible compensation. At the end of each plan year after all allocations have been performed, the Trustee will rebalance the assets held in participant accounts. The assets held in participant accounts will be adjusted so that all accounts under the Plan hold the same percentage of Employer stock and other investments. The Plan does not allow for participant directed investments.

THE RALPH J. STOLLE COMPANY EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN

Notes to Financial Statements (Continued)

NOTE 1 DESCRIPTION OF THE PLAN (CONTINUED)

Payment of Benefits

Subject to the Participant's consent, distributions for death, disability, or attaining normal retirement age (age 65) shall commence as soon as administratively feasible in the year following the Plan year that induces such date. Distributions for termination other than death, disability, or retirement shall commence no later than during the sixth Plan year following the Plan year in which the Participant terminated.

Distributions will be made in the form of a lump sum payment or annual installments over a period not to exceed five years based on the distribution policy adopted by the Company from time to time.

Expenses

All usual and reasonable expenses of the Plan Administrator may be paid in whole or in part by the Company. Any expense not paid by the Company shall be paid out of the principal or income of the Plan.

Participant Accounts and Forfeitures

Employer contributions and plan forfeitures are allocated to each participant's account based on the relation of the participant's compensation to total compensation for the plan year. Plan earnings are allocated to each participant's account based upon the beginning balances in their cash account less any distribution from such amount since the preceding allocation date. Plan expenses are allocated to each participants account based upon their total beginning account balances less any distributions since the preceding allocation date.

Vesting

Participant account balances vest at a rate of 20% per year in years two through six of participation in the Plan, with full vesting upon the earlier of normal retirement, disability, death or six years of vesting service.

Diversification

Shares purchased by the ESOP after December 31, 1986, are subject to the diversification rules of Code Section 401(a)(28)(B). Qualified participants (have obtained age 55 and 10 years of participation) must be permitted to diversify up to 25% of the value of post-1986 shares allocated to their account. This election period runs for each of the first five years in which a participant qualifies. In the sixth and final year in which the participant is qualified, the participant may elect to diversify up to 50% of shares allocated to their accounts.

THE RALPH J. STOLLE COMPANY EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN

Notes to Financial Statements (Continued)

NOTE 1 DESCRIPTION OF THE PLAN (CONTINUED)

Put Option

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Notes to Financial Statements (Continued)

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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 – Inputs to the valuation methodology include:

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

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

Level 3 – Inputs to the valuation methodology are unobservable and significant to the fair value measurement.

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

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

Common Stock of The Ralph J. Stolle Company: Valued at fair value as determined by the Plan's Trustee as of the last day of the Plan year (Level 3 inputs), based on the recommendation of an independent appraiser selected by the Plan's Trustee. This appraisal is performed using a combination of the income approach, which applies the discounted cash flow methodology, and the market approach, which applies the valuation multiples methodologies of guideline private companies and guideline transactions. Under the discounted cash flow method, projections are based upon past performance as identified in audited financial statements of the Company and management's projections of future performance. The resulting cash flow projections are discounted using a market related discount rate (which incorporates the Company's estimated weighted average cost of capital). The guideline private companies which are used for the valuation multiples are deemed to be as comparable as possible to the Company. The guideline transactions used include those in which the buyer acquired at least a majority stake in a target company determined to be comparable to the Company. Under both approaches a discount is applied for the lack of marketability since the Company's stock is not readily tradable on an established market. The historical and projected financial information of the Company which is used by the appraiser is provided by the Company's financial management. The appraiser prepares a preliminary report which management and the Plan's Trustee, reviews in detail and approves the final value of the stock.

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Notes to Financial Statements (Continued)

NOTE 5 FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS (CONTINUED)

The methods described above may produce a fair value calculation that may not be indicative of net realizable value or reflective of future fair values. Furthermore, while 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.

Assets Measured at Fair Value on a Recurring Basis

The following table sets forth by level, within the fair value hierarchy, the Plan's assets at fair value as of December 31, 2024:

| | Level 1 | Level 2 | Level 3 | Total |
|---|---------|---------|--------------|--------------|
| Common stock of The Ralph J. Stolle Company | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 8,210,000 | \$ 8,210,000 |
| Total assets at fair value | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 8,210,000 | \$ 8,210,000 |

The following is a summary of changes in the fair value of the Plan's Level 3 assets for year ended December 31, 2024:

| | |
|---|---|
| | Common stock of The Ralph J. Stolle Company |
| Balance, beginning of year | \$ - |
| Purchase of shares | 36,000,000 |
| Unrealized loss relating to instruments still held at the reporting date | (27,790,000) |
| Balance, end of year | \$ 8,210,000 |

NOTE 6 NOTES PAYABLE

The Plan entered into a term note with the Company of \$34,000,000 during 2024 to purchase substantially all of the Company's stock. The note is payable in annual installments of \$1,581,104 and matures December 31, 2098. The note bears interest at a fixed rate of 4.61%. The note is collateralized by the unallocated shares of Company common stock.

As of the end of each plan year, the number of the unallocated shares to be allocated shall be calculated by multiplying the number of unallocated shares immediately before the release by a fraction: the numerator of the fraction shall be the amount of principal and interest paid with respect to the note payable during the year; the denominator of the fraction shall be the sum of the numerator and the remaining payments of principal and interest thereon.

THE RALPH J. STOLLE COMPANY EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN

Notes to Financial Statements (Continued)

NOTE 6 NOTES PAYABLE (CONTINUED)

The lender has no rights against shares once they are allocated under the ESOP. Accordingly, the financial statements of the Plan present separately the assets and liabilities and changes therein pertaining to (a) the accounts of employees with rights in allocated stock and (b) stock not yet allocated to employees. During the year ending December 31, 2024, 6,296 shares of Company common stock with a fair value of \$103,385 were released from the Plan's unallocated shares, as a result of repayments of the ESOP debt. As of December 31, 2024, 465,926 shares of Company common stock were held as collateral for the ESOP debt.

Long-term debt maturities during the next five years are tabulated as follows:

| | | |
|------------|-----------|-------------------|
| 2025 | \$ | 56,305 |
| 2026 | | 58,900 |
| 2027 | | 61,616 |
| 2028 | | 64,456 |
| 2028 | | 67,427 |
| Thereafter | | <u>32,767,211</u> |
| | <u>\$</u> | <u>33,075,915</u> |

NOTE 7 PARTY-IN-INTEREST AND RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Certain Plan investments are considered party-interest investments. These include common stock of the Company. Principal Life Insurance Company, the Plan's trustee and recordkeeper, receive fees for their services to the Plan, which have been paid by the Company on behalf of the Plan.

Certain employees and/or officers of the Company provide trustee and other administrative services for the Plan. These employees and/or officers are also participants of the Plan. No such officer or employee receives compensation from the Plan.

At December 31, 2024 and 2023, the Plan owned 500,000 and -0-, respectively, shares of The Ralph J. Stolle Company, common stock with a cost of \$36,000,000. Information about the Plan's investment in The Ralph J. Stolle Company, common stock is as follows:

| | December 31, 2024 | | December 31, 2023 | |
|---|---------------------|----------------------|-------------------|-------------|
| | Allocated | Unallocated | Allocated | Unallocated |
| The Ralph J. Stolle Company common shares: | | | | |
| Number of shares | <u>34,074,0741</u> | <u>465,925,9259</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> |
| Cost | <u>\$ 2,453,333</u> | <u>\$ 33,546,667</u> | <u>\$ -</u> | <u>\$ -</u> |
| Estimated fair value | <u>\$ 559,496</u> | <u>\$ 7,650,504</u> | <u>\$ -</u> | <u>\$ -</u> |

THE RALPH J. STOLLE COMPANY EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN

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

December 31, 2024

Schedule H (Form 5500)

EIN 31-0567438

Plan Number – 001

| Column A | Column B | Column C | Column D | Column E |
|----------|---|---|----------------------|---------------------|
| | Identity of issuer, borrower of similar entity | Description of Investment | Cost | Current Value |
| * | The Ralph J. Stolle Company | Common Stock of The Ralph J. Stolle Company | \$ 36,000,000 | \$ 8,210,000 |
| | | | <u>\$ 36,000,000</u> | <u>\$ 8,210,000</u> |

* Party-in-interest

Note: The common stock of The Ralph J. Stolle Company is a party-in-interest to the Plan and is not actively traded. The market value of the common stock is based upon an appraisal from an independent appraisal company. Such appraisal represents a fair value for the stock in the opinion of the Plan's Trustee.

See independent auditors' report

The Ralph J. Stolle Company Employee Stock Ownership Plan

**Financial Statements with Supplemental Information
Years Ended December 31, 2024 (audited) and 2023 (compiled)
With Independent Auditors' Report**

Independent Auditors' Report

To the Plan Administrator of The Ralph J.
Stolle Company Employee Stock Ownership Plan
Cincinnati, OH

Opinion on the 2024 Financial Statements

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

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the net assets available for benefits of The Ralph J. Stolle Company Employee Stock Ownership Plan as of December 31, 2024, and the changes in its net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2024, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinion on the 2024 Financial Statements

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 Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of The Ralph J. Stolle Company Employee Stock Ownership Plan and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audits. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Emphasis of a Matter

As discussed in Note 2 to the financial statements, the December 31, 2024 financial statements include common stock of The Ralph J. Stolle Company valued at \$8,210,000, whose value has been estimated by the Trustee of The Ralph J. Stolle Company Employee Stock Ownership Plan, based on an independent appraisal, in the absence of a readily ascertainable market value. We have examined the procedures used by the Trustee in arriving at its estimate of the value of such securities and have inspected the underlying documentation, and in the circumstances, we believe that such procedures are reasonable and the documentation appropriate. However, because of inherent uncertainty of a valuation, those estimated values may differ significantly from the values that would have been used had a ready market for the securities existed, and the differences could be material. Our opinion is not modified with respect to the matter.

Responsibilities of Management for the 2024 Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

**Independent Auditors' Report
(Continued)**

Responsibilities of Management for the 2024 Financial Statements (Continued)

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about The Ralph J. Stolle Company Employee Stock Ownership Plan'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.

Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the 2024 Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditors' report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with 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 The Ralph J. Stolle Company Employee Stock Ownership Plan's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about The Ralph J. Stolle Company Employee Stock Ownership Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

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

**Independent Auditors' Report
(Continued)**

Other Matter

2024 Supplemental Schedule Required by ERISA

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements as a whole. The supplemental schedule of Schedule H, Line 4i – Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year) at December 31, 2024 is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements but is supplementary information required by the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the 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.

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

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

Report on Compiled 2023 Financial Statement

Management is responsible for the accompanying 2023 financial statement of The Ralph J. Stolle Company Employee Stock Ownership Plan, which comprises the statement of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statement in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We have performed a compilation engagement in accordance with Statements on Standard for Accounting and Review Services promulgated by the Accounting and Review Services Committee of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. We did not audit or review the financial statement, nor were we required to perform any procedures to verify the accuracy or completeness of the information provided by plan management. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion, a conclusion, nor provide any form of assurance on the 2023 financial statement.



October 15, 2025
Cincinnati, OH

THE RALPH J. STOLLE COMPANY EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN

**Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits
December 31, 2024 (audited) and 2023 (compiled)**

| | 2024 | | |
|---|--------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| | Allocated | Unallocated | Total |
| Assets | | | |
| Investments - at fair value: | | | |
| Common stock of The Ralph J. Stolle Company | \$ 559,496 | \$ 7,650,504 | \$ 8,210,000 |
| Total assets | 559,496 | 7,650,504 | 8,210,000 |
| Liabilities | | | |
| Notes payable | - | 33,075,915 | 33,075,915 |
| Total liabilities | - | 33,075,915 | 33,075,915 |
| Net assets (deficit) available for benefits | \$ 559,496 | \$ (25,425,411) | \$ (24,865,915) |
| | | | |
| | 2023 | | |
| | Allocated | Unallocated | Total |
| Assets | | | |
| Employer contribution receivable | \$ 2,000,000 | \$ - | \$ 2,000,000 |
| Net assets available for benefits | \$ 2,000,000 | \$ - | \$ 2,000,000 |

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THE RALPH J. STOLLE COMPANY EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN

Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits Year Ended December 31, 2024

| | 2024 | | |
|--|-------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| | Allocated | Unallocated | Total |
| Additions | | | |
| Employer contributions | \$ - | \$ 1,581,104 | \$ 1,581,104 |
| Total contributions | - | 1,581,104 | 1,581,104 |
| Allocation of 6,296 shares of Ralph J. Stolle Company common stock | 103,385 | (103,385) | - |
| Total additions | 103,385 | 1,477,719 | 1,581,104 |
| Deductions | | | |
| Net unrealized depreciation in fair value of investments | 1,543,889 | 26,246,111 | 27,790,000 |
| Interest expense | - | 657,019 | 657,019 |
| Total deductions | 1,543,889 | 26,903,130 | 28,447,019 |
| Net decrease | (1,440,504) | (25,425,411) | (26,865,915) |
| Net assets available for benefits | | | |
| Beginning of year | 2,000,000 | - | 2,000,000 |
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Notes to Financial Statements

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General

The Ralph J. Stolle Company (the "Company") established The Ralph J. Stolle Company Employee Stock Ownership Plan (the "Plan") effective as of January 1, 2023. The Plan has been set up to operate as a leveraged Employee Stock Ownership Plan (the "ESOP"). It is also designed to comply with Section 4975(e)(7) and the regulations thereunder of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code") and will be funded through Company contributions. The Plan is subject to the applicable provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended ("ERISA"). The Plan is administered by the Trustee of the Employee Stock Ownership Plan of the Company appointed by the Company's Board of Directors. The common shares of the Company are valued annually as of December 31 (the "valuation date") based on an appraisal by an independent third party.

Eligibility and Participation

Employees of the Company except (i) leased employees, (ii) residents of Puerto Rico, (iii) employees covered by a collective bargaining agreement under which the Company has engaged in good faith negotiations about retirement benefits unless such bargaining results in participation in this plan, (iv) nonresident aliens receiving no earned income from sources within the United States, are generally eligible to participate in the Plan provided they have attained age 18 and have been credited with at least one full year of service, defined as a year in which an employee has earned not less than 1,000 hours of service.

Contributions

Contributions to the Plan are at the discretion of the Company provided that such contributions, shall be sufficient to cover principal and interest on any outstanding loans. As the Plan makes each payment of principal and interest, an appropriate percentage of stock will be allocated to eligible employees' accounts in accordance with applicable regulations under the Internal Revenue Code.

Participant Accounts

The Plan is a defined contribution plan under which a separate individual account is established for each participant. Each participant's account is credited as the last day of each year with an allocation of company contributions released from the unallocated account and forfeitures of terminated participants' non-vested accounts. Only those participants who are eligible employees of the Company as of the last day of the plan year will receive an allocation. Allocations are based on a participant's eligible compensation, relative to total eligible compensation. At the end of each plan year after all allocations have been performed, the Trustee will rebalance the assets held in participant accounts. The assets held in participant accounts will be adjusted so that all accounts under the Plan hold the same percentage of Employer stock and other investments. The Plan does not allow for participant directed investments.

THE RALPH J. STOLLE COMPANY EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN

Notes to Financial Statements (Continued)

NOTE 1 DESCRIPTION OF THE PLAN (CONTINUED)

Payment of Benefits

Subject to the Participant's consent, distributions for death, disability, or attaining normal retirement age (age 65) shall commence as soon as administratively feasible in the year following the Plan year that induces such date. Distributions for termination other than death, disability, or retirement shall commence no later than during the sixth Plan year following the Plan year in which the Participant terminated.

Distributions will be made in the form of a lump sum payment or annual installments over a period not to exceed five years based on the distribution policy adopted by the Company from time to time.

Expenses

All usual and reasonable expenses of the Plan Administrator may be paid in whole or in part by the Company. Any expense not paid by the Company shall be paid out of the principal or income of the Plan.

Participant Accounts and Forfeitures

Employer contributions and plan forfeitures are allocated to each participant's account based on the relation of the participant's compensation to total compensation for the plan year. Plan earnings are allocated to each participant's account based upon the beginning balances in their cash account less any distribution from such amount since the preceding allocation date. Plan expenses are allocated to each participants account based upon their total beginning account balances less any distributions since the preceding allocation date.

Vesting

Participant account balances vest at a rate of 20% per year in years two through six of participation in the Plan, with full vesting upon the earlier of normal retirement, disability, death or six years of vesting service.

Diversification

Shares purchased by the ESOP after December 31, 1986, are subject to the diversification rules of Code Section 401(a)(28)(B). Qualified participants (have obtained age 55 and 10 years of participation) must be permitted to diversify up to 25% of the value of post-1986 shares allocated to their account. This election period runs for each of the first five years in which a participant qualifies. In the sixth and final year in which the participant is qualified, the participant may elect to diversify up to 50% of shares allocated to their accounts.

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NOTE 5 FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

GAAP provisions for Fair Value Measurements establishes a 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 measurements) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3 measurements). The three levels of the fair value hierarchy under GAAP provisions for Fair Value Measurements are described below:

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

Level 2 – Inputs to the valuation methodology include:

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

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

Level 3 – Inputs to the valuation methodology are unobservable and significant to the fair value measurement.

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

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

Common Stock of The Ralph J. Stolle Company: Valued at fair value as determined by the Plan's Trustee as of the last day of the Plan year (Level 3 inputs), based on the recommendation of an independent appraiser selected by the Plan's Trustee. This appraisal is performed using a combination of the income approach, which applies the discounted cash flow methodology, and the market approach, which applies the valuation multiples methodologies of guideline private companies and guideline transactions. Under the discounted cash flow method, projections are based upon past performance as identified in audited financial statements of the Company and management's projections of future performance. The resulting cash flow projections are discounted using a market related discount rate (which incorporates the Company's estimated weighted average cost of capital). The guideline private companies which are used for the valuation multiples are deemed to be as comparable as possible to the Company. The guideline transactions used include those in which the buyer acquired at least a majority stake in a target company determined to be comparable to the Company. Under both approaches a discount is applied for the lack of marketability since the Company's stock is not readily tradable on an established market. The historical and projected financial information of the Company which is used by the appraiser is provided by the Company's financial management. The appraiser prepares a preliminary report which management and the Plan's Trustee, reviews in detail and approves the final value of the stock.

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NOTE 5 FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS (CONTINUED)

The methods described above may produce a fair value calculation that may not be indicative of net realizable value or reflective of future fair values. Furthermore, while 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.

Assets Measured at Fair Value on a Recurring Basis

The following table sets forth by level, within the fair value hierarchy, the Plan's assets at fair value as of December 31, 2024:

| | Level 1 | Level 2 | Level 3 | Total |
|---|---------|---------|--------------|--------------|
| Common stock of The Ralph J. Stolle Company | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 8,210,000 | \$ 8,210,000 |
| Total assets at fair value | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 8,210,000 | \$ 8,210,000 |

The following is a summary of changes in the fair value of the Plan's Level 3 assets for year ended December 31, 2024:

| | |
|---|---|
| | Common stock of The Ralph J. Stolle Company |
| Balance, beginning of year | \$ - |
| Purchase of shares | 36,000,000 |
| Unrealized loss relating to instruments still held at the reporting date | (27,790,000) |
| Balance, end of year | \$ 8,210,000 |

NOTE 6 NOTES PAYABLE

The Plan entered into a term note with the Company of \$34,000,000 during 2024 to purchase substantially all of the Company's stock. The note is payable in annual installments of \$1,581,104 and matures December 31, 2098. The note bears interest at a fixed rate of 4.61%. The note is collateralized by the unallocated shares of Company common stock.

As of the end of each plan year, the number of the unallocated shares to be allocated shall be calculated by multiplying the number of unallocated shares immediately before the release by a fraction: the numerator of the fraction shall be the amount of principal and interest paid with respect to the note payable during the year; the denominator of the fraction shall be the sum of the numerator and the remaining payments of principal and interest thereon.

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NOTE 6 NOTES PAYABLE (CONTINUED)

The lender has no rights against shares once they are allocated under the ESOP. Accordingly, the financial statements of the Plan present separately the assets and liabilities and changes therein pertaining to (a) the accounts of employees with rights in allocated stock and (b) stock not yet allocated to employees. During the year ending December 31, 2024, 6,296 shares of Company common stock with a fair value of \$103,385 were released from the Plan's unallocated shares, as a result of repayments of the ESOP debt. As of December 31, 2024, 465,926 shares of Company common stock were held as collateral for the ESOP debt.

Long-term debt maturities during the next five years are tabulated as follows:

| | | |
|------------|-----------|-------------------|
| 2025 | \$ | 56,305 |
| 2026 | | 58,900 |
| 2027 | | 61,616 |
| 2028 | | 64,456 |
| 2028 | | 67,427 |
| Thereafter | | <u>32,767,211</u> |
| | <u>\$</u> | <u>33,075,915</u> |

NOTE 7 PARTY-IN-INTEREST AND RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Certain Plan investments are considered party-interest investments. These include common stock of the Company. Principal Life Insurance Company, the Plan's trustee and recordkeeper, receive fees for their services to the Plan, which have been paid by the Company on behalf of the Plan.

Certain employees and/or officers of the Company provide trustee and other administrative services for the Plan. These employees and/or officers are also participants of the Plan. No such officer or employee receives compensation from the Plan.

At December 31, 2024 and 2023, the Plan owned 500,000 and -0-, respectively, shares of The Ralph J. Stolle Company, common stock with a cost of \$36,000,000. Information about the Plan's investment in The Ralph J. Stolle Company, common stock is as follows:

| | December 31, 2024 | | December 31, 2023 | |
|---|---------------------|----------------------|-------------------|-------------|
| | Allocated | Unallocated | Allocated | Unallocated |
| The Ralph J. Stolle Company common shares: | | | | |
| Number of shares | <u>34,074,074</u> | <u>465,925,925</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> |
| Cost | <u>\$ 2,453,333</u> | <u>\$ 33,546,667</u> | <u>\$ -</u> | <u>\$ -</u> |
| Estimated fair value | <u>\$ 559,496</u> | <u>\$ 7,650,504</u> | <u>\$ -</u> | <u>\$ -</u> |

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

December 31, 2024

Schedule H (Form 5500)

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| Column A | Column B | Column C | Column D | Column E |
|----------|---|---|----------------------|---------------------|
| | Identity of issuer, borrower of similar entity | Description of Investment | Cost | Current Value |
| * | The Ralph J. Stolle Company | Common Stock of The Ralph J. Stolle Company | \$ 36,000,000 | \$ 8,210,000 |
| | | | <u>\$ 36,000,000</u> | <u>\$ 8,210,000</u> |

* Party-in-interest

Note: The common stock of The Ralph J. Stolle Company is a party-in-interest to the Plan and is not actively traded. The market value of the common stock is based upon an appraisal from an independent appraisal company. Such appraisal represents a fair value for the stock in the opinion of the Plan's Trustee.

See independent auditors' report