

Form 5500

Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan

OMB Nos. 1210-0110 1210-0089

2024

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Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration

Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

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

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

Part I Annual Report Identification Information

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

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

1a Name of plan RETIREMENT PLAN FOR SALARIED EMPLOYEES OF COTTER CORPORATION
1b Three-digit plan number (PN) 001
1c Effective date of plan 01/01/1968
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) COTTER CORPORATION 7800 EAST DORADO PLACE, 210 ENGLEWOOD, CO 80111
2b Employer Identification Number (EIN) 85-0125530
2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number 720-554-6211
2d Business code (see instructions) 212200

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

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

Table with 4 columns: SIGN HERE, Signature, Date, and Name. Rows include: 1. Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature, 10/15/2025, GUS GAVIOTIS; 2. Signature of plan administrator; 3. Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature, 10/15/2025, GUS GAVIOTIS; 4. Signature of employer/plan sponsor; 5. Signature of DFE.

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<b>3a</b> Plan administrator's name and address <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Same as Plan Sponsor	<b>3b</b> Administrator's EIN	
	<b>3c</b> Administrator's telephone number	
<b>4</b> If the name and/or EIN of the plan sponsor or the plan name has changed since the last return/report filed for this plan, enter the plan sponsor's name, EIN, the plan name and the plan number from the last return/report: <b>a</b> Sponsor's name <b>c</b> Plan Name	<b>4b</b> EIN	
	<b>4d</b> PN	
<b>5</b> Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year	<b>5</b>	172
<b>6</b> Number of participants as of the end of the plan year unless otherwise stated (welfare plans complete only lines <b>6a(1)</b> , <b>6a(2)</b> , <b>6b</b> , <b>6c</b> , and <b>6d</b> ). <b>a(1)</b> Total number of active participants at the beginning of the plan year ..... <b>a(2)</b> Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year ..... <b>b</b> Retired or separated participants receiving benefits..... <b>c</b> Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits ..... <b>d</b> Subtotal. Add lines <b>6a(2)</b> , <b>6b</b> , and <b>6c</b> ..... <b>e</b> Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits. .... <b>f</b> Total. Add lines <b>6d</b> and <b>6e</b> ..... <b>g(1)</b> Number of participants with account balances as of the beginning of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item) ..... <b>g(2)</b> Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item) ..... <b>h</b> Number of participants who terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested.....	<b>6a(1)</b>	0
	<b>6a(2)</b>	0
	<b>6b</b>	99
	<b>6c</b>	50
	<b>6d</b>	149
	<b>6e</b>	22
	<b>6f</b>	171
	<b>6g(1)</b>	
<b>6g(2)</b>		
<b>6h</b>		0
<b>7</b> Enter the total number of employers obligated to contribute to the plan (only multiemployer plans complete this item) .....	<b>7</b>	

**8a** If the plan provides pension benefits, enter the applicable pension feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions:  
1A 1B 1I 3H

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

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

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

**a Pension Schedules**

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

**b General Schedules**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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<b>SCHEDULE SB</b> <b>(Form 5500)</b>  <small>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</small>  <small>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</small>  <small>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</small>	<b>Single-Employer Defined Benefit Plan</b> <b>Actuarial Information</b>  This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and section 6059 of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code).  <b>▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500 or 5500-SF.</b>	<small>OMB No. 1210-0110</small>  <b>2024</b>  <b>This Form is Open to Public Inspection</b>
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For calendar plan year 2024 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2024 and ending 12/31/2024

▶ **Round off amounts to nearest dollar.**  
 ▶ **Caution:** A penalty of \$1,000 will be assessed for late filing of this report unless reasonable cause is established.

<b>A</b> Name of plan <u>RETIREMENT PLAN FOR SALARIED EMPLOYEES OF COTTER CORPORATION</u>	<b>B</b> Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	<u>001</u>
<b>C</b> Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 or 5500-SF <u>COTTER CORPORATION</u>	<b>D</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>85-0125530</u>	
<b>E</b> Type of plan: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Single <input type="checkbox"/> Multiple-A <input type="checkbox"/> Multiple-B	<b>F</b> Prior year plan size: <input type="checkbox"/> 100 or fewer <input type="checkbox"/> 101-500 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> More than 500	

**Part I Basic Information**

<b>1</b>	Enter the valuation date: Month <u>01</u> Day <u>01</u> Year <u>2024</u>		
<b>2</b>	Assets:		
	<b>a</b> Market value .....	<b>2a</b>	<u>14367067</u>
	<b>b</b> Actuarial value .....	<b>2b</b>	<u>15199788</u>
<b>3</b>	Funding target/participant count breakdown	(1) Number of participants	(2) Vested Funding Target
	<b>a</b> For retired participants and beneficiaries receiving payment .....	<u>122</u>	<u>12555727</u>
	<b>b</b> For terminated vested participants .....	<u>53</u>	<u>2066171</u>
	<b>c</b> For active participants .....	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	<b>d</b> Total .....	<u>175</u>	<u>14621898</u>
<b>4</b>	If the plan is in at-risk status, check the box and complete lines (a) and (b)..... <input type="checkbox"/>		
	<b>a</b> Funding target disregarding prescribed at-risk assumptions .....	<b>4a</b>	
	<b>b</b> Funding target reflecting at-risk assumptions, but disregarding transition rule for plans that have been in at-risk status for fewer than five consecutive years and disregarding loading factor .....	<b>4b</b>	
<b>5</b>	Effective interest rate .....	<b>5</b>	<u>5.00 %</u>
<b>6</b>	Target normal cost		
	<b>a</b> Present value of current plan year accruals .....	<b>6a</b>	<u>0</u>
	<b>b</b> Expected plan-related expenses .....	<b>6b</b>	<u>95000</u>
	<b>c</b> Target normal cost .....	<b>6c</b>	<u>95000</u>

**Statement by Enrolled Actuary**  
 To the best of my knowledge, the information supplied in this schedule and accompanying schedules, statements and attachments, if any, is complete and accurate. Each prescribed assumption was applied in accordance with applicable law and regulations. In my opinion, each other assumption is reasonable (taking into account the experience of the plan and reasonable expectations) and such other assumptions, in combination, offer my best estimate of anticipated experience under the plan.

<b>SIGN HERE</b>		
	Signature of actuary	Date
	<u>CHRISTIAN GOODMAN</u>	<u>23-07277</u>
	Type or print name of actuary	Most recent enrollment number
	<u>MILLIMAN, INC.</u>	<u>214-863-5500</u>
	Firm name	Telephone number (including area code)
	<u>12790 MERIT DRIVE, SUITE 800 DALLAS, TX 75251</u>	
	Address of the firm	

If the actuary has not fully reflected any regulation or ruling promulgated under the statute in completing this schedule, check the box and see instructions

<b>Part II Beginning of Year Carryover and Prefunding Balances</b>		(a) Carryover balance	(b) Prefunding balance
<b>7</b>	Balance at beginning of prior year after applicable adjustments (line 13 from prior year) .....	0	0
<b>8</b>	Portion elected for use to offset prior year's funding requirement (line 35 from prior year) .....	0	0
<b>9</b>	Amount remaining (line 7 minus line 8) .....	0	0
<b>10</b>	Interest on line 9 using prior year's actual return of <u>10.77</u> % .....	0	0
<b>11</b>	Prior year's excess contributions to be added to prefunding balance:		
<b>a</b>	Present value of excess contributions (line 38a from prior year) .....		318928
<b>b(1)</b>	Interest on the excess, if any, of line 38a over line 38b from prior year Schedule SB, using prior year's effective interest rate of <u>5.12</u> % .....		16329
<b>b(2)</b>	Interest on line 38b from prior year Schedule SB, using prior year's actual return .....		0
<b>c</b>	Total available at beginning of current plan year to add to prefunding balance .....		335257
<b>d</b>	Portion of (c) to be added to prefunding balance .....		0
<b>12</b>	Other reductions in balances due to elections or deemed elections .....	0	0
<b>13</b>	Balance at beginning of current year (line 9 + line 10 + line 11d – line 12) .....	0	0

<b>Part III Funding Percentages</b>			
<b>14</b>	Funding target attainment percentage .....	<b>14</b>	103.95 %
<b>15</b>	Adjusted funding target attainment percentage .....	<b>15</b>	103.95 %
<b>16</b>	Prior year's funding percentage for purposes of determining whether carryover/prefunding balances may be used to reduce current year's funding requirement .....	<b>16</b>	99.82 %
<b>17</b>	If the current value of the assets of the plan is less than 70 percent of the funding target, enter such percentage .....	<b>17</b>	%

<b>Part IV Contributions and Liquidity Shortfalls</b>		<b>18 Contributions made to the plan for the plan year by employer(s) and employees:</b>					
(a) Date (MM-DD-YYYY)	(b) Amount paid by employer(s)	(c) Amount paid by employees	(a) Date (MM-DD-YYYY)	(b) Amount paid by employer(s)	(c) Amount paid by employees		
12/06/2024	150000						
02/12/2025	150000						
03/28/2025	150000						
			<b>Totals ▶</b>	<b>18(b)</b>	450000	<b>18(c)</b>	0

<b>19</b>	Discounted employer contributions – see instructions for small plan with a valuation date after the beginning of the year:		
<b>a</b>	Contributions allocated toward unpaid minimum required contributions from prior years .....	<b>19a</b>	0
<b>b</b>	Contributions made to avoid restrictions adjusted to valuation date .....	<b>19b</b>	0
<b>c</b>	Contributions allocated toward minimum required contribution for current year adjusted to valuation date .....	<b>19c</b>	426634
<b>20</b>	Quarterly contributions and liquidity shortfalls:		
<b>a</b>	Did the plan have a "funding shortfall" for the prior year? .....	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
<b>b</b>	If line 20a is "Yes," were required quarterly installments for the current year made in a timely manner? .....	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
<b>c</b>	If line 20a is "Yes," see instructions and complete the following table as applicable:		
Liquidity shortfall as of end of quarter of this plan year			
(1) 1st	(2) 2nd	(3) 3rd	(4) 4th
0	0	0	0

**Part V Assumptions Used to Determine Funding Target and Target Normal Cost**

<b>21</b> Discount rate:				
<b>a</b> Segment rates:	1st segment: 4.75 %	2nd segment: 4.87 %	3rd segment: 5.59 %	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A, full yield curve used
<b>b</b> Applicable month (enter code) .....				<b>21b</b> 4
<b>22</b> Weighted average retirement age .....				<b>22</b> 63
<b>23</b> Mortality table(s) (see instructions) <input type="checkbox"/> Prescribed - combined <input type="checkbox"/> Prescribed - separate <input type="checkbox"/> Substitute				

**Part VI Miscellaneous Items**

<b>24</b> Has a change been made in the non-prescribed actuarial assumptions for the current plan year? If "Yes," see instructions regarding required attachment.....	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
<b>25</b> Has a method change been made for the current plan year? If "Yes," see instructions regarding required attachment.....	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
<b>26</b> Demographic and benefit information	
<b>a</b> Is the plan required to provide a Schedule of Active Participants? If "Yes," see instructions regarding required attachment.....	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
<b>b</b> Is the plan required to provide a projection of expected benefit payments? If "Yes," see instructions regarding required attachment ...	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
<b>27</b> If the plan is subject to alternative funding rules, enter applicable code and see instructions regarding attachment.....	<b>27</b>

**Part VII Reconciliation of Unpaid Minimum Required Contributions For Prior Years**

<b>28</b> Unpaid minimum required contributions for all prior years .....	<b>28</b>	0
<b>29</b> Discounted employer contributions allocated toward unpaid minimum required contributions from prior years (line 19a).....	<b>29</b>	0
<b>30</b> Remaining amount of unpaid minimum required contributions (line 28 minus line 29).....	<b>30</b>	0

**Part VIII Minimum Required Contribution For Current Year**

<b>31</b> Target normal cost and excess assets (see instructions):			
<b>a</b> Target normal cost (line 6c) .....	<b>31a</b>	95000	
<b>b</b> Excess assets, if applicable, but not greater than line 31a .....	<b>31b</b>	95000	
<b>32</b> Amortization installments:	Outstanding Balance	Installment	
<b>a</b> Net shortfall amortization installment .....	0	0	
<b>b</b> Waiver amortization installment.....	0	0	
<b>33</b> If a waiver has been approved for this plan year, enter the date of the ruling letter granting the approval (Month _____ Day _____ Year _____) and the waived amount .....	<b>33</b>		
<b>34</b> Total funding requirement before reflecting carryover/prefunding balances (lines 31a - 31b + 32a + 32b - 33).....	<b>34</b>	0	
	Carryover balance	Prefunding balance	Total balance
<b>35</b> Balances elected for use to offset funding requirement .....			0
<b>36</b> Additional cash requirement (line 34 minus line 35) .....	<b>36</b>	0	
<b>37</b> Contributions allocated toward minimum required contribution for current year adjusted to valuation date (line 19c) .....	<b>37</b>	426634	
<b>38</b> Present value of excess contributions for current year (see instructions)			
<b>a</b> Total (excess, if any, of line 37 over line 36)	<b>38a</b>	426634	
<b>b</b> Portion included in line 38a attributable to use of prefunding and funding standard carryover balances.....	<b>38b</b>		
<b>39</b> Unpaid minimum required contribution for current year (excess, if any, of line 36 over line 37) .....	<b>39</b>	0	
<b>40</b> Unpaid minimum required contributions for all years .....	<b>40</b>	0	

**Part IX Pension Funding Relief Under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (See Instructions)**

<b>41</b> If an election was made to use the extended amortization rule for a plan year beginning on or before December 31, 2021, check the box to indicate the first plan year for which the rule applies. <input type="checkbox"/> 2019 <input type="checkbox"/> 2020 <input type="checkbox"/> 2021	
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<b>SCHEDULE C</b> <b>(Form 5500)</b>  <small>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</small>  <small>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</small>  <small>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</small>	<b>Service Provider Information</b>  This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).  <b>▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.</b>	<small>OMB No. 1210-0110</small>  <b>2024</b>  <b>This Form is Open to Public Inspection.</b>
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<b>A</b> Name of plan <b>RETIREMENT PLAN FOR SALARIED EMPLOYEES OF COTTER CORPORATION</b>	<b>B</b> Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	<b>001</b>
<b>C</b> Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <b>COTTER CORPORATION</b>	<b>D</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN) <b>85-0125530</b>	

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

MILLIMAN

91-0645641

(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?
11 15 17	ACTUARIAL/ADMIN	75407	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

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

CAPTRUST ADVISORS

26-0058143

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
28 51	INVESTMENT ADVISORS	35384	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

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

THE NORTHERN TRUST COMPANY

84-1158905

(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?
19 21 50	TRUSTEE/CUSTODIAN	20612	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

**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)

HAYNIE & COMPANY

87-0325228

(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?
10	ACCOUNTING	16215	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

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

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

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

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

**Part I Service Provider Information (continued)**

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

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

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

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

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

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

<b>a</b> Name:	CAUSEY DEMGEN & MOORE P.C.	<b>b</b> EIN:	84-1158905
<b>c</b> Position:	ACCOUNTANT		
<b>d</b> Address:	1099 18TH STREET SUITE 2300 DENVER, CO 80202	<b>e</b> Telephone:	

Explanation: MERGED WITH HAYNIE & COMPANY

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

Explanation:

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

Explanation:

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

Explanation:

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

Explanation:

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

<b>A</b> Name of plan <u>RETIREMENT PLAN FOR SALARIED EMPLOYEES OF COTTER CORPORATION</u>	<b>B</b> Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	<u>001</u>
<b>C</b> Plan or DFE sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <u>COTTER CORPORATION</u>	<b>D</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>85-0125530</u>	

<b>Part I</b>	<b>Information on interests in MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs (to be completed by plans and DFEs)</b> (Complete as many entries as needed to report all interests in DFEs)
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<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <u>NTGI COLLECTIVE STIF</u>		
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>NORTHERN TRUST INVESTMENTS, NA</u>		
<b>c</b> EIN-PN <u>45-6138589-084</u>	<b>d</b> Entity code <u>C</u>	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>466393</u>
<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <u>MFB NT COLLECTIVE MSCI EMERGING MAR</u>		
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>NORTHERN TRUST INVESTMENTS, NA</u>		
<b>c</b> EIN-PN <u>45-6138589-084</u>	<b>d</b> Entity code <u>C</u>	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>333242</u>
<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <u>MFB NT COLLECTIVE EAFE INDEX FUND-N</u>		
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>NORTHERN TRUST INVESTMENTS, NA</u>		
<b>c</b> EIN-PN <u>45-6138589-084</u>	<b>d</b> Entity code <u>C</u>	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>1261911</u>
<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <u>MFB NT COLLECTIVE S&amp;P500 INDEX FUND</u>		
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>NORTHERN TRUST INVESTMENTS, NA</u>		
<b>c</b> EIN-PN <u>45-6138589-084</u>	<b>d</b> Entity code <u>C</u>	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>1035234</u>
<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <u>NT COLLECTIVE EXTENDED EQUITY INDEX</u>		
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>NORTHERN TRUST INVESTMENTS, NA</u>		
<b>c</b> EIN-PN <u>45-6138589-084</u>	<b>d</b> Entity code <u>C</u>	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>526402</u>
<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:		
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):		
<b>c</b> EIN-PN	<b>d</b> Entity code	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)
<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:		
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):		
<b>c</b> EIN-PN	<b>d</b> Entity code	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)





**SCHEDULE H  
(Form 5500)**

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

Department of Labor  
Employee Benefits Security Administration  
Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

**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).

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OMB No. 1210-0110

**2024**

**This Form is Open to Public Inspection**

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

<b>A</b> Name of plan RETIREMENT PLAN FOR SALARIED EMPLOYEES OF COTTER CORPORATION		<b>B</b> Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	001
<b>C</b> Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 COTTER CORPORATION		<b>D</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN) 85-0125530	

**Part I Asset and Liability Statement**

**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.

Assets		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
<b>a</b> Total noninterest-bearing cash .....	<b>1a</b>		
<b>b</b> Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts):			
<b>(1)</b> Employer contributions .....	<b>1b(1)</b>	450000	300000
<b>(2)</b> Participant contributions .....	<b>1b(2)</b>		
<b>(3)</b> Other .....	<b>1b(3)</b>	67944	38610
<b>c</b> General investments:			
<b>(1)</b> Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit) .....	<b>1c(1)</b>	460498	466393
<b>(2)</b> U.S. Government securities .....	<b>1c(2)</b>		
<b>(3)</b> Corporate debt instruments (other than employer securities):			
<b>(A)</b> Preferred .....	<b>1c(3)(A)</b>	2674788	3054757
<b>(B)</b> All other .....	<b>1c(3)(B)</b>		
<b>(4)</b> Corporate stocks (other than employer securities):			
<b>(A)</b> Preferred .....	<b>1c(4)(A)</b>		
<b>(B)</b> Common .....	<b>1c(4)(B)</b>		
<b>(5)</b> Partnership/joint venture interests .....	<b>1c(5)</b>		
<b>(6)</b> Real estate (other than employer real property) .....	<b>1c(6)</b>		
<b>(7)</b> Loans (other than to participants) .....	<b>1c(7)</b>		
<b>(8)</b> Participant loans .....	<b>1c(8)</b>		
<b>(9)</b> Value of interest in common/collective trusts .....	<b>1c(9)</b>	4314642	3156789
<b>(10)</b> Value of interest in pooled separate accounts .....	<b>1c(10)</b>		
<b>(11)</b> Value of interest in master trust investment accounts .....	<b>1c(11)</b>		
<b>(12)</b> Value of interest in 103-12 investment entities .....	<b>1c(12)</b>		
<b>(13)</b> Value of interest in registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds) .....	<b>1c(13)</b>		
<b>(14)</b> Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts) .....	<b>1c(14)</b>		
<b>(15)</b> Other .....	<b>1c(15)</b>	6457637	7062927

<b>1d</b> Employer-related investments:		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
(1) Employer securities.....	<b>1d(1)</b>		
(2) Employer real property.....	<b>1d(2)</b>		
<b>e</b> Buildings and other property used in plan operation.....	<b>1e</b>		
<b>f</b> Total assets (add all amounts in lines 1a through 1e).....	<b>1f</b>	14425509	14079476
<b>Liabilities</b>			
<b>g</b> Benefit claims payable.....	<b>1g</b>		
<b>h</b> Operating payables.....	<b>1h</b>	19847	41007
<b>i</b> Acquisition indebtedness.....	<b>1i</b>		
<b>j</b> Other liabilities.....	<b>1j</b>	49279	37615
<b>k</b> Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through 1j).....	<b>1k</b>	69126	78622
<b>Net Assets</b>			
<b>l</b> Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f).....	<b>1l</b>	14356383	14000854

**Part II Income and Expense Statement**

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

<b>Income</b>		(a) Amount	(b) Total
<b>a Contributions:</b>			
(1) Received or receivable in cash from: <b>(A)</b> Employers.....	<b>2a(1)(A)</b>	450000	
<b>(B)</b> Participants.....	<b>2a(1)(B)</b>		
<b>(C)</b> Others (including rollovers).....	<b>2a(1)(C)</b>		
(2) Noncash contributions.....	<b>2a(2)</b>		
(3) Total contributions. Add lines <b>2a(1)(A)</b> , <b>(B)</b> , <b>(C)</b> , and line <b>2a(2)</b> .....	<b>2a(3)</b>		450000
<b>b Earnings on investments:</b>			
<b>(1) Interest:</b>			
<b>(A)</b> Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit).....	<b>2b(1)(A)</b>	8942	
<b>(B)</b> U.S. Government securities.....	<b>2b(1)(B)</b>		
<b>(C)</b> Corporate debt instruments.....	<b>2b(1)(C)</b>		
<b>(D)</b> Loans (other than to participants).....	<b>2b(1)(D)</b>		
<b>(E)</b> Participant loans.....	<b>2b(1)(E)</b>		
<b>(F)</b> Other.....	<b>2b(1)(F)</b>	462408	
<b>(G)</b> Total interest. Add lines <b>2b(1)(A)</b> through <b>(F)</b> .....	<b>2b(1)(G)</b>		471350
<b>(2) Dividends:</b>			
<b>(A)</b> Preferred stock.....	<b>2b(2)(A)</b>		
<b>(B)</b> Common stock.....	<b>2b(2)(B)</b>		
<b>(C)</b> Registered investment company shares (e.g. mutual funds).....	<b>2b(2)(C)</b>		
<b>(D)</b> Total dividends. Add lines <b>2b(2)(A)</b> , <b>(B)</b> , and <b>(C)</b> .....	<b>2b(2)(D)</b>		0
<b>(3)</b> Rents.....	<b>2b(3)</b>		
<b>(4) Net gain (loss) on sale of assets:</b>			
<b>(A)</b> Aggregate proceeds.....	<b>2b(4)(A)</b>	719304	
<b>(B)</b> Aggregate carrying amount (see instructions).....	<b>2b(4)(B)</b>		
<b>(C)</b> Subtract line <b>2b(4)(B)</b> from line <b>2b(4)(A)</b> and enter result.....	<b>2b(4)(C)</b>		719304
<b>(5) Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of assets:</b>			
<b>(A)</b> Real estate.....	<b>2b(5)(A)</b>	-587302	
<b>(B)</b> Other.....	<b>2b(5)(B)</b>		
<b>(C)</b> Total unrealized appreciation of assets. Add lines <b>2b(5)(A)</b> and <b>(B)</b> .....	<b>2b(5)(C)</b>		-587302

		(a) Amount	(b) Total
(6) Net investment gain (loss) from common/collective trusts .....	<b>2b(6)</b>		
(7) Net investment gain (loss) from pooled separate accounts .....	<b>2b(7)</b>		
(8) Net investment gain (loss) from master trust investment accounts .....	<b>2b(8)</b>		
(9) Net investment gain (loss) from 103-12 investment entities .....	<b>2b(9)</b>		
(10) Net investment gain (loss) from registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds) .....	<b>2b(10)</b>		
<b>c</b> Other income .....	<b>2c</b>		
<b>d</b> Total income. Add all <b>income</b> amounts in column (b) and enter total .....	<b>2d</b>		1053352

**Expenses**

<b>e</b> Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers .....	<b>2e(1)</b>	1253990	
(2) To insurance carriers for the provision of benefits .....	<b>2e(2)</b>		
(3) Other .....	<b>2e(3)</b>		
(4) Total benefit payments. Add lines <b>2e(1)</b> through <b>(3)</b> .....	<b>2e(4)</b>		1253990
<b>f</b> Corrective distributions (see instructions) .....	<b>2f</b>		
<b>g</b> Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions) .....	<b>2g</b>		
<b>h</b> Interest expense .....	<b>2h</b>		
<b>i</b> Administrative expenses:			
(1) Salaries and allowances .....	<b>2i(1)</b>		
(2) Contract administrator fees .....	<b>2i(2)</b>		
(3) Recordkeeping fees .....	<b>2i(3)</b>		
(4) IQPA audit fees .....	<b>2i(4)</b>	16215	
(5) Investment advisory and investment management fees .....	<b>2i(5)</b>	35384	
(6) Bank or trust company trustee/custodial fees .....	<b>2i(6)</b>	20612	
(7) Actuarial fees .....	<b>2i(7)</b>	75407	
(8) Legal fees .....	<b>2i(8)</b>		
(9) Valuation/appraisal fees .....	<b>2i(9)</b>		
(10) Other trustee fees and expenses .....	<b>2i(10)</b>		
(11) Other expenses .....	<b>2i(11)</b>	7273	
(12) Total administrative expenses. Add lines <b>2i(1)</b> through <b>(11)</b> .....	<b>2i(12)</b>		154891
<b>j</b> Total expenses. Add all <b>expense</b> amounts in column (b) and enter total .....	<b>2j</b>		1408881

**Net Income and Reconciliation**

<b>k</b> Net income (loss). Subtract line <b>2j</b> from line <b>2d</b> .....	<b>2k</b>		-355529
<b>l</b> Transfers of assets:			
(1) To this plan .....	<b>2l(1)</b>		
(2) From this plan .....	<b>2l(2)</b>		

**Part III Accountant's Opinion**

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

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

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

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

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

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

(1) Name: HAYNIE & COMPANYY

(2) EIN: 87-0325228

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

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

**Part IV Compliance Questions**

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

During the plan year:

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

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

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

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

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

If "Yes" is checked, enter the My PAA confirmation number from the PBGC premium filing for this plan year 553863.

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

<b>A</b> Name of plan <u>RETIREMENT PLAN FOR SALARIED EMPLOYEES OF COTTER CORPORATION</u>	<b>B</b> Three-digit plan number (PN)	<u>001</u>
<b>C</b> Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <u>COTTER CORPORATION</u>	<b>D</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>85-0125530</u>	

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

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

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**2** Enter the EIN(s) of payor(s) who paid benefits on behalf of the plan to participants or beneficiaries during the year (if more than two, enter EINs of the two payors who paid the greatest dollar amounts of benefits):  
 EIN(s): 36-7358584

**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		0
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<b>Part II</b>	<b>Funding Information</b> (If the plan is not subject to the minimum funding requirements of section 412 of the Internal Revenue Code or ERISA section 302, skip this Part.)
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**4** Is the plan administrator making an election under Code section 412(d)(2) or ERISA section 302(d)(2)? .....  Yes  No  N/A  
**If the plan is a defined benefit plan, go to line 8.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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(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 \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Part VII IRS Compliance Questions**

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

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

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

**Retirement Plan for Salaried Employees of  
Cotter Corporation**

**Financial Statements and Supplemental  
Schedules to Accompany 2023 Form 5500  
Annual Report of Employee Benefit Plan  
Under ERISA of 1974  
December 31, 2024 and 2023**

# Retirement Plan for Salaried Employees of Cotter Corporation

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## Independent Auditors' Report

To the Participants and Retirement Committee of the  
Retirement Plan for Salaried Employees of Cotter Corporation

### *Scope and Nature of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) Audit for the 2024 Financial Statements*

We have performed an audit of the financial statements of the Retirement Plan for Salaried Employees of Cotter Corporation (the "Plan"), an employee benefit plan subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 ("ERISA"), as permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C). The financial statements comprise the statements 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 then ended and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management, having determined it is permissible in the circumstances, has elected to have the audit of the 2024 financial statements performed in accordance with ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. As permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C), our audit need not extend to any statements or information related to assets held for investment of the plan ("investment information") by a bank or similar institution or insurance carrier that is regulated, supervised, and subject to periodic examination by a state or federal agency, provided that the statements or information regarding assets so held are prepared and certified to by the bank or similar institution or insurance carrier in accordance with 29 CFR 2520.103-5 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA (qualified institution).

Management has obtained a certification from a qualified institution as of December 31, 2024 and for the year then ended, stating that the certified investment information, as described in Note 3 to the financial statements, is complete and accurate.

### *Opinion on the 2024 Financial Statements*

In our opinion, based on our audit and on the procedures performed as described in the Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the 2024 Financial Statements section:

- the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements referred to above, other than those agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.
- the information in the financial statements referred to above related to assets held by and certified to by a qualified institution agrees to, or is derived from, in all material respects, the information prepared and certified by an institution that management determined meets the requirements of ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C).

### ***Basis for Opinion on the 2024 Financial Statements***

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (“GAAS”). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors’ Responsibilities for the Audit of the 2024 Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of Retirement Plan for Salaried Employees of Cotter Corporation and to meet our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audits. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit opinion.

### ***Responsibilities of Management for the 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. Management's election of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit does not affect management's responsibility for the financial statements.

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

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***

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

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.

- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Plan's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

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

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

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

### ***Other Matters***

#### ***2024 Supplemental Schedules Required by ERISA***

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

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

In our opinion

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

***Auditor's Report on the 2023 Financial Statements***

The financial statements of the Plan as of December 31, 2023, were audited by predecessor auditors. In accordance with ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA, the prior year audit did not extend to any statements or information related to assets held for investment of the plan that were certified by a qualified institution. Their report dated October 14, 2024 indicated that in their opinion (a) the amounts and disclosures in the 2023 financial statements, other than those agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, were presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and (b) the information in the 2023 financial statements related to assets held by and certified to by a qualified institution agrees to, or is derived from, in all material respects, the information prepared and certified by an institution that management determined meets the requirements of ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C). Their report also indicated that the form and content of the 2023 supplemental schedules, other than the information in the 2023 supplemental schedules that agrees to or is derived from the certified investment information, were presented, in all material respects, in conformity with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA, and the information in the 2023 supplemental schedules related to assets held by and certified to by a qualified institution agrees to, or is derived from, in all material respects, the information prepared and certified by an institution that management determined meets the requirements of ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C).

*Haynie & Company*

Littleton, Colorado  
October 14, 2025

**Retirement Plan for Salaried Employees of Cotter Corporation**  
**Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits**  
**As of December 31, 2024 and 2023**

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
<b>Assets</b>		
Investments, at fair value (Notes 3 and 5):		
Common/collective trust:		
Short term investment	\$ 466,393	\$ 460,498
Common stock	3,156,789	4,314,642
Registered investment companies:		
Corporate bond	3,054,757	2,674,788
Other fixed income	<u>7,062,927</u>	<u>6,457,637</u>
Total investments	<u>13,740,866</u>	<u>13,907,565</u>
Receivables:		
Contributions receivables	300,000	450,000
Other receivables	<u>38,610</u>	<u>67,944</u>
Total receivables	<u>338,610</u>	<u>517,944</u>
Total assets	<u>14,079,476</u>	<u>14,425,509</u>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Other liabilities	37,615	49,279
Accrued administrative expenses	<u>41,007</u>	<u>19,847</u>
Total liabilities	<u>78,622</u>	<u>69,126</u>
Net assets available for benefits	<u>\$ 14,000,854</u>	<u>\$ 14,356,383</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

**Retirement Plan for Salaried Employees of Cotter Corporation**  
**Statements of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits**  
**For the Years Ended December 31, 2024 and 2023**

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	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Additions To Net Assets (Note 3):		
Employer contributions	\$ 450,000	\$ 450,000
Net appreciation in fair value of investments	132,002	1,178,315
Interest and dividends	<u>471,350</u>	<u>383,356</u>
 Total additions	 <u>1,053,352</u>	 <u>2,011,671</u>
 Deductions From Net Assets:		
Benefits paid to participants and beneficiaries	(1,253,990)	(1,274,169)
Administrative expenses	<u>(154,891)</u>	<u>(153,467)</u>
 Total deductions	 <u>(1,408,881)</u>	 <u>(1,427,636)</u>
 Net increase (decrease)	 (355,529)	 584,035
 Net assets available for benefits:		
Beginning of year	<u>14,356,383</u>	<u>13,772,348</u>
 End of year	 <u>\$ 14,000,854</u>	 <u>\$ 14,356,383</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

# Retirement Plan for Salaried Employees of Cotter Corporation

## Notes to Financial Statements

### December 31, 2024 and 2023

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#### 1. Description of Plan

The Retirement Plan for Salaried Employees of Cotter Corporation (the “Plan”) is a noncontributory defined benefit pension plan which provides retirement, disability, and death benefits to all eligible employees of Cotter Corporation (the “Company”). These financial statements include only general information about the Plan. The Plan Document contains the complete description of the Plan’s provisions and benefits. Unless the context otherwise requires, terms used in these notes to the financial statements which are capitalized are defined terms within the Plan Document.

The Plan is administered by the Retirement Committee of the Company (the “Plan Administrator”) and is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended (“ERISA”). Benefits payable under the Plan are subject to the minimum and maximum benefit limitations under the Internal Revenue Code (“IRC”). The Retirement Trust for Salaried Employees of Cotter Corporation (the “Retirement Trust”) was created as a trust fund for the purpose of paying benefits granted under the Plan. Investment assets are held by The Northern Trust Company (the “Trustee”) pursuant to a trust agreement.

In 2010, the Plan was frozen for all participants, and these participants were not credited with any Credited Service or Final Monthly Compensation, as defined under the Plan, after 2010.

#### 2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

##### **Basis of Accounting**

The Plan maintains its accounting records and prepares its financial statements and supplemental schedule on the accrual basis.

##### **Investment Valuation and Income Recognition**

Investments are stated at fair value. Net appreciation (depreciation) in fair value of investments consists of realized gains and losses on investments sold during the year and unrealized appreciation or depreciation on investments held at year-end. Purchases and sales are reflected on the trade date. Interest income is recorded when earned. Dividends are recorded on the ex-dividend date.

##### **Contributions and Funding**

Contributions are actuarially determined and take into account the minimum funding requirement of ERISA and the maximum amount of deductible contributions allowable under the IRC. Annual funding was determined under the standard unit credit actuarial cost method.

##### **Benefit Payments**

Benefit payments to participants or beneficiaries are recorded upon distribution.

##### **Administrative Expenses**

The Plan pays for all administrative expenses incurred on behalf of the Plan and with a direct benefit to the Plan participants. The Company pays any expenses relating to the Plan having no direct benefit to the Plan participants.

##### **Accumulated Plan Benefits**

Accumulated Plan benefits information is presented as of the beginning of the Plan year.

# Retirement Plan for Salaried Employees of Cotter Corporation

## Notes to Financial Statements

### December 31, 2024 and 2023

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#### 2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

##### Use of Estimates

The preparation of the Plan's financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires the Plan Administrator to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of net assets available for benefits at the date of the financial statements and the actuarial present value of accumulated plan benefits as of the benefit information date, the changes in net assets available for benefits during the reporting period and, when applicable, the disclosures of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

##### Risks and Uncertainties

Contributions to the Plan and the actuarial present value of accumulated plan benefits are reported on certain assumptions pertaining to interest rates, inflation rates and employee compensation and demographics. Due to the changing nature of these assumptions, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in these assumptions will occur in the near term and, due to the uncertainties inherent in setting assumptions, that the effect of such changes could be material to the financial statements.

#### 3. Information Certified by the Trustee

The Plan Administrator has elected the method of annual reporting compliance permitted under 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Accordingly, the Trustee has certified the following data included in the accompanying financial statements and supplemental schedules as complete and accurate:

- Investments, other receivables and other liabilities as shown in the Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits as of December 31, 2024 and 2023;
- Net appreciation (depreciation) in fair value of investments and interest and dividends, as shown in the Statements of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023; and
- Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year) at December 31, 2024.
- Schedule of Reportable Transactions for the year ended December 31, 2024.

The Plan's independent auditors did not perform auditing procedures with respect to this information, except for comparing such information to the related information included in the financial statements and supplemental schedule.

#### 4. Actuarial Present Value of Accumulated Plan Benefits

Accumulated plan benefits are those future periodic payments, including lump-sum distributions that are attributable under the Plan's provisions to the service employees have rendered. Accumulated plan benefits include benefits expected to be paid to (a) retired or terminated employees or their beneficiaries; (b) beneficiaries of employees who have died; and (c) present employees or their beneficiaries. Benefits payable under all circumstances – retirement, death, disability, and termination of employment – are included, to the extent they are deemed attributable to employee service rendered to the date the Plan was frozen.

The actuarial present value of accumulated plan benefits is determined by the Plan's actuary and is that amount which results from applying actuarial assumptions to adjust the accumulated plan benefits to reflect the time value of money (through discounts for interest) and the probability of payment (by means of decrements such as death, disability, withdrawal or retirement) between the valuation date, the expected date of payment and administrative expenses. The Standard Unit Credit Method was used for the valuation as of January 1, 2024 and 2023.

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#### 4. Actuarial Present Value of Accumulated Plan Benefits (continued)

The significant actuarial assumptions used in the valuations as of January 1, 2024 and 2023 were as follows:

Return on assets	2024 and 2023: 5.00%	
Discount rate	2024: 5.34% 2023: 5.55%	
Mortality rate (healthy and disabled pensioners)	2024 and 2023: Generational Mortality Table for Annuitants and Non-Annuitants	
Retirement rates (salaried)	<u>Age</u> 55 – 57 58 – 61 62 – 64 65 and over	<u>Rate of Retirement</u> 5% 10% 20% 100%
Retirement age (hourly)	Age 65	
Funding asset valuation method	2024 and 2023: Smoothed Market Value for Current and Prior Two years	
3-tier segmented interest rates	2024: 4.75% / 4.87% / 5.59% 2023: 4.75% / 5.00% / 5.74%	

The foregoing actuarial assumptions are based on the presumptions that the Plan will continue. Were the Plan to terminate, different actuarial assumptions and other factors might be applicable in determining the actuarial present value of accumulated Plan benefits.

The actuarial present value of accumulated plan benefits as of January 1, 2024 was as follows:

Vested benefits	
Participants currently receiving payments	\$ 12,255,149
Other inactive participants	2,020,263
Active participants	-
	<u>14,275,412</u>
Non-vested benefits	-
Total actuarial present value of accumulated benefits	<u>\$ 14,275,412</u>
Net decrease from the actuarial present value of accumulated plan benefits as of January 1, 2023	<u>\$ (347,626)</u>

The net increase is a result of the following changes:

Reduction in discount period	\$ 776,698
Benefits accumulated and (gains)/losses	37,659
Change in actuarial assumptions	112,186
Benefits paid	<u>(1,274,169)</u>
Total	<u>\$ 347,626</u>

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#### 5. Fair Value Measurements

The FASB's authoritative guidance on fair value measurements provides a framework for measuring fair value and assumes that an orderly transaction to sell an asset or transfer a liability occurs in the principal market for the asset or liability or, in the absence of a principal market, the most advantageous market for the asset or liability. Fair value measurements are based on an exit price model.

The guidance on fair value measurements establishes a fair value hierarchy that requires an entity to maximize the use of observable inputs, where available. This hierarchy prioritizes the inputs into three broad levels, as follows:

**Level 1:** Quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities.

**Level 2:** Observable inputs, other than Level 1 inputs, such as quoted prices for similar assets and liabilities in active or inactive markets, inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability, or inputs that are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data through correlation.

**Level 3:** Unobservable inputs supported by little or no market activity that are significant to the fair value of the assets or liabilities.

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

The following is a description of the valuation methodologies used for Plan investments measured at fair value, all consistently applied at December 31, 2024 and 2023.

*Investments in Common/Collective Trust:* Valued at net asset value based on quoted market prices of, or observable inputs used in, valuing the underlying assets held by the trust and then divided by the number of shares outstanding.

*Investments in registered investment companies (corporate bond and other fixed income):* Valued at quoted market prices which represent the net asset value of shares held by the Plan at year end.

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.

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#### 5. Fair Value Measurements (continued)

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

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Registered investment companies	\$10,117,684	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 10,117,684
Total assets in the fair value hierarchy	10,117,684	—	—	10,117,684
Investments measured at net asset value	—	—	—	3,623,182
Investments at fair value	<u>\$10,117,684</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ 13,740,866</u>

The following table sets forth by level, within the fair value hierarchy, the Plan's assets at fair value at December 31, 2023:

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Registered investment companies	\$ 9,132,425	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 9,132,425
Total assets in the fair value hierarchy	9,132,425	—	—	9,132,425
Investments measured at net asset value	—	—	—	4,775,140
Investments at fair value	<u>\$ 9,132,425</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ 13,907,565</u>

The following tables summarize investments for which fair value is measured using the net asset value per share as a practical expedient as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively.

December 31, 2024	Fair Value	Unfunded Commitments	Redemption frequency	Redemption notice period
Common collective trusts	\$ 3,623,182	n/a	Daily	n/a

December 31, 2023	Fair Value	Unfunded Commitments	Redemption frequency	Redemption notice period
Common collective trusts	\$ 4,775,140	n/a	Daily	n/a

#### 6. Income Tax Status

The Internal Revenue Service issued a determination letter dated December 21, 2017, that the Plan is a qualified defined benefit plan under Section 401(a) of the IRC ("IRC"), and the related trust is exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(a) of the IRC. Plan management believes that the Plan is currently designed and being operated in compliance with the applicable sections of the Internal Revenue Code.

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require Plan management to evaluate tax positions taken by the Plan and recognize a tax liability if the organization has taken an uncertain position that more likely than not would not be sustained upon examination by the Internal Revenue Service ("IRS"). The Plan Administrator has analyzed the tax positions taken by the plan and has concluded that as of December 31, 2024, there are no uncertain positions taken or expected to be taken that would require recognition of a liability or disclosure in the financial statements. The plan is subject to routine audits by taxing jurisdictions.

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#### **7. Plan Termination**

While the Company has not expressed any intent to terminate the Plan, the Plan provides that the Company reserves the right to discontinue its contributions and to terminate the Plan by action of its Board of Directors and subject to provisions of the IRC and ERISA. In the event of the termination of the Plan or written notice to the Trustee that contributions to the Plan are to be permanently discontinued by the Company, the Retirement Committee shall determine the asset value and the method of distribution of the assets of the Retirement Trust (net of the expenses of such distribution) in the manner and order set forth in ERISA.

Certain benefits under the Plan are insured by the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation (the "PBGC") in the event the Plan terminates. Vested benefits under the Plan are guaranteed by the PBGC at the level in effect on the date of the Plan's termination, subject to statutory ceilings.

Whether all participants receive their benefits should the Plan terminate at some future time will depend on the sufficiency, at that time, of the Plan's net assets to provide for accumulated benefit obligations and may also depend on the financial condition of the Plan Sponsor and the level of benefits guaranteed by the PBGC.

#### **8. Party-in-Interest Transactions:**

Certain Plan investments are held in short term investment funds managed by the Trustee, as defined by the Plan; and therefore, these transactions qualify as party-in-interest.

#### **9. Subsequent Events**

The Plan Administrator has evaluated events subsequent to December 31, 2024 through October 14, 2025, the date the Plan issued these financial statements. There have been no material events noted in this period which would impact the results reflected in this report, the Plan's results going forward, or require additional disclosure.

## **Supplemental Schedules**

RETIREMENT PLAN FOR SALARIED EMPLOYEES OF COTTER CORPORATION  
 EIN# 85-0125530, Plan Number 001  
 SCHEDULE H, LINE 4i - SCHEDULE OF ASSETS (HELD AT END OF YEAR)  
 DECEMBER 31, 2024

SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULE I

IDENTITY OF ISSUER	DESCRIPTION OF INVESTMENTS	SHARES	COST	FAIR VALUE
<b>Common/collective trust:</b>				
<b>Short term investment:</b>				
* The Northern Trust Company	NT Collective Short Term Investment Fund	466,393	466,393	466,393
<b>Common stock:</b>				
* The Northern Trust Company	MFB NT Collective MSCI Emerging Markets Fund-Non Lending	1,584	226,732	333,242
* The Northern Trust Company	MFB NT Collective EAFE Index Fund-Non Lending	2,857	824,881	1,261,911
* The Northern Trust Company	MFB NT Collective S&P 500 Index Fund-Non Lending	46	346,774	1,035,234
* The Northern Trust Company	NT Collective Extended Equity Index FD-Non Lending	897	222,162	526,402
			<u>1,620,549</u>	<u>3,156,789</u>
<b>Registered investment companies:</b>				
<b>Corporate bond:</b>				
	MFO Macquarie Extended Duration Bond Fund Institutional	219,609	3,875,029	3,054,757
<b>Other fixed income:</b>				
	MFO Blackstone Alternative INVT FDS	77,452	809,383	829,514
	MFO Fidelity Adv Inv Grd Bond-I	447,036	3,452,984	3,169,482
	MFO PIMCO Long-Term Long-Term CR FD	352,987	3,802,929	3,063,931
			<u>8,065,296</u>	<u>7,062,927</u>
			<u>\$ 14,027,267</u>	<u>\$ 13,740,866</u>

\* Represents a party-in-interest.

The information in this schedule has been certified as to its completeness and accuracy by the trustee.

**RETIREMENT PLAN FOR SALARIED EMPLOYEES OF COTTER CORPORATION**

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**SCHEDULE H, LINE 4j - SCHEDULE OF REPORTABLE TRANSACTIONS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024**

**SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULE II**

(a) Identity of Party Involved	(b) Description of Asset (include interest rate and maturity in case of loan)	(c) Purchase Price	(d) Selling Price	(g) Cost of asset	(h) Current value of asset on Transaction Date	(i) Net Gain (Loss)
Series of Transactions:						
MFO Macquarie Extended Duration Bond Fund Institutional	Registered Investment Companies	\$ 719,715	\$ -	\$ 719,715	\$ 719,715	\$ -
MFO Macquarie Extended Duration Bond Fund Institutional	Registered Investment Companies	-	180,000	220,731	180,000	(40,731)
MFO PIMCO Long-Term Long-Term CR FD	Registered Investment Companies	705,947	-	705,947	705,947	-
MFO PIMCO Long-Term Long-Term CR FD	Registered Investment Companies	-	195,000	233,125	195,000	(38,125)
NT Collective Short Term INVT FD CUSIP	Common/Collective Trust	3,562,212	-	3,562,212	3,562,212	-
NT Collective Short Term INVT FD CUSIP	Common/Collective Trust	-	3,556,317	3,556,317	3,556,317	-

The information in this schedule has been certified as to its completeness and accuracy by the trustee.

## Retirement Plan for Salaried Employees of Cotter Corporation

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### Schedule SB, Part V – Summary of Plan Provisions

## Summary of Principal Plan Provisions

This summary of plan provisions is intended to only describe the essential features of the Plan. All eligibility requirements and benefit amounts shall be determined in strict accordance with the plan document itself.

### Definitions

#### Accrued Benefit:

**Salaried Employees:** Sum of (1) and (2) below:

(1) 2% of Final Monthly Compensation x Credited Service (max of 25 years)

(2) 1% of Final Monthly Compensation x Credited Service in excess of 25 years

**Hourly Employees:** Flat \$24 per month per year of Credited Service.

**Average Monthly Compensation:** Highest average monthly compensation from 5 consecutive years occurring within the preceding 10 consecutive years. Final Monthly Compensation has been frozen effective January 31, 2010.

**Plan Effective Date:** The Effective Date of the Plan is January 1, 1968. The Plan was last amended effective January 1, 2011.

**Entry Date:** Participation has been frozen effective January 31, 2010. Employees cannot become a participant after that date.

**Fiscal Year:** Fiscal Year means the taxable year of the Employer. The Fiscal Year of the Employer is the 12 month period beginning January 1 and ending December 31.

**Limitation Year:** The Limitation Year is the 12 month period beginning January 1 and ending December 31.

**Normal Retirement Age:** Normal Retirement Age is age 65.

**Normal Retirement Date:** A Participant's Normal Retirement Date is the first day of the month which coincides with or next follows the date on which the Participant attains Normal Retirement Age.

**Plan Year:** The Plan Year is the 12 month period beginning January 1 and ending December 31.

**Vesting Accrued Benefit:** A Participant's Vested Accrued Benefit as of a given date is equal to the product of his Accrued Benefit multiplied by his Vested Percentage as of that same date.

**Vesting Schedule:** A Participant's Vested Percentage will be 100% upon the completion of 5 Years of Vesting Service. Prior to the completion of 5 Years of Vesting Service, a Participant's Vested Percentage is zero.

### Year of Service

**For Benefit Purposes:** Years of Service for purposes of computing a Participant's Normal Retirement Benefit are referred to as Years of Benefit Service and are determined based on completion of one hour in a calendar year.

All of a Participant's Years of Benefit Service are taken into account in determining his monthly benefit except: Service after January 31, 2010.

**For Vesting Purposes:** Years of Service for purposes of eligibility to participate in the Plan are referred to as Years of Eligibility Service and are determined based on completion of 501 hours in a computation period.

All of an Employee's Years of Eligibility Service are taken into account in determining his eligibility to participate except: Service on or after January 31, 2010.

## Participation

Participation has been frozen effective January 31, 2010. Employees cannot become a participant after that date.

## Normal Retirement

Each Participant who becomes eligible for a Normal Retirement Benefit under the plan will be entitled to receive a monthly retirement pension benefit beginning at the Participant's Normal Retirement Date and payable in the Normal Benefit Form.

### (a) Normal Retirement Benefit

A Participant's Normal Retirement Benefit is a monthly pension benefit commencing on his Normal Retirement Date payable in the Normal Benefit Form in an amount equal to:

**Salaried Employees:** Sum of (1) and (2) below:

(1) 2% of Final Monthly Compensation x Credited Service (max of 25 years)

(2) 1% of Final Monthly Compensation x Credited Service in excess of 25 years

**Hourly Employees:** Flat \$24 per month per year of Credited Service.

### (b) Normal Benefit Form

Lifetime Pension - Monthly pension benefit payable for the lifetime of the Participant with payments terminating upon the death of the Participant.

## Early Retirement

**Early Retirement Date:** A Participant's Early Retirement Date is the first day of the month so elected by the Participant which coincides with or next follows the date upon which the Participant satisfies the following requirements:

- Attainment of age 55; and
- Completion of 10 Years of Vesting Service.

### Early Retirement Benefit:

**Salaried Employees:** Accrued Benefit reduced for each month prior to age 62 by 1/3 of 1%.

**Hourly Employees:** Accrued Benefit reduced for each of the first 60 months prior to age 65 by 5/9 of 1%, and by 5/18 of 1% for each month after.

## Late Retirement

An active Participant who continues his employment with the Employer beyond his Normal Retirement Date may begin to receive his Late Retirement Benefit to which he is entitled as of his Late Retirement Date.

**Late Retirement Date:** A Participant's Late Retirement Date is the first day of the month coincident with or next following the date he retires and requests the commencement of his Late Retirement Benefit after he has continued in the employ of the Employer beyond his Normal Retirement Date.

**Late Retirement Benefit:** A Participant's Late Retirement Benefit is equal to an amount which is based on the Normal Retirement Benefit formula using his Years of Benefit Service and Compensation through his Late Retirement Date.

## Disability Retirement

**Disability Retirement Date:** A Participant's Disability Retirement Date is the first day of the month coincident with or next following the date on which the Participant attains Normal Retirement Age provided such Participant has been found to be eligible for a Disability Retirement Benefit.

An Active Participant will be eligible for a Disability Retirement Benefit under the Plan upon the occurrence of permanent disability coincident with or following the Participant's completion of ten Years of Vesting Service.

**Disability Retirement Benefit:**

**Salaried Employees:** The greater of (1) and (2):

(1) Accrued Benefit reduced for each month prior to age 62 by 1/3 of 1%, with no further reduction for commencement prior to age 55.

(2) 25% of Final Monthly Compensation

**Hourly Employees:** Unreduced accrued benefit eligible at age 40 and 10 years of credited service.

**Preretirement Death**

**Salaried Employees:** 75% of the accrued benefit that would have been received had the Participant commenced at the time of death in the form of a single life annuity.

**Hourly Employees:** Benefit that would have been due to the beneficiary had the Participant commenced at the time of death in the form of a 66-2/3% joint and survivor annuity.

**Termination Benefit**

In the event of the termination of a Participant's employment for any reason other than death, disability or retirement, the Participant will become entitled to receive a monthly pension benefit commencing on his Normal Retirement Date equal to his Vested Accrued Benefit.

**CHANGES IN PRINCIPAL PLAN PROVISIONS SINCE PRIOR VALUATION**

None.

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### **Schedule SB, Part V – Statement of Actuarial Assumptions/Methods**

#### **Summary of Actuarial Methods**

The ultimate cost of a pension plan is the excess of actual benefits and administrative expenses paid over actual net investment return on plan assets during the plan's existence until the last payment has been made to the last participant. A plan's "actuarial cost method" determines the expected incidence of actuarial costs by allocating portions of the ultimate cost to each plan year. The cost method is thus a budgeting tool to help ensure that a plan will be adequately and systematically funded and accounted for. Annual contributions and accounting expense are also affected by a plan's "asset valuation method" (as well as plan provisions, actuarial assumptions, and actual plan demographic and investment experience each year).

#### **Actuarial Cost Method**

The actuarial cost method used for determining the Plan's ERISA funding requirements and the FASB ASC Topic 960 values is the Unit Credit method. Under this method, an accrued benefit is determined at each active participant's assumed retirement age based on compensation and service at both the beginning and the end of the current year. The Plan's Normal Cost is the sum of the present value of the excess of each active participant's accrued benefit at the end of the current year over that at the beginning of the current year. The Plan's accrued liability is the sum of (a) the present value of each active participant's accrued benefit at the beginning of the current year plus (b) the present value of each inactive participant's benefits. This method is prescribed for ERISA funding requirements by the Pension Protection Act of 2006.

#### **Asset Valuation Method**

The Actuarial Value of Assets used for determining the Plan's ERISA funding requirements is equal to the Market Value of Assets minus a decreasing fraction of the investment gain or loss for each of the two immediately preceding plan years, but it must be within 90% to 110% of the Market Value of Assets. The Market Value of Assets is equal to the Fair Value of Assets as of the valuation date plus the discounted value of employer contributions made after the valuation date. These contributions are discounted to the valuation date using the Effective Interest Rate for the prior plan year. The expected investment return for a plan year is based on the lesser of the expected rate of return on plan assets (currently 5.00% per year) or the applicable statutory interest rate for the year.

#### **Amortization Method**

For the Plan's ERISA funding requirements, incremental Funding Shortfall amounts are amortized over a fifteen-year period, and the related shortfall amortization payment is determined on the first valuation date following the plan year in which it arises based on the segment rates used for ERISA minimum funding purposes on that date, as prescribed under IRC Section 430.

#### **CHANGES IN ACTUARIAL METHODS SINCE PRIOR VALUATION**

None.

# Summary of Actuarial Assumptions

## ECONOMIC ASSUMPTIONS

### Interest Rates

The current funding rates are as follows. The funding interest rates are prescribed under IRS regulations based on the Plan Sponsor’s interest rate election.

	Minimum Funding	Maximum Deductible
Segment 1 (0–5 years)	4.75%	3.62%
Segment 2 (5–20 years)	4.87%	4.46%
Segment 3 (20+ years)	5.59%	4.52%
Effective Interest Rate	5.00%	4.39%

**ERISA minimum funding:** 24-month average segment rates, using a four-month lookback period, adjusted to reflect the applicable segment rate stabilization corridor.

**Maximum Deductible Contribution:** 24-month average segment rates, using a four-month lookback period, but not adjusted to reflect segment rate stabilization.

**FASB ASC Topics 715 and 960:** 5.34% per year. This discount rate reflects the theoretical rate at which the liabilities could be settled in the bond market as of December 31, 2023.

### Asset Returns

5.00% per year. It is based on the Plan’s investment policy, including target asset allocation, and the Plan Sponsor’s capital market expectations.

### Compensation Increases

Not applicable.

### Postretirement Benefit Increases

None. (The Plan does not provide for automatic postretirement benefit increases.)

### Administrative Expenses

An administrative expense load equal to the average of the actual expenses paid during the prior three years (rounded to the nearest \$1,000) is added to the Target Normal Cost and Service Cost.

## DEMOGRAPHIC ASSUMPTIONS

Except where noted, demographic assumptions are based the actuary’s judgment and continual review of experience.

### Mortality

**ERISA minimum funding and Maximum Deductible Contribution:** Statutory static tables for 2024 based on RP-2014 Mortality Table adjusted to base year 2006, with projections to anticipate greater future longevity using projection scale adjusted MP-2021, with separate rates for non-annuitants and annuitants.

**FASB ASC Topics 715 and 960:** Pri-2012 Mortality Tables projected forward using adjusted Scale MP-2021 on a generational basis, with sex-distinct employee rates before benefit commencement and annuitant rates after benefit commencement. As a generational table, it reflects mortality improvements both before and after the measurement date.

### Retirement

Hourly employees are assumed to retire at age 65.

Salaried Employees:

Attained Age	Male	Female
55-57	5.0%	5.0%
58-61	10.0%	10.0%
62-64	20.0%	20.0%
65+	100.0%	100.0%

### Termination

Attained Age	Salaried Employees		Hourly Employees	
	Male	Femle	Male	Femle
20	4.0%	6.0%	25.0%	30.0%
25	3.5%	5.5%	15.0%	27.5%
30	2.5%	5.0%	10.0%	18.0%
35	1.5%	2.5%	7.5%	12.5%
40	1.0%	1.5%	4.5%	9.0%
45	0.5%	1.0%	3.0%	5.5%
50	0.0%	0.5%	1.0%	3.5%
55	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	2.0%
60+	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%

## Disability

Salaried Participants: No rates.

Hourly Participants:

Attained Age	Male	Female
20	0.060%	0.060%
25	0.060%	0.060%
30	0.065%	0.065%
35	0.090%	0.090%
40	0.130%	0.130%
45	0.200%	0.200%
50	0.340%	0.340%
55	0.645%	0.645%
60	1.130%	1.130%
60+	0.000%	0.000%

## Decrement Timing

Decrements are assumed to occur at the middle of the year, except that 100% retirement (see above) is assumed to occur at the beginning of the year.

## Form of Payment

Percentage of actives electing a single life annuity at retirement: 100%.

## Marital Characteristics

85% of participants are assumed to be married to a spouse of the opposite sex. Males are assumed to be two years older than females.

## CHANGES IN ACTUARIAL ASSUMPTIONS SINCE PRIOR VALUATION

Effective January 1, 2024, the following changes were made to the actuarial assumptions to better reflect anticipated experience:

Description	Current	Previous
ERISA Funding Interest Rates	4.75% / 4.87% / 5.59%	4.75% / 5.00% / 5.74%
FASB ASC Topics 715 and 960 Interest Rate	5.34%	5.55%
Mortality Improvement Scale	Adjusted MP-2021	MP-2021
Mortality for Funding Purposes	Statutory Tables for 2024	Statutory Tables for 2023

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**Schedule SB, Line 32 – Schedule of Amortization Bases**

The amount needed to amortize the Funding Shortfall to the Applicable Funding Target for the plan year beginning January 1, 2024 is determined below. The Funding Shortfall is amortized in fifteen level payments using the interest rates for determining the Applicable Funding Target for the current plan year.

a.	1.	Applicable Funding Target	\$14,621,898
b.	2.	Actuarial Value of Assets less Carryover and Prefunding Balances	15,199,788
c.	3.	Funding Shortfall [(1) - (2), but not < \$0]	n/a
d.	4.	Amortization factor	n/a
e.	5.	Shortfall Amortization for current plan year [(3) ÷ (4)]	Exempt

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**Schedule SB, Line 22 – Description of Weighted Average Retirement Age**

The weighted average retirement age for active participants is 63. This equals the sum, over all retirement ages, of the retirement age multiplied by the probability of retiring at that age, as shown below.

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
Possible Retirement Age "r"	Assumed Rate of Retirement at Age "r"	Probability of Person Age 55 Still Working at "r "	(b) x (c) = Probability of Person Age 55 Retiring at "r"	(a) x (d) = Component of Weighted Average Retirement Age
55	0.025	1.000	0.025	1.375
56	0.025	0.975	0.024	1.365
57	0.025	0.951	0.024	1.355
58	0.025	0.927	0.023	1.344
59	0.025	0.904	0.023	1.333
60	0.050	0.881	0.044	2.643
61	0.050	0.837	0.042	2.553
62	0.250	0.795	0.199	12.323
63	0.100	0.596	0.06	3.755
64	0.100	0.537	0.054	3.437
65	0.750	0.483	0.362	23.546
66	0.250	0.121	0.03	1.997
67	0.250	0.091	0.023	1.524
68	0.250	0.068	0.017	1.156
69	0.250	0.051	0.013	0.880
70	1.000	0.038	0.038	<u>2.660</u>
Weighted Average Retirement Age:				63.245
Rounded to Nearest Age:				63

**Retirement Plan for Salaried Employees of Cotter Corporation**  
**EIN 85-0125530 / PN 001**

**Schedule SB, Line 19 – Discounted Employer Contributions**

The employer contributions for the plan year ending December 31, 2024 were paid or are payable on the dates and in the amounts shown below. The plan year's Effective Interest Rate of 5.00% per year is used to discount contributions back to January 1, 2024. Contributions (or portions of contributions) made after the due date for a quarterly required contribution are penalized an additional 5% per year during the late period. Contributions made solely to avoid the application of benefit restrictions cannot be considered in determining excess contributions.

Date	Contribution Amount	Discounted Value as of 1/1/2024 without Penalty	Penalty Amount	Discounted Value as of 1/1/2024 with Penalty
December 6, 2024	\$150,000	\$143,353	\$0	\$143,353
February 12, 2025	150,000	142,057	0	142,057
March 28, 2025	<u>150,000</u>	<u>141,224</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>141,224</u>
Total	450,000	426,634	0	426,634

**SCHEDULE SB  
(Form 5500)**

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

Department of Labor  
Employee Benefits Security Administration  
Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

**Single-Employer Defined Benefit Plan  
Actuarial Information**

This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and section 6059 of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code).

▶ **File as an attachment to Form 5500 or 5500-SF.**

OMB No. 1210-0110

**2024**

**This Form is Open to Public Inspection**

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


▶ **Round off amounts to nearest dollar.**

▶ **Caution:** A penalty of \$1,000 will be assessed for late filing of this report unless reasonable cause is established.

<b>A</b> Name of plan Retirement Plan for Salaried Employees of Cotter Corporation		<b>B</b> Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	001
<b>C</b> Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 or 5500-SF Cotter Corporation		<b>D</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN) 85-0125530	
<b>E</b> Type of plan: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Single <input type="checkbox"/> Multiple-A <input type="checkbox"/> Multiple-B		<b>F</b> Prior year plan size: <input type="checkbox"/> 100 or fewer <input type="checkbox"/> 101-500 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> More than 500	

Part I Basic Information				
1 Enter the valuation date: Month <u>1</u> Day <u>1</u> Year <u>2024</u>				
2 Assets:				
a Market value .....	<b>2a</b>	14,367,067		
b Actuarial value .....	<b>2b</b>	15,199,788		
3 Funding target/participant count breakdown		(1) Number of participants	(2) Vested Funding Target	(3) Total Funding Target
a For retired participants and beneficiaries receiving payment .....	122	12,555,727	12,555,727	
b For terminated vested participants .....	53	2,066,171	2,066,171	
c For active participants .....	0	0	0	
d Total .....	175	14,621,898	14,621,898	
4 If the plan is in at-risk status, check the box and complete lines (a) and (b) <input type="checkbox"/>				
a Funding target disregarding prescribed at-risk assumptions .....	<b>4a</b>			
b Funding target reflecting at-risk assumptions, but disregarding transition rule for plans that have been in at-risk status for fewer than five consecutive years and disregarding loading factor .....	<b>4b</b>			
5 Effective interest rate .....	<b>5</b>	5.00 %		
6 Target normal cost .....				
a Present value of current plan year accruals .....	<b>6a</b>		0	
b Expected plan-related expenses .....	<b>6b</b>		95,000	
c Target normal cost .....	<b>6c</b>		95,000	

**Statement by Enrolled Actuary**  
To the best of my knowledge, the information supplied in this schedule and accompanying schedules, statements and attachments, if any, is complete and accurate. Each prescribed assumption was applied in accordance with applicable law and regulations. In my opinion, each other assumption is reasonable (taking into account the experience of the plan and reasonable expectations) and such other assumptions, in combination, offer my best estimate of anticipated experience under the plan.

<b>SIGN HERE</b>		<u>10-14-25</u>
	Signature of actuary	Date
Christian Goodman	Type or print name of actuary	23-07277
Milliman, Inc.	Firm name	Most recent enrollment number
12790 Merit Drive, Suite 800	Address of the firm	(214) 863-5500
Dallas TX 75251	Address of the firm	Telephone number (including area code)

If the actuary has not fully reflected any regulation or ruling promulgated under the statute in completing this schedule, check the box and see instructions

**For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the Instructions for Form 5500 or 5500-SF.** Schedule SB (Form 5500) 2024 v. 240311

<b>Part II Beginning of Year Carryover and Prefunding Balances</b>		(a) Carryover balance	(b) Prefunding balance
<b>7</b>	Balance at beginning of prior year after applicable adjustments (line 13 from prior year) .....	0	0
<b>8</b>	Portion elected for use to offset prior year's funding requirement (line 35 from prior year) .....	0	0
<b>9</b>	Amount remaining (line 7 minus line 8) .....	0	0
<b>10</b>	Interest on line 9 using prior year's actual return of <u>10.77%</u> .....	0	0
<b>11</b>	Prior year's excess contributions to be added to prefunding balance:		
	<b>a</b> Present value of excess contributions (line 38a from prior year) .....		318,928
	<b>b(1)</b> Interest on the excess, if any, of line 38a over line 38b from prior year Schedule SB, using prior year's effective interest rate of <u>5.12%</u> .....		16,329
	<b>b(2)</b> Interest on line 38b from prior year Schedule SB, using prior year's actual return .....		0
	<b>c</b> Total available at beginning of current plan year to add to prefunding balance .....		335,257
	<b>d</b> Portion of (c) to be added to prefunding balance .....		0
<b>12</b>	Other reductions in balances due to elections or deemed elections .....	0	0
<b>13</b>	Balance at beginning of current year (line 9 + line 10 + line 11d - line 12) .....	0	0

<b>Part III Funding Percentages</b>			
<b>14</b>	Funding target attainment percentage .....	<b>14</b>	103.95%
<b>15</b>	Adjusted funding target attainment percentage .....	<b>15</b>	103.95%
<b>16</b>	Prior year's funding percentage for purposes of determining whether carryover/prefunding balances may be used to reduce current year's funding requirement .....	<b>16</b>	99.82%
<b>17</b>	If the current value of the assets of the plan is less than 70 percent of the funding target, enter such percentage .....	<b>17</b>	%

<b>Part IV Contributions and Liquidity Shortfalls</b>							
<b>18</b> Contributions made to the plan for the plan year by employer(s) and employees:							
(a) Date (MM-DD-YYYY)	(b) Amount paid by employer(s)	(c) Amount paid by employees	(a) Date (MM-DD-YYYY)	(b) Amount paid by employer(s)	(c) Amount paid by employees		
12/06/2024	150,000						
02/12/2025	150,000						
03/28/2025	150,000						
<b>Totals ▶</b>			<b>18(b)</b>	450,000	<b>18(c)</b>	0	

<b>19</b> Discounted employer contributions – see instructions for small plan with a valuation date after the beginning of the year:			
<b>a</b> Contributions allocated toward unpaid minimum required contributions from prior years .....	<b>19a</b>		0
<b>b</b> Contributions made to avoid restrictions adjusted to valuation date .....	<b>19b</b>		0
<b>c</b> Contributions allocated toward minimum required contribution for current year adjusted to valuation date .....	<b>19c</b>		426,634
<b>20</b> Quarterly contributions and liquidity shortfalls:			
<b>a</b> Did the plan have a "funding shortfall" for the prior year? .....			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			
<b>b</b> If line 20a is "Yes," were required quarterly installments for the current year made in a timely manner? .....			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			
<b>c</b> If line 20a is "Yes," see instructions and complete the following table as applicable:			
Liquidity shortfall as of end of quarter of this plan year			
(1) 1st	(2) 2nd	(3) 3rd	(4) 4th
0	0	0	0

<b>Part V Assumptions Used to Determine Funding Target and Target Normal Cost</b>				
<b>21</b> Discount rate:				
<b>a</b> Segment rates:	1st segment: 4.75 %	2nd segment: 4.87 %	3rd segment: 5.59 %	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A, full yield curve used
<b>b</b> Applicable month (enter code) .....				<b>21b</b> 4
<b>22</b> Weighted average retirement age .....				<b>22</b> 63
<b>23</b> Mortality table(s) (see instructions)	<input type="checkbox"/> Prescribed - combined	<input type="checkbox"/> Prescribed - separate	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	

<b>Part VI Miscellaneous Items</b>				
<b>24</b> Has a change been made in the non-prescribed actuarial assumptions for the current plan year? If "Yes," see instructions regarding required attachment .....	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No			
<b>25</b> Has a method change been made for the current plan year? If "Yes," see instructions regarding required attachment .....	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No			
<b>26</b> Demographic and benefit information				
<b>a</b> Is the plan required to provide a Schedule of Active Participants? If "Yes," see instructions regarding required attachment .....	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No			
<b>b</b> Is the plan required to provide a projection of expected benefit payments? If "Yes," see instructions regarding required attachment ...	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No			
<b>27</b> If the plan is subject to alternative funding rules, enter applicable code and see instructions regarding attachment .....				<b>27</b>

<b>Part VII Reconciliation of Unpaid Minimum Required Contributions For Prior Years</b>				
<b>28</b> Unpaid minimum required contributions for all prior years .....				<b>28</b> 0
<b>29</b> Discounted employer contributions allocated toward unpaid minimum required contributions from prior years (line 19a) .....				<b>29</b> 0
<b>30</b> Remaining amount of unpaid minimum required contributions (line 28 minus line 29) .....				<b>30</b> 0

<b>Part VIII Minimum Required Contribution For Current Year</b>				
<b>31</b> Target normal cost and excess assets (see instructions):				
<b>a</b> Target normal cost (line 6c) .....				<b>31a</b> 95,000
<b>b</b> Excess assets, if applicable, but not greater than line 31a .....				<b>31b</b> 95,000
<b>32</b> Amortization installments:	Outstanding Balance		installment	
<b>a</b> Net shortfall amortization installment .....	0		0	
<b>b</b> Waiver amortization installment .....	0		0	
<b>33</b> If a waiver has been approved for this plan year, enter the date of the ruling letter granting the approval (Month _____ Day _____ Year _____) and the waived amount .....				<b>33</b>
<b>34</b> Total funding requirement before reflecting carryover/prefunding balances (lines 31a - 31b + 32a + 32b - 33)....				<b>34</b> 0
	Carryover balance	Prefunding balance	Total balance	
<b>35</b> Balances elected for use to offset funding requirement .....			0	
<b>36</b> Additional cash requirement (line 34 minus line 35) .....				<b>36</b> 0
<b>37</b> Contributions allocated toward minimum required contribution for current year adjusted to valuation date (line 19c) .....				<b>37</b> 426,634
<b>38</b> Present value of excess contributions for current year (see instructions)				
<b>a</b> Total (excess, if any, of line 37 over line 36)				<b>38a</b> 426,634
<b>b</b> Portion included in line 38a attributable to use of prefunding and funding standard carryover balances .....				<b>38b</b>
<b>39</b> Unpaid minimum required contribution for current year (excess, if any, of line 36 over line 37) .....				<b>39</b> 0
<b>40</b> Unpaid minimum required contributions for all years .....				<b>40</b> 0

<b>Part IX Pension Funding Relief Under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (See Instructions)</b>				
<b>41</b> If an election was made to use the extended amortization rule for a plan year beginning on or before December 31, 2021, check the box to indicate the first plan year for which the rule applies. <input type="checkbox"/> 2019 <input type="checkbox"/> 2020 <input type="checkbox"/> 2021				

RETIREMENT PLAN FOR SALARIED EMPLOYEES OF COTTER CORPORATION  
 EIN# 85-0125530, Plan Number 001  
 SCHEDULE H, LINE 4i - SCHEDULE OF ASSETS (HELD AT END OF YEAR)  
 DECEMBER 31, 2024

SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULE I

IDENTITY OF ISSUER	DESCRIPTION OF INVESTMENTS	SHARES	COST	FAIR VALUE
<b>Common/collective trust:</b>				
<b>Short term investment:</b>				
* The Northern Trust Company	NT Collective Short Term Investment Fund	466,393	466,393	466,393
<b>Common stock:</b>				
* The Northern Trust Company	MFB NT Collective MSCI Emerging Markets Fund-Non Lending	1,584	226,732	333,242
* The Northern Trust Company	MFB NT Collective EAFE Index Fund-Non Lending	2,857	824,881	1,261,911
* The Northern Trust Company	MFB NT Collective S&P 500 Index Fund-Non Lending	46	346,774	1,035,234
* The Northern Trust Company	NT Collective Extended Equity Index FD-Non Lending	897	222,162	526,402
			<u>1,620,549</u>	<u>3,156,789</u>
<b>Registered investment companies:</b>				
<b>Corporate bond:</b>				
	MFO Macquarie Extended Duration Bond Fund Institutional	219,609	3,875,029	3,054,757
<b>Other fixed income:</b>				
	MFO Blackstone Alternative INVT FDS	77,452	809,383	829,514
	MFO Fidelity Adv Inv Grd Bond-I	447,036	3,452,984	3,169,482
	MFO PIMCO Long-Term Long-Term CR FD	352,987	3,802,929	3,063,931
			<u>8,065,296</u>	<u>7,062,927</u>
			<u>\$ 14,027,267</u>	<u>\$ 13,740,866</u>

\* Represents a party-in-interest.

The information in this schedule has been certified as to its completeness and accuracy by the trustee.

**RETIREMENT PLAN FOR SALARIED EMPLOYEES OF COTTER CORPORATION**  
**EIN# 85-0125530, Plan Number 001**

**SCHEDULE H, LINE 4j - SCHEDULE OF REPORTABLE TRANSACTIONS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024**

**SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULE II**

(a) Identity of Party Involved	(b) Description of Asset (include interest rate and maturity in case of loan)	(c) Purchase Price	(d) Selling Price	(g) Cost of asset	(h) Current value of asset on Transaction Date	(i) Net Gain (Loss)
Series of Transactions:						
MFO Macquarie Extended Duration Bond Fund Institutional	Registered Investment Companies	\$ 719,715	\$ -	\$ 719,715	\$ 719,715	\$ -
MFO Macquarie Extended Duration Bond Fund Institutional	Registered Investment Companies	-	180,000	220,731	180,000	(40,731)
MFO PIMCO Long-Term Long-Term CR FD	Registered Investment Companies	705,947	-	705,947	705,947	-
MFO PIMCO Long-Term Long-Term CR FD	Registered Investment Companies	-	195,000	233,125	195,000	(38,125)
NT Collective Short Term INV T FD CUSIP	Common/Collective Trust	3,562,212	-	3,562,212	3,562,212	-
NT Collective Short Term INV T FD CUSIP	Common/Collective Trust	-	3,556,317	3,556,317	3,556,317	-

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