

Form 5500

Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan

OMB Nos. 1210-0110 1210-0089

2024

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Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration

Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

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

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

Part I Annual Report Identification Information

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

- A This return/report is for: [ ] a multiemployer plan [ ] a multiple-employer plan... [X] a single-employer plan [ ] a DFE... B This return/report is: [X] the first return/report [ ] the final return/report... C If the plan is a collectively-bargained plan, check here... [ ] D Check box if filing under: [X] Form 5558 [ ] automatic extension [ ] the DFVC program... 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: COE DISTRIBUTING EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN
1b Three-digit plan number (PN): 003
1c Effective date of plan: 01/01/2024
2a Plan sponsor's name (employer, if for a single-employer plan): COE DISTRIBUTING, INC.
2b Employer Identification Number (EIN): 27-1572756
2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number: 724-437-8202
2d Business code (see instructions): 423200

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

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

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

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<b>3a</b> Plan administrator's name and address <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Same as Plan Sponsor	<b>3b</b> Administrator's EIN	
	<b>3c</b> Administrator's telephone number	
<b>4</b> If the name and/or EIN of the plan sponsor or the plan name has changed since the last return/report filed for this plan, enter the plan sponsor's name, EIN, the plan name and the plan number from the last return/report: <b>a</b> Sponsor's name <b>c</b> Plan Name	<b>4b</b> EIN	
	<b>4d</b> PN	
<b>5</b> Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year	<b>5</b>	111
<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>	111
	<b>6a(2)</b>	122
	<b>6b</b>	0
	<b>6c</b>	0
	<b>6d</b>	122
	<b>6e</b>	0
	<b>6f</b>	122
	<b>6g(1)</b>	0
<b>6g(2)</b>	119	
<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:  
2A 2E 2H 2P

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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**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).

▶ **File as an attachment to Form 5500.**

OMB No. 1210-0110

**2024**

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<b>A</b> Name of plan <b>COE DISTRIBUTING EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN</b>	<b>B</b> Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ <b>003</b>
<b>C</b> Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <b>COE DISTRIBUTING, INC.</b>	<b>D</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN) <b>27-1572756</b>

**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.

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

<b>1d</b> Employer-related investments:		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
(1) Employer securities.....	<b>1d(1)</b>	0	4220000
(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>	0	4220000
<b>Liabilities</b>			
<b>g</b> Benefit claims payable.....	<b>1g</b>		
<b>h</b> Operating payables.....	<b>1h</b>		
<b>i</b> Acquisition indebtedness.....	<b>1i</b>	0	87314095
<b>j</b> Other liabilities.....	<b>1j</b>		
<b>k</b> Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through 1j).....	<b>1k</b>	0	87314095
<b>Net Assets</b>			
<b>l</b> Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f).....	<b>1l</b>	0	-83094095

**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>	884830	
<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>		884830
<b>b Earnings on investments:</b>			
<b>(1) Interest:</b>			
<b>(A)</b> Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit).....	<b>2b(1)(A)</b>		
<b>(B)</b> U.S. Government securities.....	<b>2b(1)(B)</b>		
<b>(C)</b> Corporate debt instruments.....	<b>2b(1)(C)</b>		
<b>(D)</b> Loans (other than to participants).....	<b>2b(1)(D)</b>		
<b>(E)</b> Participant loans.....	<b>2b(1)(E)</b>		
<b>(F)</b> Other.....	<b>2b(1)(F)</b>		
<b>(G)</b> Total interest. Add lines <b>2b(1)(A)</b> through <b>(F)</b> .....	<b>2b(1)(G)</b>		0
<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>		
<b>(B)</b> Aggregate carrying amount (see instructions).....	<b>2b(4)(B)</b>		
<b>(C)</b> Subtract line <b>2b(4)(B)</b> from line <b>2b(4)(A)</b> and enter result.....	<b>2b(4)(C)</b>		
<b>(5) Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of assets:</b>			
<b>(A)</b> Real estate.....	<b>2b(5)(A)</b>		
<b>(B)</b> Other.....	<b>2b(5)(B)</b>	-83955416	
<b>(C)</b> Total unrealized appreciation of assets. Add lines <b>2b(5)(A)</b> and <b>(B)</b> .....	<b>2b(5)(C)</b>		

	(a) Amount	(b) Total
(6) Net investment gain (loss) from common/collective trusts .....	2b(6)	
(7) Net investment gain (loss) from pooled separate accounts .....	2b(7)	
(8) Net investment gain (loss) from master trust investment accounts .....	2b(8)	
(9) Net investment gain (loss) from 103-12 investment entities .....	2b(9)	
(10) Net investment gain (loss) from registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds) .....	2b(10)	
c Other income .....	2c	
d Total income. Add all <b>income</b> amounts in column (b) and enter total.....	2d	-83070586

**Expenses**

e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:		
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers.....	2e(1)	
(2) To insurance carriers for the provision of benefits .....	2e(2)	
(3) Other.....	2e(3)	
(4) Total benefit payments. Add lines 2e(1) through (3) .....	2e(4)	0
f Corrective distributions (see instructions) .....	2f	
g Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions).....	2g	
h Interest expense.....	2h	23509
i Administrative expenses:		
(1) Salaries and allowances .....	2i(1)	
(2) Contract administrator fees .....	2i(2)	
(3) Recordkeeping fees .....	2i(3)	
(4) IQPA audit fees .....	2i(4)	
(5) Investment advisory and investment management fees .....	2i(5)	
(6) Bank or trust company trustee/custodial fees .....	2i(6)	
(7) Actuarial fees .....	2i(7)	
(8) Legal fees .....	2i(8)	
(9) Valuation/appraisal fees .....	2i(9)	
(10) Other trustee fees and expenses .....	2i(10)	
(11) Other expenses.....	2i(11)	
(12) Total administrative expenses. Add lines 2i(1) through (11) .....	2i(12)	0
j Total expenses. Add all <b>expense</b> amounts in column (b) and enter total.....	2j	23509

**Net Income and Reconciliation**

k Net income (loss). Subtract line 2j from line 2d.....	2k	-83094095
l Transfers of assets:		
(1) To this plan.....	2l(1)	
(2) From this plan .....	2l(2)	

**Part III Accountant's Opinion**

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

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

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

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

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

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

(1) Name: **SISTERSON & CO LLP**

(2) EIN: **25-1467156**

**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		76887
<b>f</b> Did the plan have a loss, whether or not reimbursed by the plan's fidelity bond, that was caused by fraud or dishonesty?		X	
<b>g</b> Did the plan hold any assets whose current value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?		X	
<b>h</b> Did the plan receive any noncash contributions whose value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?		X	
<b>i</b> Did the plan have assets held for investment? (Attach schedule(s) of assets if "Yes" is checked, and see instructions for format requirements.)	X		
<b>j</b> Were any plan transactions or series of transactions in excess of 5% of the current value of plan assets? (Attach schedule of transactions if "Yes" is checked and see instructions for format requirements.)		X	
<b>k</b> Were all the plan assets either distributed to participants or beneficiaries, transferred to another plan, or brought under the control of the PBGC?		X	
<b>l</b> Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan?		X	
<b>m</b> If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.)		X	
<b>n</b> If 4m was answered "Yes," check the "Yes" box if you either provided the required notice or one of the exceptions to providing the notice applied under 29 CFR 2520.101-3.			

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

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

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

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

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

<b>SCHEDULE R</b> <b>(Form 5500)</b>  <small>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</small>  <small>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</small>  <small>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</small>	<b>Retirement Plan Information</b>  This schedule is required to be filed under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code).  <b>▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.</b>	<small>OMB No. 1210-0110</small>  <b>2024</b>  <b>This Form is Open to Public Inspection.</b>
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<b>C</b> Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <u>COE DISTRIBUTING, INC.</u>	<b>D</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>27-1572756</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..... 

1		0
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**2** Enter the EIN(s) of payor(s) who paid benefits on behalf of the plan to participants or beneficiaries during the year (if more than two, enter EINs of the two payors who paid the greatest dollar amounts of benefits):  
 EIN(s): 33-1742141

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

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

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<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>6 b</b> Enter the amount contributed by the employer to the plan for this plan year .....	
<b>6 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).....	

**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 \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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**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 \_\_\_\_\_

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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 \_\_\_\_\_

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

COE DISTRIBUTING EMPLOYEE  
STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN

AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
AND SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULE

December 31, 2024 and 2023 and for  
the year ended December 31, 2024

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Plan Administrator  
COE Distributing Employee Stock Ownership Plan  
Smock, Pennsylvania

### *Opinion*

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

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the net assets (deficit) available for benefits of the Plan as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, and the changes in its net assets (deficit) available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2024, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("U.S. GAAP").

### *Basis for Opinion*

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

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

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with U.S. GAAP, 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.

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 for one year after the date the financial statements are available to be issued.

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

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

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

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with U.S. 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 U.S. 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.

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

### *Supplemental Schedule Required by ERISA*

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements as a whole. The supplemental schedule of assets held at end of year is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements but is supplementary information required by the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with U.S. GAAS.

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

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

*Sisterson & Co. LLP*

October 15, 2025

COE DISTRIBUTING EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN

STATEMENTS OF NET ASSETS (DEFICIT) AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS

	<u>December 31, 2024</u>			<u>December 31, 2023</u>		
	<u>Allocated</u>	<u>Unallocated</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Allocated</u>	<u>Unallocated</u>	<u>Total</u>
Assets						
Investment in Company Stock, at fair value (Notes 2 and 3)	\$ 41,546	\$ 4,178,454	\$ 4,220,000	\$ --	\$ --	\$ --
Liabilities						
Note payable (Note 4)	<u>--</u>	<u>87,314,095</u>	<u>87,314,095</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>--</u>
Net assets (deficit) available for benefits	<u>\$ 41,546</u>	<u>\$ (83,135,641)</u>	<u>\$ (83,094,095)</u>	<u>\$ --</u>	<u>\$ --</u>	<u>\$ --</u>

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

COE DISTRIBUTING EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS (DEFICIT) AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS

Year ended December 31, 2024

	<u>Allocated</u>	<u>Unallocated</u>	<u>Total</u>
Additions to net assets (deficit) available for benefits attributed to			
Employer contributions	\$ --	\$ 908,339	\$ 908,339
Allocation of 9,845 shares of Company Stock, at fair value	<u>41,546</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>41,546</u>
Total additions	<u>41,546</u>	<u>908,339</u>	<u>949,885</u>
Deductions from net assets (deficit) available for benefits attributed to			
Net depreciation in fair value of investments	--	83,978,925	83,978,925
Allocation of 9,845 shares of Company Stock, at fair value		41,546	41,546
Interest expense	<u>--</u>	<u>23,509</u>	<u>23,509</u>
Total deductions	<u>--</u>	<u>84,043,980</u>	<u>84,043,980</u>
Net increase (decrease) in assets (deficit) in net assets available for benefits	41,546	(83,135,641)	(83,094,095)
Net assets (deficit) available for benefits			
Beginning of year	<u>--</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>--</u>
End of year	<u>\$ 41,546</u>	<u>\$ (83,135,641)</u>	<u>\$ (83,094,095)</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement.

# COE DISTRIBUTING EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### NOTE 1 - DESCRIPTION OF THE PLAN

The following description of the COE Distributing Employee Stock Ownership Plan (“Plan”) provides only general information. Participants should refer to the Plan document for a more complete description of the Plan’s provisions.

#### General

COE Distributing, Inc. (“Company”) established the Plan effective as of January 1, 2024. The Plan operates as a leveraged employee stock ownership plan (“ESOP”) and is designed to comply with Section 4975(e)(7) and the regulations thereunder of the Internal Revenue Code (“IRC”), as amended, and is subject to provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (“ERISA”). The Plan is administered by a trustee (“Trustee”) appointed by the Company’s Board of Directors. Management of the Company is the Plan Administrator and oversees governance of the Plan.

On November 22, 2024, the Plan purchased all 1,000,000 issued and outstanding shares of the Company’s common stock (“Company Stock”) from the Company’s existing shareholders (“Selling Shareholders”) for a purchase price of \$88,198,925 by issuing notes payable to the Selling Shareholders (“First Seller Notes”) that were secured by the purchased shares. Concurrent with the sale, the Plan refinanced its obligations to the selling shareholders by issuing a note payable to the Company in the amount of \$88,198,925 (“Refinanced Inside Note”), in exchange for the Company assuming all obligations under the First Seller Notes. The Refinanced Inside Note is to be repaid over the term of the loan by fully deductible Company contributions to the Plan. As the Plan makes each payment of principal and interest, an appropriate percentage of Company Stock will be allocated to eligible employees’ accounts in accordance with applicable regulations under the IRC.

The Refinanced Inside Note is collateralized by the unallocated shares of Company Stock. The Company has no rights against the shares once they are allocated to participants under the provisions of the Plan. Accordingly, the financial statements of the Plan as of December 31, 2024 and 2023 and for the year ended December 31, 2024, present separately the assets and liabilities and changes therein pertaining to:

- a) the accounts of participants with vested rights in allocated Company Stock (“Allocated”),  
and
- b) Company Stock not yet allocated to eligible participants (“Unallocated”)

#### Eligibility

All employees of COE who are not leased employees, covered by a collective bargaining agreement, non-resident aliens, or independent contractors, are eligible to participate in the Plan. Eligible employees first commence participation in the Plan on January 1<sup>st</sup> of the next year following the date upon which the employee has attained the age of 21 and has completed one year of service, defined as earning 1,000 hours of service in a consecutive twelve-month period.

COE DISTRIBUTING EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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NOTE 1 - DESCRIPTION OF THE PLAN (continued)

Contributions

The Plan is funded solely by the Company's discretionary contributions to the Plan as determined by the Company's Board of Directors. Contributions authorized by the Board of Directors for the year ended December 31, 2024, were \$908,339. All Company contributions were subject to the limitations imposed under Code Section 404(a)(3)(A). Employee contributions are not permitted.

The Company is obligated to make contributions in cash to the Plan sufficient to cover any obligations under the Refinanced Inside Note and any other liabilities of the Plan as due.

Participant accounts

The Plan is a defined contribution plan under which a separate account is maintained for each participant. Each participant's account is credited as of the last day of each Plan year with an allocation of shares of Company Stock released by the Trustee from the unallocated account and forfeitures of terminated participants' nonvested accounts. Only those participants who are eligible employees of the Company as of the last day of the Plan year will receive an allocation. Allocations are based on the proportion that each participant's compensation for that year bears to the compensation of all such eligible participants for the Plan year. For the 2024 and 2025 Plan years only, the allocation is based on the proportion of allocation points earned by each participant compared to the allocation points earned by all eligible participants for each year. One allocation point is earned for each \$5,000 of compensation in each Plan year, and two allocation points are earned for each year of service earned as of the last day of the Plan year. Plan earnings or losses are allocated to each participant's account based on the ratio of the participant's account balance.

Diversification

Diversification is offered to participants close to retirement so that they may have the opportunity to move part of the value of their investment in Company Stock into investments which are more diversified. Participants who are at least age 55 with at least 10 years of participation in the Plan may elect to diversify a portion of their account. Diversification is offered to each participant over a six year period. In each of the first five years, a participant may diversify up to 25% of the number of shares allocated to their account, less any shares previously diversified. In the sixth year, the percentage increases to 50%. Participants who elect to diversify receive a transfer to a separate directed investment account and invested in investment options made available by the Plan Administrator in accordance with Section 401(a)(28)(B)(ii)(II) of the IRC.

COE DISTRIBUTING EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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NOTE 1 - DESCRIPTION OF THE PLAN (continued)

Vesting

Participant accounts vest based on years of continuous service with the Company. After two years of service, participants will vest 20% per year and are fully vested after six years of service. A participant will be fully vested if employment ends due to retirement, permanent disability, or death.

Forfeited accounts

Forfeited non-vested shares of terminated participants are redistributed to eligible participant accounts based on the ratio that each eligible participant's compensation bears to the total compensation paid to all eligible participants for the Plan year.

During the year ended December 31, 2024, there were no shares or cash forfeited into the suspense account and redistributed to eligible participant accounts. There was no balance in the unallocated forfeiture account as of December 31, 2024 or 2023.

Payment of benefits

Upon termination of service for reason of death, disability, retirement, or any other reason, the participant will receive his or her vested account balance in the form of cash as a lump-sum distribution or in annual installments. If the participant's account balance is less than \$7,000, the distribution is paid as a lump-sum. If the participant's account balance is between \$7,000 and \$1,380,000, the distribution is paid in equal installments over a period of five years. For participant balances in excess of \$1,380,000, distributions are paid over five years plus an additional year for each \$275,000 in excess of \$1,380,000, not to exceed five additional years.

Put option

Under IRC regulations, Company Stock that is held by the Plan and its participants and is not readily tradeable on an established market, or is subject to trading limitations, includes a put option. The put option is a right to demand that the Company buy any shares of its stock distributed to participants for which there is no market. The put price is representative of the current appraised value of the Company Stock. The put option permits the participant to sell Company Stock to the Company for a period of sixty days after such shares are distributed at fair market value as of the last valuation date, as specified in the Plan document. The Company can pay for the purchase over a period of five years with interest. The purpose of the put option is to ensure that the participant has the ability to ultimately obtain cash.

Voting rights

The Trustee votes on behalf of the Plan and is required to vote on behalf of the collective best interests of the Plan participants and beneficiaries. Plan participants may vote directly on issues related to the merger, sale, or liquidation of the Company.

COE DISTRIBUTING EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN

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NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of accounting

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

Use of estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with U.S. GAAP requires the Plan administrator to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

The current method of valuation of investments considers certain assumptions related to the Company's future performance. These factors are subject to change over time and are reviewed periodically. Because of the inherent uncertainty of the valuation process, those estimated fair values may differ significantly from the values that would have been used had a ready market for the investments existed, and the differences could be material.

Investment valuation and income recognition

Shares of Company Stock are valued at fair value (see Note 3).

Investment transactions are accounted for on the trade date (date the order to buy or sell is executed). Dividend income is recorded on the ex-dividend date. All gains and losses (realized and unrealized) on investments recorded at fair value, bought and sold as well as held during the year, are included in net depreciation in fair value of investments reported within the statement of changes in net assets (deficit) available for benefits.

Payment of benefits

Benefits are recorded when paid.

Plan expenses

The Plan's administrative expenses are paid either by the Plan or the Company as provided by the Plan document. Expenses that are paid by the Company are excluded from these financial statements.

Subsequent events

The Plan evaluates events and transactions occurring subsequent to the date of the financial statements for matters requiring recognition or disclosure in the financial statements. The accompanying financial statements consider events through October 15, 2025, the date on which the financial statements were available to be issued.

COE DISTRIBUTING EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN

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NOTE 3 - INVESTMENTS AND FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENT

As of December 31, 2024, investments in Company Stock consisted of the following:

	<u>Allocated</u>	<u>Unallocated</u>
COE Distributing, Inc. Common Stock:		
Number of shares	<u>9,845</u>	<u>990,155</u>
Cost	\$ <u>868,318</u>	\$ <u>87,330,607</u>
Estimated fair value	\$ <u>41,546</u>	\$ <u>4,178,454</u>

As of December 31, 2023, the Plan held no investments.

The fair value of Company Stock is determined annually, as of December 31, by an independent third-party appraiser. Company Stock held as a Plan asset is valued using the most recent valuation approved by the Trustee and Plan management. The Plan owns 100% of the outstanding stock of the Company.

All investments are non-participant directed.

Fair value is defined as the price that would be received from selling an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at a measurement date. When determining the fair value measurements for assets and liabilities required to be recorded at fair value, the Plan considers the principal or most advantageous market in which it would transact and considers the assumptions that market participants would use when pricing the asset or liability.

The three levels of inputs that may be used to measure fair value are as follows:

Level I – Quoted prices are available in active markets for identical investments as of the reporting date. The Plan does not hold any investments that are classified as Level I.

Level II – Pricing inputs are other than quoted market prices included in Level I, however, are observable either directly or indirectly for the investment. The Plan does not hold any investments that are classified as Level II.

Level III – Pricing inputs are unobservable for the investment and includes situations where there is little, if any, market activity for the investment. The inputs into the determination of fair value require significant management judgment or estimation. The Plan’s investment in Company Stock is classified as Level III.

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NOTE 3 - INVESTMENTS AND FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENT (continued)

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

The fair value of Company Stock is determined based upon an annual independent appraisal by a firm hired by the Trustee. This appraisal is based on the enterprise value of the Company as determined by the sale of Company Stock on November 22, 2024, and adjusted through December 31, 2024, any changes in results in operations of the Company, working capital adjustments, debt incurred by the Company, dilution from detachable warrants issued in the sale transaction, and a discount for lack of marketability.

Plan management accumulates the data for the appraiser from the audited and projected financial statements of the Company. The appraiser prepares a preliminary report which the Trustee and Plan management review in detail and approve. The appraiser's report, upon approval, is used to estimate per share value that a participant will receive upon distribution.

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 as of the reporting date.

The valuation of the Plan's investments by the above fair value hierarchy levels are as follows as of December 31, 2024:

	<u>Level I</u>	<u>Level II</u>	<u>Level III</u>	<u>Total</u>
Company Stock	\$ <u>          --</u>	\$ <u>          --</u>	\$ <u>4,220,000</u>	\$ <u>4,220,000</u>

Activity of the Plan's Level III investment for the year ended December 31, 2024 is as follows:

Balance, January 1, 2024	\$	--
Purchases		88,198,925
Unrealized losses		<u>(83,978,925)</u>
Balance, December 31, 2024	\$	<u>4,220,000</u>

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NOTE 4 - NOTE PAYABLE

On November 22, 2024, the Company issued the Refinanced Inside Note to the Company in exchange for the Company assuming all obligations under the First Seller Notes which had been incurred for the purchase of 1,000,000 shares of Company Stock from the Selling Shareholders. The Refinanced Inside Note bears interest at 0.25% and requires annual payments of \$818,843 including principal and interest through the maturity date of December 31, 2148. The unallocated outstanding Company Stock owned by the Plan is collateral for the Refinanced Inside Note.

Future maturities are as follows for the years ending December 31:

2025	\$	701,854
2026		602,312
2027		603,818
2028		605,327
2029		606,841

NOTE 5 - ADMINISTRATION OF PLAN ASSETS

The Plan's assets, which consist primarily of Company Stock, are held by the Trustee, an individual designated by the Plan Administrator.

Company contributions are held and managed by the Trustee, who invests cash received, interest, and dividend income and makes distributions to participants.

Certain administrative functions are performed by officers or employees of the Company. No such officer or employee receives compensation from the Plan.

NOTE 6 - RELATED PARTY AND PARTY-IN-INTEREST TRANSACTIONS

The Plan invests in shares of common stock of the Company, which is the Plan sponsor. These activities qualify as related party and party-in-interest transactions. Certain expenses of the Plan are paid by the Company.

NOTE 7 - INCOME TAX STATUS

The Plan document is based on a volume submitter plan specimen document that has been approved by the Internal Revenue Service, as being in compliance with the Internal Revenue Code ("IRC"). Therefore, no provision for income taxes has been included in the Plan's financial statements. Plan management believes that the Plan is currently being operated in accordance with all applicable IRC regulations.

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NOTE 7 - INCOME TAX STATUS (continued)

U.S. GAAP requires Plan management to evaluate tax positions taken by the Plan and recognize a tax liability (or asset) if the Plan has taken an uncertain position that more likely than not would be sustained upon examination by a taxing authority. The Plan administrator believes as of December 31, 2024 that there are no uncertain tax positions taken or expected to be taken that would require recognition of a liability (or asset) or disclosure in the financial statements. The Plan is subject to routine audits by taxing jurisdictions.

NOTE 8 - PLAN TERMINATION

Although it has not expressed any desire to do so, the Plan reserves the right to terminate the Plan at any time, subject to Plan provisions. Upon termination of the Plan, plan management would direct the Trustee to pay all liabilities and expenses of the Plan and to sell shares of financed Company Stock held as collateral to the extent it determines such sale is necessary in order to repay the Refinanced Inside Note. Subsequently, the interest of each participant in the Trust would be distributed to such participant or their beneficiary at the time prescribed by the Plan terms and the IRC.

SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULE

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SCHEDULE OF ASSETS HELD AT END OF YEAR

December 31, 2024

Form 5500 Schedule H  
Part IV, item 4i

EIN no. 27-1572756  
Plan number 003

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* COE Distributing, Inc. Common Stock	1,000,000 Shares of Common Stock - \$.01 Par Value	\$ <u>88,198,925</u>	\$ <u>4,220,000</u>
Total investments		\$ <u><u>88,198,925</u></u>	\$ <u><u>4,220,000</u></u>

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

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