Form 5500

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Department of Labor
Employee Benefits Security Administration

Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan

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.**

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Part I Annual Report Identification Information

For calendar plan year 2025 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2025 and ending 12/31/2025

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
LOCHMUELLER GROUP, INC. EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN

1b Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 002

1c Effective date of plan 01/01/2019

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)
LOCHMUELLER GROUP, INC.

6200 VOGEL ROAD
EVANSVILLE, IN 47715-4006

2b Employer Identification Number (EIN)
35-1455938

2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number
812-479-6200

2d Business code (see instructions)
541330

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

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

SIGN HERE	Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature.	10/14/2026	ADAM SMITH
	Signature of plan administrator	Date	Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator
SIGN HERE			
	Signature of employer/plan sponsor	Date	Enter name of individual signing as employer or plan sponsor
SIGN HERE			
	Signature of DFE	Date	Enter name of individual signing as DFE

3a	Plan administrator's name and address [X] Same as Plan Sponsor	**3b**	Administrator's EIN
		3c	Administrator's telephone number
4	If the name and/or EIN of the plan sponsor or the plan name has changed since the last return/report filed for this plan, enter the plan sponsor's name, EIN, the plan name and the plan number from the last return/report:	**4b**	EIN
a	Sponsor's name	**4d**	PN
c	Plan Name		

5	Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year	**5**	442
6	Number of participants as of the end of the plan year unless otherwise stated (welfare plans complete only lines **6a(1), 6a(2), 6b, 6c,** and **6d**).		
a(1)	Total number of active participants at the beginning of the plan year	**6a(1)**	398
a(2)	Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year	**6a(2)**	377
b	Retired or separated participants receiving benefits	**6b**	3
c	Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits	**6c**	51
d	Subtotal. Add lines **6a(2)**, **6b**, and **6c**.	**6d**	431
e	Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits.	**6e**	2
f	Total. Add lines **6d** and **6e**.	**6f**	433
g(1)	Number of participants with account balances as of the beginning of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item)	**6g(1)**	352
g(2)	Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item)	**6g(2)**	430
h	Number of participants who terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested.	**6h**	17
7	Enter the total number of employers obligated to contribute to the plan (only multiemployer plans complete this item)	**7**	

8a If the plan provides pension benefits, enter the applicable pension feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristic Codes in the instructions:

2I 2O

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

9a Plan funding arrangement (check all that apply)		**9b** Plan benefit arrangement (check all that apply)	
(1) [ ]	Insurance	**(1)** [ ]	Insurance
(2) [ ]	Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts	**(2)** [ ]	Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts
(3) [X]	Trust	**(3)** [X]	Trust
(4) [ ]	General assets of the sponsor	**(4)** [ ]	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)** [X] **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)** [X] **H** (Financial Information)
- **(2)** [ ] **I** (Financial Information – Small Plan)
- **(3)** [ ] **A** (Insurance Information) – Number Attached 0
- **(4)** [ ] **C** (Service Provider Information)
- **(5)** [ ] **D** (DFE/Participating Plan Information)
- **(6)** [ ] **G** (Financial Transaction Schedules)

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

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

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

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

11c Enter the Receipt Confirmation Code for the 2025 Form M-1 annual report. If the plan was not required to file the 2025 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_____

SCHEDULE H (Form 5500)

Department of the Treasury
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Financial Information

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

OMB No. 1210-0110

2025

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For calendar plan year 2025 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2025 and ending 12/31/2025

A Name of plan
LOCHMUELLER GROUP, INC. EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN

B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 002

C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500
LOCHMUELLER GROUP, INC.

D Employer Identification Number (EIN)
35-1455938

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
a Total noninterest-bearing cash	1a	458	479
b Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts):			
(1) Employer contributions	1b(1)		
(2) Participant contributions	1b(2)		
(3) Other	1b(3)		
c General investments:			
(1) Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit)	1c(1)		
(2) U.S. Government securities	1c(2)		
(3) Corporate debt instruments (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(3)(A)		
(B) All other	1c(3)(B)		
(4) Corporate stocks (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(4)(A)		
(B) Common	1c(4)(B)		
(5) Partnership/joint venture interests	1c(5)		
(6) Real estate (other than employer real property)	1c(6)		
(7) Loans (other than to participants)	1c(7)		
(8) Participant loans	1c(8)		
(9) Value of interest in common/collective trusts	1c(9)		
(10) Value of interest in pooled separate accounts	1c(10)		
(11) Value of interest in master trust investment accounts	1c(11)		
(12) Value of interest in 103-12 investment entities	1c(12)		
(13) Value of interest in registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds)	1c(13)		
(14) Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts)	1c(14)		
(15) Other	1c(15)		

		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
1d Employer-related investments:			
(1) Employer securities	1d(1)	45670000	54320000
(2) Employer real property	1d(2)		
1e Buildings and other property used in plan operation	1e		
1f Total assets (add all amounts in lines 1a through 1e)	1f	45670458	54320479
Liabilities			
1g Benefit claims payable	1g		
1h Operating payables	1h		
1i Acquisition indebtedness	1i		
1j Other liabilities	1j	5040912	4721160
1k Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through1j)	1k	5040912	4721160
Net Assets			
1l Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f)	1l	40629546	49599319

Part II Income and Expense Statement

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

Income		(a) Amount	(b) Total
a Contributions:			
(1) Received or receivable in cash from: **(A)** Employers	2a(1)(A)	478232	
(B) Participants	2a(1)(B)		
(C) Others (including rollovers)	2a(1)(C)		
(2) Noncash contributions	2a(2)		
(3) Total contributions. Add lines **2a(1)(A), (B), (C),** and line **2a(2)**	2a(3)		478232
b Earnings on investments:			
(1) Interest:			
(A) Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit)	2b(1)(A)		
(B) U.S. Government securities	2b(1)(B)		
(C) Corporate debt instruments	2b(1)(C)		
(D) Loans (other than to participants)	2b(1)(D)		
(E) Participant loans	2b(1)(E)		
(F) Other	2b(1)(F)	21	
(G) Total interest. Add lines **2b(1)(A)** through **(F)**	2b(1)(G)		21
(2) Dividends: **(A)** Preferred stock	2b(2)(A)		
(B) Common stock	2b(2)(B)		
(C) Registered investment company shares (e.g. mutual funds)	2b(2)(C)		
(D) Total dividends. Add lines **2b(2)(A)**, **(B)**, and **(C)**	2b(2)(D)		0
(3) Rents	2b(3)		
(4) Net gain (loss) on sale of assets: **(A)** Aggregate proceeds	2b(4)(A)		
(B) Aggregate carrying amount (see instructions)	2b(4)(B)		
(C) Subtract line **2b(4)(B)** from line **2b(4)(A)** and enter result	2b(4)(C)		0
(5) Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of assets: **(A)** Real estate	2b(5)(A)		
(B) Other	2b(5)(B)	8650000	
(C) Total unrealized appreciation of assets. Add lines **2b(5)(A)** and **(B)**	2b(5)(C)		8650000

		(a) Amount	(b) Total
(6) Net investment gain (loss) from common/collective trusts	2b(6)		
(7) Net investment gain (loss) from pooled separate accounts	2b(7)		
(8) Net investment gain (loss) from master trust investment accounts	2b(8)		
(9) Net investment gain (loss) from 103-12 investment entities	2b(9)		
(10) Net investment gain (loss) from registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds)	2b(10)		
c Other income	2c		
d Total income. Add all **income** amounts in column (b) and enter total	2d		9128253
Expenses			
e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers	2e(1)	64719	
(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)		64719
f Corrective distributions (see instructions)	2f		
g Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions)	2g		
h Interest expense	2h		93761
i Administrative expenses:			
(1) Salaries and allowances	2i(1)		
(2) Contract administrator fees	2i(2)		
(3) Recordkeeping fees	2i(3)		
(4) IQPA audit fees	2i(4)		
(5) Investment advisory and investment management fees	2i(5)		
(6) Bank or trust company trustee/custodial fees	2i(6)		
(7) Actuarial fees	2i(7)		
(8) Legal fees	2i(8)		
(9) Valuation/appraisal fees	2i(9)		
(10) Other trustee fees and expenses	2i(10)		
(11) Other expenses	2i(11)		
(12) Total administrative expenses. Add lines **2i(1)** through **(11)**	2i(12)		0
j Total expenses. Add all **expense** amounts in column (b) and enter total	2j		158480
Net Income and Reconciliation			
k Net income (loss). Subtract line **2j** from line **2d**	2k		8969773
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) [X] 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)** [X] 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: CBIZ CPAS P.C. **(2)** EIN: 43-1947695

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

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

Part IV Compliance Questions

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

During the plan year:

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

5a Has a resolution to terminate the plan been adopted during the plan year or any prior plan year? [ ] Yes [X] No

If "Yes," enter the amount of any plan assets that reverted to the employer this year _____.

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

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

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

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

SCHEDULE R (Form 5500)

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Retirement Plan Information

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B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 002

C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500
LOCHMUELLER GROUP, INC.

D Employer Identification Number (EIN)
35-1455938

Part I Distributions

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

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

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

EIN(s): 36-3681493

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**

Part II Funding Information (If the plan is not subject to the minimum funding requirements of section 412 of the Internal Revenue Code or ERISA section 302, skip this Part.)

4 Is the plan administrator making an election under Code section 412(d)(2) or ERISA section 302(d)(2)? ..... ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No** ☐ **N/A**

If the plan is a defined benefit plan, go to line 8.

5 If a waiver of the minimum funding standard for a prior year is being amortized in this plan year, see instructions and enter the date of the ruling letter granting the waiver. **Date:** Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

If you completed line 5, complete lines 3, 9, and 10 of Schedule MB and do not complete the remainder of this schedule.

6 **a** Enter the minimum required contribution for this plan year (include any prior year accumulated funding deficiency not waived) **6a**

b Enter the amount contributed by the employer to the plan for this plan year **6b**

c Subtract the amount in line 6b from the amount in line 6a. Enter the result (enter a minus sign to the left of a negative amount) **6c**

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

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

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

Part III Amendments

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

Part IV ESOPs (see instructions). If this is not a plan described under section 409(a) or 4975(e)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code, skip this Part.

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):

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a Name of contributing employer

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

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

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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): _____

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

b If line 20a is "Yes," has PBGC been notified as required by ERISA sections 4043(c)(5) and/or 303(k)(4)? Check the applicable box:

☐ Yes.

☐ No. Reporting was waived under 29 CFR 4043.25(c)(2) because contributions equal to or exceeding the unpaid minimum required contribution were made by the 30th day after the due date.

☐ No. The 30-day period referenced in 29 CFR 4043.25(c)(2) has not yet ended, and the sponsor intends to make a contribution equal to or exceeding the unpaid minimum required contribution by the 30th day after the due date.

☐ No. Other. Provide explanation._____

Part VII IRS Compliance Questions

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

21b If this is a Code section 401(k) plan, check all boxes that apply to indicate how the plan is intended to satisfy the nondiscrimination requirements for employee deferrals and employer matching contributions (as applicable) under Code sections 401(k)(3) and 401(m)(2).

☐ Design-based safe harbor method

☐ "Prior year" ADP test

☒ "Current year" ADP test

☐ N/A

22 If the plan sponsor is an adopter of a pre-approved plan that received a favorable IRS Opinion Letter, enter the date of the Opinion Letter 08 / 19 / 2020 (MM/DD/YYYY) and the Opinion Letter serial number Q704137A .

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LOCHMUELLER GROUP, INC.
EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
December 31, 2025 and 2024 and the
Year Ended December 31, 2025

LOCHMUELLER GROUP, INC.
EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN

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Independent Auditors' Report

To The Trustee
Lochmueller Group, Inc.
Employee Stock Ownership Plan

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Lochmueller Group, Inc. Employee Stock Ownership Plan (the "Plan"), an employee benefit plan subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 ("ERISA"), which comprise the statements of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2025 and 2024, the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2025, and the related notes to the financial statements.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the net assets available for benefits of the Plan as of December 31, 2025 and 2024, and the changes in its net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2025, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinion

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

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

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

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 or available to be issued.

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

Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

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

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the 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.

Other Matter - 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) as of December 31, 2025, 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 GAAS.

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

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

CBIZ CPAs P.C.

Indianapolis, Indiana
October 9, 2026

LOCHMUELLER GROUP, INC. EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN
STATEMENTS OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS
December 31, 2025 and 2024

	2025			2024		
	Allocated	Unallocated	Total	Allocated	Unallocated	Total
ASSETS						
Cash and cash equivalents	$ 479	$ -	$ 479	$ 458	$ -	$ 458
Common stock (Note 4)	19,056,323	35,263,677	54,320,000	13,732,941	31,937,059	45,670,000
	19,056,802	35,263,677	54,320,479	13,733,399	31,937,059	45,670,458
LIABILITIES						
Loan payable (Note 3)	-	4,721,160	4,721,160	-	5,040,912	5,040,912
Net Assets Available for Benefits	$ 19,056,802	$ 30,542,517	$ 49,599,319	$ 13,733,399	$ 26,896,147	$ 40,629,546

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

LOCHMUELLER GROUP, INC. EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS
For the Year Ended December 31, 2025

	Allocated	Unallocated	Total
Additions to Net Assets Attributed to:			
Net appreciation in fair value of investments	$ 2,601,050	$ 6,048,950	$ 8,650,000
Interest income	21	-	21
	2,601,071	6,048,950	8,650,021
Contributions			
Employer	64,719	413,513	478,232
Allocation of 50,117 shares of common stock at estimated fair value	2,722,332	-	2,722,332
	2,787,051	413,513	3,200,564
Total Additions	5,388,122	6,462,463	11,850,585
Deductions from Net Assets Attributed to:			
Benefits paid to participants	64,719	-	64,719
Interest expense	-	93,761	93,761
Allocation of 50,117 shares of common stock at estimated fair value	-	2,722,332	2,722,332
Total Deductions	64,719	2,816,093	2,880,812
Net Increase in Net Assets Available for Benefits	5,323,403	3,646,370	8,969,773
Net Assets Available for Benefits, Beginning of Year	13,733,399	26,896,147	40,629,546
Net Assets Available for Benefits, End of Year	$ 19,056,802	$ 30,542,517	$ 49,599,319

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

NOTE 1 - PLAN DESCRIPTION

The following description of the Lochmueller Group, Inc. Employee Stock Ownership Plan (the "Plan") provides only general information. Participants should refer to the Plan document or Summary Plan Description for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions, which are available from the Plan administrator.

General

The Plan is a defined contribution plan sponsored by Lochmueller Group, Inc. (the "Company") for the benefit of its employees who are age 20 or older. Employees generally are eligible for an annual allocation if they complete at least 1,000 hours of service during the Plan year and remain employed as eligible employees, or are on layoff, on the last day of the Plan year. Participants who die, retire, or become totally disabled during the Plan year may also qualify for an allocation in accordance with the Plan document. Eligible employees enter the Plan on the January 1 immediately preceding the date they satisfy the eligibility requirements. The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 ("ERISA") and is designed to comply with Section 4975(e)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and the regulations promulgated thereunder.

The Plan purchased Company common stock using funds received from the Company. The common stock is held in a trust established under the Plan. The borrowing is to be repaid over a period of 20 years by fully deductible Company contributions to the trust fund. As the Plan makes each payment of principal, an appropriate percentage of stock will be allocated to eligible employees' accounts in accordance with applicable regulations under the Code.

Accordingly, the financial statements of the Plan as of December 31, 2025 and 2024, and for the year ended December 31, 2025, present separately the assets and liabilities and changes therein pertaining to:

1. The accounts of employees with vested rights in allocated common stock (Allocated); and
2. Common stock not yet allocated to employees (Unallocated).

Contributions

Plan assets are invested primarily in Company common stock. Company contributions may also be used to service acquisition indebtedness, fund benefit payments, pay Plan expenses, or for other purposes permitted by the Plan. The Company is obligated to make contributions in cash to the Plan which, when aggregated with the Plan's dividends and interest earnings, equal the amount necessary to enable the Plan to make its regularly scheduled payments of principal and interest due on its term loan.

Allocations are based on a participant's eligible compensation, relative to total eligible compensation. During the year ended December 31, 2025, the Company made a contribution amounting to $478,232 to the Plan. Contributions are subject to certain Internal Revenue Code ("IRC") limitations.

Participant Accounts

Each participant's account is credited with an allocation of (a) Company contributions and (b) Plan earnings. Allocations are based on participant earnings or account balances, as defined. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the benefit that can be provided from the participant's vested account.

NOTE 1 - PLAN DESCRIPTION (CONTINUED)

Participant Accounts (Continued)

Each participant is entitled to exercise voting rights attributable to the shares allocated to his or her account with respect to the approval or disapproval of any corporate merger or consolidation, recapitalization, reclassification, liquidation, dissolution, or sale of substantially all assets and is notified by the Trustee prior to the time that such rights are to be exercised. Otherwise, the Board of Directors will direct the Trustee as to matters of voting of Company stock.

Vesting

Participants are credited with one year of vesting service for each Plan year in which they complete at least 1,000 hours of service. Service before January 1, 2019 is excluded. Participants vest 20% after two years, with an additional 20% for each subsequent year, and are fully vested after six years. Participants also become fully vested upon normal retirement age, death, or total disability, subject to the terms of the Plan.

Payments of Benefits

Distributions will either be paid as a single lump sum or in a series of installments. Distributions on account of death, disability or retirement will be distributed or commence distribution in the Plan year following the event. For other terminations, payment generally may begin after completion of the Plan's accounting for the fifth Plan year beginning after the Plan year of termination, subject to the participant's election and the Plan's distribution provisions. A single lump sum will be paid to a terminated participant if the participant's account balance is $5,000 or less in the Plan year following the Plan year of termination. Additional installments may be paid for vested accounts exceeding an annual limit.

All distributions are subject to the applicable provisions of the Plan document. Benefit payments are recorded when paid.

Under the provisions of the Plan, the Trust is obligated to repurchase participant shares in Company stock which have been distributed under the terms of the Plan. For the year ended December 31, 2025, the Trust repurchased shares of stock from participants totaling $64,719.

Forfeitures

Forfeitures from terminated participants' nonvested ESOP accounts are reallocated to participants. For the year ended December 31, 2025, 653.7797 forfeited shares were reallocated to the remaining participants. There were no forfeitures available for future use as of December 31, 2025 and 2024.

Put Option

Under federal income tax regulations, the employer stock that is held by the Plan and its participants and is not readily tradable on an established market, or is subject to trading limitations, includes a put option. The put option is a right to demand that the Company buy any shares of its stock distributed to participants for which there is no market. The put price is representative of the fair value of the stock. The Company can pay for the purchase with interest over a period of five years. The purpose of the put option is to ensure that the participant has the ability to ultimately obtain cash.

Investment Options

All contributions into the Plan are invested in Lochmueller Group, Inc., common stock.

NOTE 1 - PLAN DESCRIPTION (CONTINUED)

Basis of Accounting

The financial statements of the Plan are prepared under the accrual basis of accounting.

NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts of assets and liabilities and changes therein, and disclosures of contingent assets and liabilities. Accordingly, actual results may differ from those estimates.

Investment Valuation and Income Recognition

Investments are reported at fair value. Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. The Trustee determines the fair value of Company common stock and oversees the valuation process utilizing information provided by an independent appraiser and the investment trustee. See Note 4 for discussion of fair value measurements.

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

Contributions

The Company is obligated to make contributions in cash to the Plan which, when aggregated with the Plan's dividends and interest earnings, equal the amount necessary to enable the Plan to make its regularly scheduled payments of principal and interest due on its term loan.

Payment of Benefits

Benefits are recorded when paid.

Administrative Expenses

Certain expenses of the Plan are paid by the Company and are not included in the statement of changes in net assets available for benefits.

NOTE 3 - LOAN PAYABLE

In 2019, the Company loaned $6,950,000 to the Plan to purchase the Company's common stock. Unallocated shares are collateral for the loan. The agreement provides for the loan to be repaid over 20 years and bears interest at a fixed rate of 1.86%.

NOTE 3 - LOAN PAYABLE (CONTINUED)

The scheduled amortization of the loan for the next five years and thereafter is as follows:

Year Ending December 31,	
2026	325,670
2027	331,758
2028	337,928
2029	344,214
2030	344,214
Thereafter	3,037,376
	$ 4,721,160

NOTE 4 - FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

The framework for measuring fair value provides a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3). The three levels of the fair value hierarchy under Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") Accounting Standards Codification ("ASC") Topic 820 are described below:

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

Level 2 - Inputs to the valuation methodology include quoted prices for similar assets and liabilities in active markets; quoted prices for identical or similar assets and liabilities in inactive markets; inputs other than quoted market prices that are observable for the asset or liability; and inputs that are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data by correlation or other means. If the asset or liability has a specified (contractual) term, the Level 2 input must be observable for substantially the full term of the asset or liability.

Level 3 - Inputs to the valuation methodology are unobservable and significant to measurement.

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

Following is a description of the valuation methodologies used for assets measured at fair value. There have been no changes in the methodologies used at December 31, 2025 and 2024.

Lochmueller Group, Inc. Common Stock: The fair value of Company common stock is determined annually by the Trustee based on an independent annual appraisal. The appraisal utilizes a combination of the income, market, and transaction approaches and incorporates both observable and unobservable inputs, including projected cash flows, valuation multiples, discount rates, and marketability considerations. The Trustee reviews the valuation and determines the fair value of the Company common stock in accordance with the requirements of the Plan and ERISA.

NOTE 4 - FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS (CONTINUED)

The following table sets forth by level, within the fair value hierarchy, of the Plan's investments at fair value as of December 31, 2025 and 2024:

Investments at Fair Value as of December 31, 2025

	Level 3	Total
Common stock	$ 54,320,000	$ 54,320,000
Total investments at fair value	$ 54,320,000	$ 54,320,000

Investments at Fair Value as of December 31, 2024

	Level 3	Total
Common stock	$ 45,670,000	$ 45,670,000
Total investments at fair value	$ 45,670,000	$ 45,670,000

The appraiser utilized three valuation techniques to determine the fair market value per share.

The appraiser weighted the valuation techniques as follows:

Discounted Cash Flow Method: Warrants strong consideration.

Guideline Public Company Method: Warrants moderate consideration.

Guideline Transaction Method: Warrants moderate consideration.

The following table provides further details of this Level 3 fair value measurement:

December 31, 2025	Valuation Techniques	Unobservable Input	Rate
Company common stock	Discounted Cash Flow Method	Weighted-average cost of capital	17.10%
		Long-term revenue growth rate	4.00%
		Company specific risk premium	7.00%
		Discount for lack of marketability	5.00%
	Guideline Public Company Method	Implied Valuation Multiples	Selected Multiple
		LTM EBIT	8.25 x
		5-Yr. Wtd. Avg. EBIT	9.25 x
		2026 EBIT	6.75 x
		2027 EBIT	5.25 x
		LTM EBITDA	6.50 x
		5-Yr. Wtd. Avg. EBITDA	7.50 x
		2026 EBITDA	5.50 x
		2027 EBITDA	4.50 x
		LTM Revenue	0.60 x
		5-Yr. Wtd. Avg. Revenue	0.70 x
		2026 Revenue	0.55 x
		2027 Revenue	0.50 x
	Guideline Transaction Method	Valuation Assumptions	Selected Multiple
		Enterprise Value / Revenue	0.60 to 0.65
		Enterprise Value / EBITDA	6.80 to 7.65
		Enterprise Value / EBIT	7.85 to 8.65

NOTE 4 - FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS (CONTINUED)

The following is a summary of changes in the fair value of the Plan's Level 3 investment assets during the years ended December 31, 2025 and 2024:

	Company Common Stock
Beginning balance, January 1, 2024	$ 37,450,000
Total gains or losses included in changes in net assets available for benefits	8,220,000
Ending balance, December 31, 2024	45,670,000
Total gains or losses included in changes in net assets available for benefits	8,650,000
Balance at December 31, 2025	$ 54,320,000
Total gains for the year included in changes in net assets available for benefits attributable to the change in unrealized gains relating to investments held at the end of the reporting period	$ 8,650,000

Gains and losses included in changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2025, are reported in net unrealized appreciation in fair value of investments.

The Plan's policy is to recognize transfers into and out of Level 3 as of the date of the event or change in circumstances that caused the transfer. For the year ended December 31, 2025, there were no significant transfers into or out of Level 3.

NOTE 5 - PARTY-IN-INTEREST TRANSACTIONS

Certain Plan investments and transactions qualify as party-in-interest transactions under ERISA. As of December 31, 2025 and 2024, the Plan's investments consisted entirely of common stock of Lochmueller Group, Inc., the Plan sponsor. Accordingly, transactions involving the Company's common stock qualify as exempt party-in-interest transactions under ERISA. The fair value of Company common stock held by the Plan was $54,320,000 and $45,670,000 as of December 31, 2025 and 2024, respectively.

The Plan holds a loan payable to the Company that was incurred to finance the acquisition of Company stock. The outstanding balance of the loan was $4,721,160 and $5,040,912 as of December 31, 2025 and 2024, respectively. Principal and interest payments made on the loan are exempt party-in-interest transactions under ERISA.

NOTE 5 - PARTY-IN-INTEREST TRANSACTIONS (CONTINUED)

During 2025, the Company contributed $478,232 to the Plan to fund loan obligations and Plan operations. Employer contributions to the Plan also constitute party-in-interest transactions.

Under the terms of the Plan, the trust repurchased Company stock distributed to certain participants. During 2025, the trust repurchased shares from participants totaling $64,719. These transactions qualify as exempt party-in-interest transactions under ERISA.

Certain administrative expenses of the Plan are paid directly by the Company. Such payments represent exempt party-in-interest transactions.

NOTE 6 - PLAN TERMINATION

Although it has not expressed any intent to do so, the Company has the right under the Plan to discontinue its contributions at any time and to terminate the Plan subject to the provisions of ERISA. In the event of plan termination or complete discontinuance of contributions, participants would become fully vested in their account balances. Plan assets would be administered and distributed in accordance with the terms of the Plan and applicable provisions of ERISA.

NOTE 7 - TAX STATUS

The Internal Revenue Service (“IRS”) has determined and informed the Company by letter dated June 8, 2020, that the Plan and the related trust are designed in accordance with the applicable sections of the IRC. Although the Plan has been amended since receiving the determination letter, the Plan administrator believes that the Plan is designed and is currently being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC and therefore, believes that the Plan is qualified and the related trust is tax-exempt.

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require Plan management to evaluate tax positions taken by the Plan and recognize a tax liability (or asset) if the Plan has taken an uncertain tax position that more likely than not would not be sustained upon examination by the IRS. The Plan is subject to routine audits by taxing jurisdictions; however, there are currently no audits for any tax periods in progress.

NOTE 8 – RISKS, UNCERTAINTIES AND CONCENTRATIONS

The Plan invests primarily in Lochmueller Group, Inc. common stock. Investment securities are exposed to various risks, such as interest rate, market, and credit risk. Market risks include global events which could impact the value of investments, such as a pandemic or international conflict. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in the value of investment securities will occur in the near term and that such changes could materially affect participants’ account balances and the amounts reported in the statements of net assets available for benefits.

As of December 31, 2025 and 2024, approximately 100% of the Plan’s investments were invested in Lochmueller Group, Inc. common stock. Because the Plan’s investments are concentrated in a single investment, participant account balances are materially affected by the operating results and financial condition of Lochmueller Group, Inc. and changes in the fair value of its common stock.

NOTE 9 - SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

The Plan has evaluated subsequent events through October 90, 2026, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued and noted the following item for disclosure:

Effective January 1, 2026, a holding company reorganization was completed whereby Cardia Holdings, Inc. became the parent company of Lochmueller Group, Inc. In connection with the transaction, the ESOP Trust exchanged its shares of Lochmueller Group, Inc. for shares of Cardia Holdings, Inc. As a result, the Plan's investment changed from shares of Lochmueller Group, Inc. to shares of Cardia Holdings, Inc. The transaction was structured as an F reorganization for federal income tax purposes and did not result in a change in the Plan's proportionate ownership interest or the ultimate beneficial ownership of the business. The Plan was amended to reflect the change in Plan sponsor.

SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULE

LOCHMUELLER GROUP, INC. EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN
PLAN NUMBER 002, EIN 35-1455938
FORM 5500, SCHEDULE H, PART IV, LINE 4i
SCHEDULE OF ASSETS (HELD AT END OF YEAR)
December 31, 2025

(a) *	(b) Identity of Issuer, Borrower, Lessor or Similar Party	(c) Description of Investment Including Maturity Date, Rate of Interest, Collateral, Par or Maturity Value	(d) Cost	(e) Current Value
*	Lochmueller Group, Inc.	Common Stock	$ 6,950,000	$ 54,320,000

* Indicates party-in-interest to the Plan.

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