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.**

OMB Nos. 1210-0110
1210-0089

2025

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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
ESSITY NORTH AMERICA INVESTMENT & RETIREMENT PLAN

1b Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 002

1c Effective date of plan 09/01/2001

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)
ESSITY NORTH AMERICA INC.

2929 ARCH STREET
CIRA CENTRE, SUITE 2600
PHILADELPHIA, PA 19104

2b Employer Identification Number (EIN)
23-3061590

2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number
610-546-4920

2d Business code (see instructions)
322100

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.	10/15/2026	GEORGIA GORDONMARTIN
	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 ☐ Same as Plan Sponsor

ESSITY BENEFITS STEERING COMMITTEE
ESSITY NORTH AMERICA INC.
2929 ARCH STREET SUITE 2600
CIRA CENTER
PHILADELPHIA, PA 19104

3b Administrator's EIN: 23-3061590

3c Administrator's telephone number: 610-546-4920

4 If the name and/or EIN of the plan sponsor or the plan name has changed since the last return/report filed for this plan, enter the plan sponsor's name, EIN, the plan name and the plan number from the last return/report:

a Sponsor's name

4b EIN

c Plan Name

4d PN

5	Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year	**5**	4946
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)**	3118
a(2)	Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year	**6a(2)**	3004
b	Retired or separated participants receiving benefits	**6b**	110
c	Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits	**6c**	1286
d	Subtotal. Add lines **6a(2)**, **6b**, and **6c**.	**6d**	4400
e	Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits.	**6e**	45
f	Total. Add lines **6d** and **6e**.	**6f**	4445
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)**	4867
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)**	4398
h	Number of participants who terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested.	**6h**	112
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:

2E 2F 2G 2J 2K 2S 2T 3F 3D

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)

- (1) ☐ Insurance
- (2) ☐ Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts
- (3) ☒ Trust
- (4) ☐ General assets of the sponsor

9b Plan benefit arrangement (check all that apply)

- (1) ☐ Insurance
- (2) ☐ Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts
- (3) ☒ Trust
- (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) ☒ **R** (Retirement Plan Information)
- (2) ☐ **MB** (Multiemployer Defined Benefit Plan and Certain Money Purchase Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary
- (3) ☐ **SB** (Single-Employer Defined Benefit Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary
- (4) ☐ **DCG** (Individual Plan Information) – Number Attached _____
- (5) ☐ **MEP** (Multiple-Employer Retirement Plan Information)

b General Schedules

- (1) ☒ **H** (Financial Information)
- (2) ☐ **I** (Financial Information – Small Plan)
- (3) ☐ **A** (Insurance Information) – Number Attached 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 C (Form 5500)	Service Provider Information	OMB No. 1210-0110
Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). ▶ **File as an attachment to Form 5500.**	**2025** **This Form is Open to Public Inspection.**

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A Name of plan
ESSITY NORTH AMERICA INVESTMENT & RETIREMENT PLAN

B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 002

C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500
ESSITY NORTH AMERICA INC.

D Employer Identification Number (EIN)
23-3061590

Part I Service Provider Information (see instructions)

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

1 Information on Persons Receiving Only Eligible Indirect Compensation

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

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

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

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

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

STRATEGIC ADVISERS LLC

04-2654524

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
27	ADVISOR	399141	Yes [ ] No [X]	Yes [ ] No [ ]		Yes [ ] No [ ]

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

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(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
37 60 64 65	RECORDKEEPER	175740	Yes [X] No [ ]	Yes [X] No [ ]	0	Yes [X] No [ ]

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

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

Part I Service Provider Information (continued)

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

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

(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	**(e)** Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.

(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	**(b)** Service Codes (see instructions)	**(c)** Enter amount of indirect compensation

(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	**(e)** Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.

Part II Service Providers Who Fail or Refuse to Provide Information

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

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

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Part III Termination Information on Accountants and Enrolled Actuaries (see instructions)

(complete as many entries as needed)

a	Name: TORRILLO AND ASSOCIATES LLC	**b** EIN:	83-0414789
c	Position: AUDITOR		
d	Address: 36 REGENCY PLAZA GLEN MILLS, PA 19342	**e** Telephone:	484-574-8782

Explanation: TORRILLO AND ASSOCIATES LLC MERGED WITH LBMC ON JANUARY 1, 2026 THEREFORE AUDITORS ARE NOW LBMC, PC

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

Explanation:

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

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Explanation:

SCHEDULE D (Form 5500)

Department of the Treasury
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DFE/Participating Plan Information

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A Name of plan
ESSITY NORTH AMERICA INVESTMENT & RETIREMENT PLAN

B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 002

C Plan or DFE sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500
ESSITY NORTH AMERICA INC.

D Employer Identification Number (EIN)
23-3061590

Part I Information on interests in MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs (to be completed by plans and DFEs)

(Complete as many entries as needed to report all interests in DFEs)

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: VANG RET SAV TR III

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): VANGUARD FIDUCIARY TRUST COMPANY

c EIN-PN	**d** Entity code	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)
38-7041024-024	C	0

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: VANGUARD TARGET 2030

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): VANGUARD FIDUCIARY TRUST COMPANY

c EIN-PN	**d** Entity code	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)
90-6083978-001	C	84389046

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: VANGUARD TARGET 2045

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): VANGUARD FIDUCIARY TRUST COMPANY

c EIN-PN	**d** Entity code	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)
90-6083972-001	C	52943961

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: VANGUARD TARGET 2050

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): VANGUARD FIDUCIARY TRUST COMPANY

c EIN-PN	**d** Entity code	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)
90-6083970-001	C	48577165

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: WINSLOW LARGE CAP C

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): SEI TRUST COMPANY

c EIN-PN	**d** Entity code	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)
84-4914573-142	C	62823785

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: VANGUARD TARGET INC

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): VANGUARD FIDUCIARY TRUST COMPANY

c EIN-PN	**d** Entity code	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)
90-6083967-001	C	13121621

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: VANGUARD TARGET 2065

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): VANGUARD FIDUCIARY TRUST COMPANY

c EIN-PN	**d** Entity code	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)
82-6194314-001	C	6367028

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: VANGUARD TARGET 2035

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): VANGUARD FIDUCIARY TRUST COMPANY

c EIN-PN 90-6083976-001	**d** Entity code C	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 75363584

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: VANGUARD TARGET 2060

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): VANGUARD FIDUCIARY TRUST COMPANY

c EIN-PN 45-3799419-001	**d** Entity code C	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 16629133

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: VANGUARD TARGET 2070

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): VANGUARD FIDUCIARY TRUST COMPANY

c EIN-PN 87-7039453-001	**d** Entity code C	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 1520115

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: VANGUARD TARGET 2025

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): VANGUARD FIDUCIARY TRUST COMPANY

c EIN-PN 90-6083980-001	**d** Entity code C	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 43643149

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PRU CORE PL BD CL 6

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): PRUDENTIAL TRUST COMPANY

c EIN-PN 23-6994310-165	**d** Entity code C	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 28399139

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: VANGUARD TARGET 2020

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): VANGUARD FIDUCIARY TRUST COMPANY

c EIN-PN 90-6083982-001	**d** Entity code C	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 19653086

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: VANGUARD TARGET 2055

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): VANGUARD FIDUCIARY TRUST COMPANY

c EIN-PN 27-6715091-001	**d** Entity code C	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 26151737

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: VANG RET SAV TR III

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): VANGUARD FIDUCIARY TRUST COMPANY

c EIN-PN 38-7041744-024	**d** Entity code C	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 40666970

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: VANGUARD TARGET 2040

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): VANGUARD FIDUCIARY TRUST COMPANY

c EIN-PN 90-6083974-001	**d** Entity code C	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 64077564

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: WINSLOW LARGE CAP C

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): SEI TRUST COMPANY

c EIN-PN 27-3441498-043	**d** Entity code C	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 0

Part II **Information on Participating Plans (to be completed by DFEs, other than DCGs)**
(Complete as many entries as needed to report all participating plans. DCGs must report each participating plan using Schedule DCG.)

a Plan name

b Name of plan sponsor | **c** EIN-PN

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SCHEDULE H (Form 5500)

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Financial Information

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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	0	0
b Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts):			
(1) Employer contributions	1b(1)	16741000	15241242
(2) Participant contributions	1b(2)	0	0
(3) Other	1b(3)	0	0
c General investments:			
(1) Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit)	1c(1)	17260012	20613793
(2) U.S. Government securities	1c(2)	0	0
(3) Corporate debt instruments (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(3)(A)	0	0
(B) All other	1c(3)(B)	0	0
(4) Corporate stocks (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(4)(A)	0	0
(B) Common	1c(4)(B)	0	0
(5) Partnership/joint venture interests	1c(5)	0	0
(6) Real estate (other than employer real property)	1c(6)	0	0
(7) Loans (other than to participants)	1c(7)	0	0
(8) Participant loans	1c(8)	8833837	10123147
(9) Value of interest in common/collective trusts	1c(9)	491749693	584327083
(10) Value of interest in pooled separate accounts	1c(10)	0	0
(11) Value of interest in master trust investment accounts	1c(11)	0	0
(12) Value of interest in 103-12 investment entities	1c(12)	0	0
(13) Value of interest in registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds)	1c(13)	378258510	367307882
(14) Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts)	1c(14)	0	0
(15) Other	1c(15)	0	0

		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
1d Employer-related investments:			
(1) Employer securities	1d(1)	0	0
(2) Employer real property	1d(2)	0	0
1e Buildings and other property used in plan operation	1e	0	0
1f Total assets (add all amounts in lines 1a through 1e)	1f	912843052	997613147
Liabilities			
1g Benefit claims payable	1g	0	0
1h Operating payables	1h	0	0
1i Acquisition indebtedness	1i	0	0
1j Other liabilities	1j	0	0
1k Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through1j)	1k	0	0
Net Assets			
1l Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f)	1l	912843052	997613147

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)	25552200	
(B) Participants	2a(1)(B)	28964325	
(C) Others (including rollovers)	2a(1)(C)	5254097	
(2) Noncash contributions	2a(2)	0	
(3) Total contributions. Add lines **2a(1)(A), (B), (C),** and line **2a(2)**	2a(3)		59770622
b Earnings on investments:			
(1) Interest:			
(A) Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit)	2b(1)(A)	763202	
(B) U.S. Government securities	2b(1)(B)	0	
(C) Corporate debt instruments	2b(1)(C)	0	
(D) Loans (other than to participants)	2b(1)(D)	0	
(E) Participant loans	2b(1)(E)	799144	
(F) Other	2b(1)(F)	0	
(G) Total interest. Add lines **2b(1)(A)** through **(F)**	2b(1)(G)		1562346
(2) Dividends: **(A)** Preferred stock	2b(2)(A)	0	
(B) Common stock	2b(2)(B)	0	
(C) Registered investment company shares (e.g. mutual funds)	2b(2)(C)	14544934	
(D) Total dividends. Add lines **2b(2)(A)**, **(B)**, and **(C)**	2b(2)(D)		14544934
(3) Rents	2b(3)		0
(4) Net gain (loss) on sale of assets: **(A)** Aggregate proceeds	2b(4)(A)	0	
(B) Aggregate carrying amount (see instructions)	2b(4)(B)	0	
(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)	0	
(B) Other	2b(5)(B)	0	
(C) Total unrealized appreciation of assets. Add lines **2b(5)(A)** and **(B)**	2b(5)(C)		0

		(a) Amount	(b) Total
(6) Net investment gain (loss) from common/collective trusts	2b(6)		79382317
(7) Net investment gain (loss) from pooled separate accounts	2b(7)		0
(8) Net investment gain (loss) from master trust investment accounts	2b(8)		0
(9) Net investment gain (loss) from 103-12 investment entities	2b(9)		0
(10) Net investment gain (loss) from registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds)	2b(10)		46926668
c Other income	2c		0
d Total income. Add all **income** amounts in column (b) and enter total	2d		202186887
Expenses			
e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers	2e(1)	116724903	
(2) To insurance carriers for the provision of benefits	2e(2)	0	
(3) Other	2e(3)	0	
(4) Total benefit payments. Add lines **2e(1)** through **(3)**	2e(4)		116724903
f Corrective distributions (see instructions)	2f		0
g Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions)	2g		117008
h Interest expense	2h		0
i Administrative expenses:			
(1) Salaries and allowances	2i(1)	0	
(2) Contract administrator fees	2i(2)	0	
(3) Recordkeeping fees	2i(3)	175740	
(4) IQPA audit fees	2i(4)	0	
(5) Investment advisory and investment management fees	2i(5)	399141	
(6) Bank or trust company trustee/custodial fees	2i(6)	0	
(7) Actuarial fees	2i(7)	0	
(8) Legal fees	2i(8)	0	
(9) Valuation/appraisal fees	2i(9)	0	
(10) Other trustee fees and expenses	2i(10)	0	
(11) Other expenses	2i(11)	0	
(12) Total administrative expenses. Add lines **2i(1)** through **(11)**	2i(12)		574881
j Total expenses. Add all **expense** amounts in column (b) and enter total	2j		117416792
Net Income and Reconciliation			
k Net income (loss). Subtract line **2j** from line **2d**	2k		84770095
l Transfers of assets:			
(1) To this plan	2l(1)		0
(2) From this plan	2l(2)		0

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) [X] 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: LBMC PC **(2)** EIN: 62-1199757

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**		X	

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)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Department of Labor
Employee Benefits Security Administration

Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

Retirement Plan Information

This schedule is required to be filed under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code).

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

OMB No. 1210-0110

2025

This Form is Open to Public Inspection.

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

A Name of plan
ESSITY NORTH AMERICA INVESTMENT & RETIREMENT PLAN

B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 002

C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500
ESSITY NORTH AMERICA INC.

D Employer Identification Number (EIN)
23-3061590

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** |

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): 04-6568107

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

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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(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): _____

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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:

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 06 / 30 / 2020 (MM/DD/YYYY) and the Opinion Letter serial number Q702438A .

ESSITY NORTH AMERICA INVESTMENT & RETIREMENT PLAN

Financial Statements
As of and for the Years Ended
December 31, 2025 and 2024
And
Supplemental Schedule
As of December 31, 2025



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- The supplemental schedule included is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements but is required by the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended ("ERISA"). Other schedules required by Section 2520.103-10 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA have been omitted because they are not applicable.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Participants and Plan Administrator of the Essity North America Investment & Retirement Plan

Scope and Nature of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) Audit for the 2025 Financial Statements

We have performed an audit of the accompanying financial statements of the Essity North America Investment & Retirement Plan, an employee benefit plan subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 ("ERISA"), as permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) ("ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit"). The financial statements comprise the statement of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2025, and the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements ("2025 Financial Statements").

Plan management, having determined it is permissible in the circumstances, has elected to have the audit of the 2025 Financial Statements performed in accordance with ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. As permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C), our audit need not extend to any statements or information related to assets held for investment of the Plan ("investment information") by a bank or similar institution or insurance carrier that is regulated, supervised, and subject to periodic examination by a state or federal agency, provided that the statements or information regarding assets so held are prepared and certified to by the bank or similar institution or insurance carrier in accordance with 29 CFR 2520.103-5 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA ("qualified institution").

Plan management has obtained a certification from a qualified institution as of and for the year ended December 31, 2025, stating that the certified investment information, as described in Note 3 to the financial statements, is complete and accurate.

Opinion on the 2025 Financial Statements

In our opinion, based on our audit and on the procedures performed as described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the 2025 Financial Statements* section:

- the amounts and disclosures in the 2025 Financial Statements referred to above, other than those agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.
- the information in the 2025 Financial Statements referred to above related to assets held by and certified to by a qualified institution agrees to, or is derived from, in all material respects, the information prepared and certified by an institution that Plan management determined meets the requirements of ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C).

Basis for Opinion on the 2025 Financial Statements

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America ("GAAS"). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the 2025 Financial Statements* section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Essity North America Investment & Retirement 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 ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit opinion.

Responsibilities of Plan Management for the Financial Statements

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

In preparing the financial statements, Plan management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Essity North America Investment & Retirement Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for one year after the date the financial statements are available to be issued.

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

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the 2025 Financial Statements

Except as described in the *Scope and Nature of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) Audit for the 2025 Financial Statements* section of our report, our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with 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 Essity North America Investment & Retirement 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 Plan 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 Essity North America Investment & Retirement Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

Our audit did not extend to the certified investment information, except for obtaining and reading the certification, comparing the certified investment information with the related information presented and disclosed in the 2025 Financial Statements, and reading the disclosures relating to the certified investment information to assess whether they are in accordance with the presentation and disclosure requirements of accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

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

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

Other Matter – 2025 Supplemental Schedule Required by ERISA

The supplemental Schedule H, Line 4(i) – 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 Plan management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information included in the supplemental schedule, other than that agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, has been subjected to auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with GAAS. For information included in the supplemental schedule that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, we compared such information to the related certified investment information.

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

Other Matter – Auditor's Report on the 2024 Financial Statements

The financial statements of the Essity North America Investment & Retirement Plan as of and for the year ended December 31, 2024, were audited by predecessor auditors, Torrillo & Associates, LLC, which was acquired by LBMC, PC. In accordance with ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA, the prior year audit did not extend to any statements or information related to assets held for investment of the Plan that were certified by qualified institutions. Their report dated October 14, 2025, indicated that in their opinion (a) the amounts and disclosures in the 2024 financial statements, other than those agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, were presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and (b) the information in the 2024 financial statements related to assets held by and certified to by qualified institutions agrees to, or is derived from, in all material respects, the information prepared and certified by institutions that management determined meet the requirements of ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C). Their report also indicated that the form and content of the 2024 supplemental schedule, other than the information in the 2024 supplemental schedule that agrees to or is derived from the certified information, were presented, in all material respects, in conformity with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA; and the information in the 2024 supplemental schedule related to assets held by and certified to by a qualified institution agrees to, or is derived from, in all material respects, the information prepared and certified by an institution that Plan management determined meets the requirements of ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C).

LBMC, PC

Glen Mills, Pennsylvania
October 15, 2026

Essity North America Investment & Retirement Plan
Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits
As of December 31, 2025 and 2024

	2025	2024
Assets:		
Investments, at fair value	$ 972,248,758	$ 887,268,215
Receivables:		
Employer contributions	15,241,242	16,741,000
Notes receivable from participants	10,123,147	8,833,837
Total receivables	25,364,389	25,574,837
Net assets available for benefits	$ 997,613,147	$ 912,843,052

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

Essity North America Investment & Retirement Plan
Statements of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits
For the Years Ended December 31, 2025 and 2024

	2025	2024
Additions to net assets attributed to:		
Investment income:		
Interest and dividend income	$ 15,308,136	$ 17,152,152
Net appreciation in fair value of investments	126,308,985	90,579,824
Net investment income	141,617,121	107,731,976
Interest income on notes receivable from participants	799,144	643,997
Contributions:		
Participants'	28,964,325	27,527,121
Employer's	25,552,200	23,662,349
Rollovers	5,254,097	3,324,832
Total contributions	59,770,622	54,514,302
Total additions	202,186,887	162,890,275
Deductions from net assets attributed to:		
Benefits paid to participants	116,841,911	158,063,480
Administrative expenses	574,881	224,889
Total deductions	117,416,792	158,288,369
Net increase	84,770,095	4,601,906
Plan transfers	-	4,925,573
Net assets available for benefits		
Beginning of year	912,843,052	903,315,573
End of year	$ 997,613,147	$ 912,843,052

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

1. Description of Plan

The following brief description of the Essity North America Investment & Retirement Plan (the "Plan") provides only general information. Participants should refer to the Plan document for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions.

General

The Plan, which is a defined contribution plan and originally effective September 1, 2001, was most recently amended and restated effective as of October 1, 2024. The Plan sponsor is Essity North America Inc. (the "Company"). The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 ("ERISA"), as amended.

Effective October 1, 2024, the Plan changed service providers from Vanguard Fiduciary Trust Company to Fidelity Management Trust Company. This change in service providers initiated a "Black Out" period beginning September 25, 2024 and continuing through the week of October 13, 2024. During this period, participants' plan accounts were not available for investment fund exchanges and distribution requests. During the "Black Out" period, funds were transferred to the new service provider and were invested into the same investment options previously available.

During 2024, the Plan was amended to merge the assets and liabilities of the Hydrofera, LLC 401(k) Plan and the portion of the ADP TotalSource Retirement Savings Plan attributable to eligible employees and eligible former employees of Legacy Converting, Inc. with and into the Plan. As a result, net plan assets of approximately $302,587 were transferred from the ADP TotalSource Retirement Savings Plan related to eligible employees and eligible former employees of Legacy Converting, Inc. and net plan assets of approximately $4,622,986 were transferred from the Hydrofera, LLC 401(k) Plan to the Plan. This merger activity is reflected as plan transfers in the statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2024.

Eligibility

The Plan covers employees of the Company, as defined in the Plan document. Eligibility generally begins on the date of commencement of employment. Employees covered by a collective bargaining agreement, unless the collective bargaining agreement provides for eligibility in the Plan, leased employees, nonresident aliens, and any persons in a category of employees excluded from coverage based on a resolution from the board of directors of the Company are generally excluded from participating in the Plan. Prior to October 1, 2024, temporary employees generally needed to complete a year of service to become eligible for the Plan.

Contributions

Participants may contribute 1% to 75% of compensation as tax-deferred contributions or as Roth contributions, as defined in the Plan document. Participants who have attained age 50 before the end of the Plan year are eligible to make catch-up contributions. The Plan provides for an automatic enrollment of salary deferral contributions of 3% from payroll of new eligible employees, increasing by 1% annually on the participant's employment commencement date anniversary up to a maximum of 10%, unless otherwise elected by the participant. The Company designates the age-appropriate target fund as the default investment for participants who do not make an affirmative election of an investment fund.

The Plan provides for safe harbor employer matching contributions which equal 100% of the first 3% of eligible compensation that a participant contributed to the Plan plus 50% of the next 2% of eligible compensation a participant contributed to the Plan, subject to certain limitations.

The Plan also provides, for eligible participants, a nonelective employer contribution amount to the Plan of up to 5.5% of compensation, as defined in the Plan document, up to the Social Security Wage Base plus an additional amount of up to 5.5% of defined compensation that exceeds the Social Security Wage Base.

Participants may also contribute amounts representing distributions from other qualified defined benefit or defined contribution plans.

Participant Accounts
Each participant's account is credited with the participant's contributions and safe harbor employer matching contributions, as well as allocations of nonelective employer contributions and Plan earnings. Participant accounts are charged with an allocation of administrative expenses that are paid by the Plan. Allocations are based on participant earnings, account balances or specific participant transactions, as defined in the Plan document. The benefits to which a participant is entitled are the benefits that can be provided from the participant's vested account. All investments are participant-directed.

Vesting
A participant, at all times, has a fully vested (100%) interest in their contribution accounts, safe harbor employer matching contribution accounts, rollover accounts, and actual earnings thereon.

A participant is 100% vested after 3 years of credited service in their nonelective employer contribution account.

Notwithstanding the above vesting for the nonelective employer contribution accounts, a participant will become 100% vested in these accounts upon their attainment of normal retirement age while an employee, death while an employee, or becoming disabled while an employee.

Forfeited Accounts
If a former participant is re-employed by the Company within five years of the termination date, previously forfeited amounts are first used to reinstate the participant's account, then are used to reduce future Company contributions, and lastly to reduce administrative expenses. Total unallocated forfeitures were $2,671,699 and $1,529,753 as of December 31, 2025 and 2024, respectively. Forfeitures used to offset employer contributions totaled $1,389,439 and $4,399,455 for the years ended December 31, 2025 and 2024, respectively.

Notes Receivable from Participants
Active Plan participants may request loans for a minimum of $1,000 up to a maximum equal to the lesser of $50,000 or 50 percent of the participant's vested account balance. Participants are permitted to only have one loan, except as otherwise permitted by the Plan document. Loan terms range from one to five years, or up to twenty years for the purchase of a primary residence. The loans are secured by the balance in the participant's account and bear interest at rates commensurate with local prevailing rates as determined by the Plan administrator. As of December 31, 2025, the interest rates ranged from 3.50% to 10.50%. Loan application and processing fees are charged directly to the participant's account balance. Principal and interest are paid ratably through payroll deductions.

Payment of Benefits
In the event of a participant's death, retirement, disability or termination of employment for other reasons, the participant or his beneficiary may elect to receive the entire account balance in a lump sum or as periodic distributions. Account balances which do not exceed $7,000 ($5,000 prior to modification allowed by the SECURE 2.0 Act of 2022) will automatically be paid in a lump sum as soon as administratively feasible.

A participant may also withdraw all or a portion of his entire account balance upon attainment of age 59½ or in the case of financial hardship, as defined.

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The following are the significant accounting policies followed by the Plan:

Basis of Accounting
The financial statements of the Plan are prepared on the accrual basis of accounting.

Use of Estimates
The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("U.S. GAAP") requires the Plan administrator to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, changes therein, and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements. 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 benefits steering committee of the Plan sponsor determines the Plan's valuation policies utilizing information provided by trustees, custodians and investment advisors. See Note 4 for discussion of fair value measurements.

Purchases and sales of investments are recorded on a trade-date basis. Interest income is accrued when earned. Dividend income is recorded on the ex-dividend date. Net appreciation (depreciation) in fair value of investments includes the Plan's gains and losses on investments bought and sold, as well as held during the year.

Notes Receivable from Participants
Notes receivable from participants (participant loans for Form 5500 reporting purposes) are measured at their unpaid principal balance plus any accrued but unpaid interest. Delinquent participant loans are reclassified as distributions based upon the terms of the Plan document.

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

Contributions
Contributions from Plan participants and safe harbor employer matching contributions from the Plan sponsor are recorded in the year in which the employee contributions are withheld from compensation. Nonelective employer contributions are recorded in the year in which the related participant compensation is earned.

Payment of Benefits
Benefits are recorded when paid.

Administrative Expenses
Certain expenses of maintaining the Plan are paid directly by the Company and are excluded from these financial statements. Investment management fees, fees related to the administration of notes receivable and other participant specific fees are charged directly to the participant's account and are included in administrative expenses. Certain investment related expenses are included in the net appreciation or depreciation in fair value of investments.

3. Information Certified by Qualified Institutions

The Plan administrator, having determined that it is permissible in the circumstances, elected to have the audits of the Plan performed in accordance with ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Accordingly, as permitted under such election, the following information included in the accompanying financial statements and ERISA-required supplemental schedule of assets (held at end of year) was obtained or derived from information obtained by the Plan administrator and certified as complete and accurate by Fidelity Management Trust Company and Vanguard Fiduciary Trust Company, qualified institutions, in accordance with 29 CFR 2520.103-5 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.

Certified by Fidelity Management Trust Company:

- Investments, at fair value, and notes receivable from participants, as shown in the statements of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2025 and 2024.
- Investment activity, including interest and dividend income, net appreciation in fair value of investments, and interest income on notes receivable from participants, as shown in the statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2025.
- Investment activity, including interest and dividend income, net appreciation (depreciation) in fair value of investments, and interest income on notes receivable from participants, as shown in the statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2024, as follows:

Net depreciation in fair value of investments	$ (15,667,664)
Interest and dividend income	10,861,750
Interest income on notes receivable from participants	175,443

- The information for all mutual funds, common collective trusts and participant loans listed in the schedule of assets (held at end of year) as of December 31, 2025, as shown in the ERISA-required supplemental schedule.

Certified by Vanguard Fiduciary Trust Company:

- Investment activity, including interest and dividend income, net appreciation in fair value of investments, and interest income on notes receivable from participants, as shown in the statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2024, as follows:

Net appreciation in fair value of investments	$ 106,247,488
Interest and dividend income	6,290,402
Interest income on notes receivable from participants	468,554

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 measurement) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (level 3 measurements). The three levels of the fair value hierarchy are described as follows:

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

Level 2: Inputs to the valuation methodology include:

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

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

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

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

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

Mutual funds: Valued at the daily closing price as reported by the fund. Mutual funds held by the Plan are open-end mutual funds that are registered with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission. These funds are required to publish their daily net asset value ("NAV") and to transact at that price. The mutual funds held by the Plan are deemed to be actively traded.

Common collective trusts: Valued at the NAV of units of the common collective trusts held at year-end. The NAV, as provided by the common collective trusts, is used as a practical expedient to estimate fair value. The NAV is based on the fair value of the underlying investments held by the fund less its liabilities. This practical expedient is not used when it is determined to be probable that the Plan will sell the investment for an amount different than the reported NAV.

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 fair value of certain financial instruments could result in a different fair value measurement at the reporting date.

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

	Total	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Investments, at fair value:				
Mutual funds	$ 387,921,675	$ 387,921,675	$ -	$ -
Common collective trusts (*)	584,327,083	-	-	-
Total	$ 972,248,758	$ 387,921,675	$ -	$ -

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

	Total	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Investments, at fair value:				
Mutual funds	$ 395,518,522	$ 395,518,522	$ -	$ -
Common collective trusts (*)	491,749,693	-	-	-
Total	$ 887,268,215	$ 395,518,522	$ -	$ -

*In accordance with fair value measurement guidance, certain investments that are measured at fair value using the NAV per share (or its equivalent) practical expedient have not been classified in the fair value hierarchy. The fair value amounts presented in this table are intended to permit reconciliation of the fair value hierarchy to the amounts presented as investments in the statements of net assets available for benefits.

The following table sets forth additional disclosures for the fair value measurement of investments in certain entities that calculate NAV per share (or its equivalent) as of December 31, 2025 and 2024.

Investment Type	Fair Value December 31, 2025	Fair Value December 31, 2024	Unfunded Commitments	Redemption Frequency	Redemption Notice Period
Common collective trusts	$ 584,327,083	$ 491,749,693	$ -	Daily	Daily

Participant transactions (purchases and sales) in common collective trusts may occur daily. Were the Plan to initiate a full redemption of the common collective trusts, the common collective trusts reserve the right to temporarily delay withdrawal from the trust in order to ensure that securities liquidations will be carried out in an orderly business manner.

The Plan's investment options include common collective trusts whose investment strategies are similar to target date funds, equity style funds and fixed income funds. The objective of common collective trusts with target date strategies is to provide an age-based investment mix of stocks, bonds and short-term investments. The objectives of the common collective trusts invested in equity investments are to approximate the risk and return characterized by various indices; to seek long term capital appreciation; to provide diversified exposure representative of various segments of the U.S. or foreign equity market; and/or to seek income. The objective of the common collective trusts invested in fixed income is to provide investment results that approximate the overall performance of certain bond indices and/or to provide a predictable rate of return while preserving the safety of capital and minimizing market risk. These common collective trusts are redeemable at net asset value under agreements with the underlying common collective trusts. However, it is possible that these redemption rights may be restricted by the common collective trusts in the future in accordance with underlying common collective trust agreements. Due to the nature of the investments held by the common collective trusts, changes in market conditions and the economic environment may significantly impact the net asset value of the common collective trusts, and consequently, the fair value of the Plan's interest in the common collective trusts. Furthermore, changes in the liquidity provisions of the common collective trusts may significantly impact the fair value of the Plan's interest in the common collective trusts.

The Vanguard Retirement Savings Trust III invests in high-quality fixed income securities with financial backing from insurance companies and banks. Participants who invest in the Vanguard Retirement Savings Trust III agree to limitations imposed by issuers of investment contracts. These limitations include restrictions on the timing and amounts which can be transferred from the Vanguard Retirement Savings Trust III to short-term bond funds. Additionally, once money is transferred from the Vanguard Retirement Savings Trust III into stock, balanced or bond funds with an average duration of more than four years, the money must remain in the fund for at least 90 days before it can be transferred into a shorter-term bond fund. Money, however, can always be transferred back into the Vanguard Retirement Savings Trust III.

5. Tax Status

Effective October 1, 2024, through the adoption of a Fidelity pre-approved defined contribution plan, the Plan was amended and restated. The Internal Revenue Service ("IRS") issued an opinion letter, dated June 30, 2020, stating that this pre-approved plan document was designed in accordance with applicable Internal Revenue Code ("IRC") requirements as of that date. Prior to the October 1, 2024 amendment and restatement, the IRS had determined and informed the Company by a letter dated March 14, 2017, that the Plan and related trust are designed in accordance with applicable sections of the IRC. The Plan administrator and the Plan's tax counsel believe that the Plan is designed and is currently being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC and therefore believe that the Plan is qualified and the related trust is tax-exempt. Therefore, no provision for income taxes has been included in the Plan's financial statements.

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 position that more likely than not would not be sustained upon examination by the IRS. The Plan administrator has analyzed the tax positions taken by the Plan, and has concluded that as of December 31, 2025, there are no uncertain 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; however, there are currently no audits for any tax periods in progress. The Plan administrator believes it is no longer subject to income tax examinations for years prior to 2022.

6. Related-Party and Party-In-Interest Transactions

Fidelity Management Trust Company or its affiliates provide recordkeeping, trustee and custodial services to the Plan. The Plan invests in mutual funds and common collective trusts which are managed by affiliates of Vanguard Fiduciary Trust Company, the former trustee of the Plan. The Plan paid $180,782 to Vanguard Fiduciary Trust Company or its affiliates during the year ended December 31, 2024. During the years ended December 31, 2025 and 2024, the Plan paid $574,881 and $44,107, respectively, to Fidelity Management Trust Company or its affiliates. Additionally, for participants who have elected to take a participant loan, the loans are secured by the respective participant's account balance. These transactions qualify as party-in-interest transactions. Such transactions are not, however, considered prohibited transactions under ERISA regulations.

7. Plan Termination

Although it has not expressed any intent to do so, the Company has the right under the Plan to discontinue its contributions at any time and to terminate the Plan subject to the provisions of ERISA. In the event of Plan termination, participants will become 100% vested in their accounts.

8. Plan Amendments

During 2024, the Plan was amended to reflect the merger of the Hydrofera, LLC 401(k) Plan and the portion of the ADP TotalSource Retirement Savings Plan attributable to eligible employees and eligible former employees of Legacy Converting, Inc. with and into the Plan.

Effective October 1, 2024, the Plan was amended and restated by adopting a defined contribution pre-approved plan designed by Fidelity Management Trust Company.

9. Subsequent Events

The Plan has evaluated subsequent events through October 15, 2026, the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULE

Essity North America Investment & Retirement Plan
Schedule H, Line 4(i) – Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year)
As of December 31, 2025 **EIN: 23-3061590 Plan #002**

(a)	(b) Identity of issue, borrower, lessor or similar party	(c) Description of investment including maturity date, rate of interest, collateral, par or maturity value	(e) Current value
	Mutual Funds:		
	DFA World	U.S. Core Equity Fund	$ 31,190,780
	Victory	Integrity Small-Cap Value Fund	9,423,702
*	Vanguard	Explorer Fund	16,312,800
*	Vanguard	Extended Market Index Fund	29,166,871
*	Vanguard	Institutional Index Fund	170,411,877
*	Vanguard	Federal Money Market Fund	20,613,793
*	Vanguard	Total Bond Market Index Fund	23,510,680
*	Vanguard	Total International Stock Index Fund	34,363,548
*	Vanguard	Windsor II Fund	52,927,624
	Common Collective Trusts:		
	Prudential	Core Plus Bond Fund	28,399,139
*	Vanguard	Target Retirement 2020 Trust III	19,653,086
*	Vanguard	Target Retirement 2025 Trust III	43,643,149
*	Vanguard	Target Retirement 2030 Trust III	84,389,046
*	Vanguard	Target Retirement 2035 Trust III	75,363,584
*	Vanguard	Target Retirement 2040 Trust III	64,077,564
*	Vanguard	Target Retirement 2045 Trust III	52,943,961
*	Vanguard	Target Retirement 2050 Trust III	48,577,165
*	Vanguard	Target Retirement 2055 Trust III	26,151,737
*	Vanguard	Target Retirement 2060 Trust III	16,629,133
*	Vanguard	Target Retirement 2065 Trust III	6,367,028
*	Vanguard	Target Retirement 2070 Trust III	1,520,115
*	Vanguard	Target Retirement Income Trust II	13,121,621
	Nuveen/SEI	Winslow Large Cap Growth Fund	62,823,785
*	Vanguard	Retirement Savings Trust III	40,666,970
*	Participant Loans	Interest rates of 3.50% - 10.50% with maturities through 2045	10,123,147
			$ 982,371,905

*: Party-in-interest
"Cost" is not required as all the investments are participant-directed. The cost value of participant loans is $0.

The information in this schedule has been derived from information certified as to its completeness and accuracy by Fidelity Management Trust Company, a qualified institution.

ESSITY NORTH AMERICA INVESTMENT & RETIREMENT PLAN

Financial Statements
As of and for the Years Ended
December 31, 2025 and 2024
And
Supplemental Schedule
As of December 31, 2025



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- The supplemental schedule included is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements but is required by the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended ("ERISA"). Other schedules required by Section 2520.103-10 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA have been omitted because they are not applicable.

LBMC

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Participants and Plan Administrator of the Essity North America Investment & Retirement Plan

Scope and Nature of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) Audit for the 2025 Financial Statements

We have performed an audit of the accompanying financial statements of the Essity North America Investment & Retirement Plan, an employee benefit plan subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 ("ERISA"), as permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) ("ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit"). The financial statements comprise the statement of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2025, and the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements ("2025 Financial Statements").

Plan management, having determined it is permissible in the circumstances, has elected to have the audit of the 2025 Financial Statements performed in accordance with ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. As permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C), our audit need not extend to any statements or information related to assets held for investment of the Plan ("investment information") by a bank or similar institution or insurance carrier that is regulated, supervised, and subject to periodic examination by a state or federal agency, provided that the statements or information regarding assets so held are prepared and certified to by the bank or similar institution or insurance carrier in accordance with 29 CFR 2520.103-5 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA ("qualified institution").

Plan management has obtained a certification from a qualified institution as of and for the year ended December 31, 2025, stating that the certified investment information, as described in Note 3 to the financial statements, is complete and accurate.

Opinion on the 2025 Financial Statements

In our opinion, based on our audit and on the procedures performed as described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the 2025 Financial Statements* section:

- the amounts and disclosures in the 2025 Financial Statements referred to above, other than those agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.
- the information in the 2025 Financial Statements referred to above related to assets held by and certified to by a qualified institution agrees to, or is derived from, in all material respects, the information prepared and certified by an institution that Plan management determined meets the requirements of ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C).

Basis for Opinion on the 2025 Financial Statements

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America ("GAAS"). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the 2025 Financial Statements* section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Essity North America Investment & Retirement 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 ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit opinion.

Responsibilities of Plan Management for the Financial Statements

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

In preparing the financial statements, Plan management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Essity North America Investment & Retirement Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for one year after the date the financial statements are available to be issued.

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

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the 2025 Financial Statements

Except as described in the *Scope and Nature of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) Audit for the 2025 Financial Statements* section of our report, our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with 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 Essity North America Investment & Retirement 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 Plan 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 Essity North America Investment & Retirement Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

Our audit did not extend to the certified investment information, except for obtaining and reading the certification, comparing the certified investment information with the related information presented and disclosed in the 2025 Financial Statements, and reading the disclosures relating to the certified investment information to assess whether they are in accordance with the presentation and disclosure requirements of accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

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

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

Other Matter – 2025 Supplemental Schedule Required by ERISA

The supplemental Schedule H, Line 4(i) – 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 Plan management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information included in the supplemental schedule, other than that agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, has been subjected to auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with GAAS. For information included in the supplemental schedule that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, we compared such information to the related certified investment information.

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

Other Matter – Auditor's Report on the 2024 Financial Statements

The financial statements of the Essity North America Investment & Retirement Plan as of and for the year ended December 31, 2024, were audited by predecessor auditors, Torrillo & Associates, LLC, which was acquired by LBMC, PC. In accordance with ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA, the prior year audit did not extend to any statements or information related to assets held for investment of the Plan that were certified by qualified institutions. Their report dated October 14, 2025, indicated that in their opinion (a) the amounts and disclosures in the 2024 financial statements, other than those agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, were presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and (b) the information in the 2024 financial statements related to assets held by and certified to by qualified institutions agrees to, or is derived from, in all material respects, the information prepared and certified by institutions that management determined meet the requirements of ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C). Their report also indicated that the form and content of the 2024 supplemental schedule, other than the information in the 2024 supplemental schedule that agrees to or is derived from the certified information, were presented, in all material respects, in conformity with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA; and the information in the 2024 supplemental schedule related to assets held by and certified to by a qualified institution agrees to, or is derived from, in all material respects, the information prepared and certified by an institution that Plan management determined meets the requirements of ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C).

LBMC, PC

Glen Mills, Pennsylvania
October 15, 2026

Essity North America Investment & Retirement Plan
Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits
As of December 31, 2025 and 2024

	2025	2024
Assets:		
Investments, at fair value	$ 972,248,758	$ 887,268,215
Receivables:		
Employer contributions	15,241,242	16,741,000
Notes receivable from participants	10,123,147	8,833,837
Total receivables	25,364,389	25,574,837
Net assets available for benefits	$ 997,613,147	$ 912,843,052

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

Essity North America Investment & Retirement Plan
Statements of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits
For the Years Ended December 31, 2025 and 2024

	2025	2024
Additions to net assets attributed to:		
Investment income:		
Interest and dividend income	$ 15,308,136	$ 17,152,152
Net appreciation in fair value of investments	126,308,985	90,579,824
Net investment income	141,617,121	107,731,976
Interest income on notes receivable from participants	799,144	643,997
Contributions:		
Participants'	28,964,325	27,527,121
Employer's	25,552,200	23,662,349
Rollovers	5,254,097	3,324,832
Total contributions	59,770,622	54,514,302
Total additions	202,186,887	162,890,275
Deductions from net assets attributed to:		
Benefits paid to participants	116,841,911	158,063,480
Administrative expenses	574,881	224,889
Total deductions	117,416,792	158,288,369
Net increase	84,770,095	4,601,906
Plan transfers	-	4,925,573
Net assets available for benefits		
Beginning of year	912,843,052	903,315,573
End of year	$ 997,613,147	$ 912,843,052

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

1. Description of Plan

The following brief description of the Essity North America Investment & Retirement Plan (the "Plan") provides only general information. Participants should refer to the Plan document for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions.

General

The Plan, which is a defined contribution plan and originally effective September 1, 2001, was most recently amended and restated effective as of October 1, 2024. The Plan sponsor is Essity North America Inc. (the "Company"). The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 ("ERISA"), as amended.

Effective October 1, 2024, the Plan changed service providers from Vanguard Fiduciary Trust Company to Fidelity Management Trust Company. This change in service providers initiated a "Black Out" period beginning September 25, 2024 and continuing through the week of October 13, 2024. During this period, participants' plan accounts were not available for investment fund exchanges and distribution requests. During the "Black Out" period, funds were transferred to the new service provider and were invested into the same investment options previously available.

During 2024, the Plan was amended to merge the assets and liabilities of the Hydrofera, LLC 401(k) Plan and the portion of the ADP TotalSource Retirement Savings Plan attributable to eligible employees and eligible former employees of Legacy Converting, Inc. with and into the Plan. As a result, net plan assets of approximately $302,587 were transferred from the ADP TotalSource Retirement Savings Plan related to eligible employees and eligible former employees of Legacy Converting, Inc. and net plan assets of approximately $4,622,986 were transferred from the Hydrofera, LLC 401(k) Plan to the Plan. This merger activity is reflected as plan transfers in the statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2024.

Eligibility

The Plan covers employees of the Company, as defined in the Plan document. Eligibility generally begins on the date of commencement of employment. Employees covered by a collective bargaining agreement, unless the collective bargaining agreement provides for eligibility in the Plan, leased employees, nonresident aliens, and any persons in a category of employees excluded from coverage based on a resolution from the board of directors of the Company are generally excluded from participating in the Plan. Prior to October 1, 2024, temporary employees generally needed to complete a year of service to become eligible for the Plan.

Contributions

Participants may contribute 1% to 75% of compensation as tax-deferred contributions or as Roth contributions, as defined in the Plan document. Participants who have attained age 50 before the end of the Plan year are eligible to make catch-up contributions. The Plan provides for an automatic enrollment of salary deferral contributions of 3% from payroll of new eligible employees, increasing by 1% annually on the participant's employment commencement date anniversary up to a maximum of 10%, unless otherwise elected by the participant. The Company designates the age-appropriate target fund as the default investment for participants who do not make an affirmative election of an investment fund.

The Plan provides for safe harbor employer matching contributions which equal 100% of the first 3% of eligible compensation that a participant contributed to the Plan plus 50% of the next 2% of eligible compensation a participant contributed to the Plan, subject to certain limitations.

The Plan also provides, for eligible participants, a nonelective employer contribution amount to the Plan of up to 5.5% of compensation, as defined in the Plan document, up to the Social Security Wage Base plus an additional amount of up to 5.5% of defined compensation that exceeds the Social Security Wage Base.

Participants may also contribute amounts representing distributions from other qualified defined benefit or defined contribution plans.

Participant Accounts
Each participant's account is credited with the participant's contributions and safe harbor employer matching contributions, as well as allocations of nonelective employer contributions and Plan earnings. Participant accounts are charged with an allocation of administrative expenses that are paid by the Plan. Allocations are based on participant earnings, account balances or specific participant transactions, as defined in the Plan document. The benefits to which a participant is entitled are the benefits that can be provided from the participant's vested account. All investments are participant-directed.

Vesting
A participant, at all times, has a fully vested (100%) interest in their contribution accounts, safe harbor employer matching contribution accounts, rollover accounts, and actual earnings thereon.

A participant is 100% vested after 3 years of credited service in their nonelective employer contribution account.

Notwithstanding the above vesting for the nonelective employer contribution accounts, a participant will become 100% vested in these accounts upon their attainment of normal retirement age while an employee, death while an employee, or becoming disabled while an employee.

Forfeited Accounts
If a former participant is re-employed by the Company within five years of the termination date, previously forfeited amounts are first used to reinstate the participant's account, then are used to reduce future Company contributions, and lastly to reduce administrative expenses. Total unallocated forfeitures were $2,671,699 and $1,529,753 as of December 31, 2025 and 2024, respectively. Forfeitures used to offset employer contributions totaled $1,389,439 and $4,399,455 for the years ended December 31, 2025 and 2024, respectively.

Notes Receivable from Participants
Active Plan participants may request loans for a minimum of $1,000 up to a maximum equal to the lesser of $50,000 or 50 percent of the participant's vested account balance. Participants are permitted to only have one loan, except as otherwise permitted by the Plan document. Loan terms range from one to five years, or up to twenty years for the purchase of a primary residence. The loans are secured by the balance in the participant's account and bear interest at rates commensurate with local prevailing rates as determined by the Plan administrator. As of December 31, 2025, the interest rates ranged from 3.50% to 10.50%. Loan application and processing fees are charged directly to the participant's account balance. Principal and interest are paid ratably through payroll deductions.

Payment of Benefits
In the event of a participant's death, retirement, disability or termination of employment for other reasons, the participant or his beneficiary may elect to receive the entire account balance in a lump sum or as periodic distributions. Account balances which do not exceed $7,000 ($5,000 prior to modification allowed by the SECURE 2.0 Act of 2022) will automatically be paid in a lump sum as soon as administratively feasible.

A participant may also withdraw all or a portion of his entire account balance upon attainment of age 59½ or in the case of financial hardship, as defined.

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The following are the significant accounting policies followed by the Plan:

Basis of Accounting
The financial statements of the Plan are prepared on the accrual basis of accounting.

Use of Estimates
The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("U.S. GAAP") requires the Plan administrator to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, changes therein, and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements. 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 benefits steering committee of the Plan sponsor determines the Plan's valuation policies utilizing information provided by trustees, custodians and investment advisors. See Note 4 for discussion of fair value measurements.

Purchases and sales of investments are recorded on a trade-date basis. Interest income is accrued when earned. Dividend income is recorded on the ex-dividend date. Net appreciation (depreciation) in fair value of investments includes the Plan's gains and losses on investments bought and sold, as well as held during the year.

Notes Receivable from Participants
Notes receivable from participants (participant loans for Form 5500 reporting purposes) are measured at their unpaid principal balance plus any accrued but unpaid interest. Delinquent participant loans are reclassified as distributions based upon the terms of the Plan document.

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

Contributions
Contributions from Plan participants and safe harbor employer matching contributions from the Plan sponsor are recorded in the year in which the employee contributions are withheld from compensation. Nonelective employer contributions are recorded in the year in which the related participant compensation is earned.

Payment of Benefits
Benefits are recorded when paid.

Administrative Expenses
Certain expenses of maintaining the Plan are paid directly by the Company and are excluded from these financial statements. Investment management fees, fees related to the administration of notes receivable and other participant specific fees are charged directly to the participant's account and are included in administrative expenses. Certain investment related expenses are included in the net appreciation or depreciation in fair value of investments.

3. Information Certified by Qualified Institutions

The Plan administrator, having determined that it is permissible in the circumstances, elected to have the audits of the Plan performed in accordance with ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Accordingly, as permitted under such election, the following information included in the accompanying financial statements and ERISA-required supplemental schedule of assets (held at end of year) was obtained or derived from information obtained by the Plan administrator and certified as complete and accurate by Fidelity Management Trust Company and Vanguard Fiduciary Trust Company, qualified institutions, in accordance with 29 CFR 2520.103-5 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.

Certified by Fidelity Management Trust Company:

- Investments, at fair value, and notes receivable from participants, as shown in the statements of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2025 and 2024.
- Investment activity, including interest and dividend income, net appreciation in fair value of investments, and interest income on notes receivable from participants, as shown in the statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2025.
- Investment activity, including interest and dividend income, net appreciation (depreciation) in fair value of investments, and interest income on notes receivable from participants, as shown in the statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2024, as follows:

Net depreciation in fair value of investments	$ (15,667,664)
Interest and dividend income	10,861,750
Interest income on notes receivable from participants	175,443

- The information for all mutual funds, common collective trusts and participant loans listed in the schedule of assets (held at end of year) as of December 31, 2025, as shown in the ERISA-required supplemental schedule.

Certified by Vanguard Fiduciary Trust Company:

- Investment activity, including interest and dividend income, net appreciation in fair value of investments, and interest income on notes receivable from participants, as shown in the statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2024, as follows:

Net appreciation in fair value of investments	$ 106,247,488
Interest and dividend income	6,290,402
Interest income on notes receivable from participants	468,554

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 measurement) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (level 3 measurements). The three levels of the fair value hierarchy are described as follows:

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

Level 2: Inputs to the valuation methodology include:

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

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

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

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

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

Mutual funds: Valued at the daily closing price as reported by the fund. Mutual funds held by the Plan are open-end mutual funds that are registered with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission. These funds are required to publish their daily net asset value ("NAV") and to transact at that price. The mutual funds held by the Plan are deemed to be actively traded.

Common collective trusts: Valued at the NAV of units of the common collective trusts held at year-end. The NAV, as provided by the common collective trusts, is used as a practical expedient to estimate fair value. The NAV is based on the fair value of the underlying investments held by the fund less its liabilities. This practical expedient is not used when it is determined to be probable that the Plan will sell the investment for an amount different than the reported NAV.

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 fair value of certain financial instruments could result in a different fair value measurement at the reporting date.

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

	Total	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Investments, at fair value:				
Mutual funds	$ 387,921,675	$ 387,921,675	$ -	$ -
Common collective trusts (*)	584,327,083	-	-	-
Total	$ 972,248,758	$ 387,921,675	$ -	$ -

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

	Total	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Investments, at fair value:				
Mutual funds	$ 395,518,522	$ 395,518,522	$ -	$ -
Common collective trusts (*)	491,749,693	-	-	-
Total	$ 887,268,215	$ 395,518,522	$ -	$ -

*In accordance with fair value measurement guidance, certain investments that are measured at fair value using the NAV per share (or its equivalent) practical expedient have not been classified in the fair value hierarchy. The fair value amounts presented in this table are intended to permit reconciliation of the fair value hierarchy to the amounts presented as investments in the statements of net assets available for benefits.

The following table sets forth additional disclosures for the fair value measurement of investments in certain entities that calculate NAV per share (or its equivalent) as of December 31, 2025 and 2024.

Investment Type	Fair Value December 31, 2025	Fair Value December 31, 2024	Unfunded Commitments	Redemption Frequency	Redemption Notice Period
Common collective trusts	$ 584,327,083	$ 491,749,693	$ -	Daily	Daily

Participant transactions (purchases and sales) in common collective trusts may occur daily. Were the Plan to initiate a full redemption of the common collective trusts, the common collective trusts reserve the right to temporarily delay withdrawal from the trust in order to ensure that securities liquidations will be carried out in an orderly business manner.

The Plan's investment options include common collective trusts whose investment strategies are similar to target date funds, equity style funds and fixed income funds. The objective of common collective trusts with target date strategies is to provide an age-based investment mix of stocks, bonds and short-term investments. The objectives of the common collective trusts invested in equity investments are to approximate the risk and return characterized by various indices; to seek long term capital appreciation; to provide diversified exposure representative of various segments of the U.S. or foreign equity market; and/or to seek income. The objective of the common collective trusts invested in fixed income is to provide investment results that approximate the overall performance of certain bond indices and/or to provide a predictable rate of return while preserving the safety of capital and minimizing market risk. These common collective trusts are redeemable at net asset value under agreements with the underlying common collective trusts. However, it is possible that these redemption rights may be restricted by the common collective trusts in the future in accordance with underlying common collective trust agreements. Due to the nature of the investments held by the common collective trusts, changes in market conditions and the economic environment may significantly impact the net asset value of the common collective trusts, and consequently, the fair value of the Plan's interest in the common collective trusts. Furthermore, changes in the liquidity provisions of the common collective trusts may significantly impact the fair value of the Plan's interest in the common collective trusts.

The Vanguard Retirement Savings Trust III invests in high-quality fixed income securities with financial backing from insurance companies and banks. Participants who invest in the Vanguard Retirement Savings Trust III agree to limitations imposed by issuers of investment contracts. These limitations include restrictions on the timing and amounts which can be transferred from the Vanguard Retirement Savings Trust III to short-term bond funds. Additionally, once money is transferred from the Vanguard Retirement Savings Trust III into stock, balanced or bond funds with an average duration of more than four years, the money must remain in the fund for at least 90 days before it can be transferred into a shorter-term bond fund. Money, however, can always be transferred back into the Vanguard Retirement Savings Trust III.

5. Tax Status

Effective October 1, 2024, through the adoption of a Fidelity pre-approved defined contribution plan, the Plan was amended and restated. The Internal Revenue Service ("IRS") issued an opinion letter, dated June 30, 2020, stating that this pre-approved plan document was designed in accordance with applicable Internal Revenue Code ("IRC") requirements as of that date. Prior to the October 1, 2024 amendment and restatement, the IRS had determined and informed the Company by a letter dated March 14, 2017, that the Plan and related trust are designed in accordance with applicable sections of the IRC. The Plan administrator and the Plan's tax counsel believe that the Plan is designed and is currently being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC and therefore believe that the Plan is qualified and the related trust is tax-exempt. Therefore, no provision for income taxes has been included in the Plan's financial statements.

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 position that more likely than not would not be sustained upon examination by the IRS. The Plan administrator has analyzed the tax positions taken by the Plan, and has concluded that as of December 31, 2025, there are no uncertain 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; however, there are currently no audits for any tax periods in progress. The Plan administrator believes it is no longer subject to income tax examinations for years prior to 2022.

6. Related-Party and Party-In-Interest Transactions

Fidelity Management Trust Company or its affiliates provide recordkeeping, trustee and custodial services to the Plan. The Plan invests in mutual funds and common collective trusts which are managed by affiliates of Vanguard Fiduciary Trust Company, the former trustee of the Plan. The Plan paid $180,782 to Vanguard Fiduciary Trust Company or its affiliates during the year ended December 31, 2024. During the years ended December 31, 2025 and 2024, the Plan paid $574,881 and $44,107, respectively, to Fidelity Management Trust Company or its affiliates. Additionally, for participants who have elected to take a participant loan, the loans are secured by the respective participant's account balance. These transactions qualify as party-in-interest transactions. Such transactions are not, however, considered prohibited transactions under ERISA regulations.

7. Plan Termination

Although it has not expressed any intent to do so, the Company has the right under the Plan to discontinue its contributions at any time and to terminate the Plan subject to the provisions of ERISA. In the event of Plan termination, participants will become 100% vested in their accounts.

8. Plan Amendments

During 2024, the Plan was amended to reflect the merger of the Hydrofera, LLC 401(k) Plan and the portion of the ADP TotalSource Retirement Savings Plan attributable to eligible employees and eligible former employees of Legacy Converting, Inc. with and into the Plan.

Effective October 1, 2024, the Plan was amended and restated by adopting a defined contribution pre-approved plan designed by Fidelity Management Trust Company.

9. Subsequent Events

The Plan has evaluated subsequent events through October 15, 2026, the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULE

Essity North America Investment & Retirement Plan
Schedule H, Line 4(i) – Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year)
As of December 31, 2025 **EIN: 23-3061590 Plan #002**

(a)	(b) Identity of issue, borrower, lessor or similar party	(c) Description of investment including maturity date, rate of interest, collateral, par or maturity value	(e) Current value
	Mutual Funds:		
	DFA World	U.S. Core Equity Fund	$ 31,190,780
	Victory	Integrity Small-Cap Value Fund	9,423,702
*	Vanguard	Explorer Fund	16,312,800
*	Vanguard	Extended Market Index Fund	29,166,871
*	Vanguard	Institutional Index Fund	170,411,877
*	Vanguard	Federal Money Market Fund	20,613,793
*	Vanguard	Total Bond Market Index Fund	23,510,680
*	Vanguard	Total International Stock Index Fund	34,363,548
*	Vanguard	Windsor II Fund	52,927,624
	Common Collective Trusts:		
	Prudential	Core Plus Bond Fund	28,399,139
*	Vanguard	Target Retirement 2020 Trust III	19,653,086
*	Vanguard	Target Retirement 2025 Trust III	43,643,149
*	Vanguard	Target Retirement 2030 Trust III	84,389,046
*	Vanguard	Target Retirement 2035 Trust III	75,363,584
*	Vanguard	Target Retirement 2040 Trust III	64,077,564
*	Vanguard	Target Retirement 2045 Trust III	52,943,961
*	Vanguard	Target Retirement 2050 Trust III	48,577,165
*	Vanguard	Target Retirement 2055 Trust III	26,151,737
*	Vanguard	Target Retirement 2060 Trust III	16,629,133
*	Vanguard	Target Retirement 2065 Trust III	6,367,028
*	Vanguard	Target Retirement 2070 Trust III	1,520,115
*	Vanguard	Target Retirement Income Trust II	13,121,621
	Nuveen/SEI	Winslow Large Cap Growth Fund	62,823,785
*	Vanguard	Retirement Savings Trust III	40,666,970
*	Participant Loans	Interest rates of 3.50% - 10.50% with maturities through 2045	10,123,147
			$ 982,371,905

*: Party-in-interest
"Cost" is not required as all the investments are participant-directed. The cost value of participant loans is $0.

The information in this schedule has been derived from information certified as to its completeness and accuracy by Fidelity Management Trust Company, a qualified institution.