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## Return of Private Foundation

or Section 4947(a)(1) Trust Treated as Private Foundation

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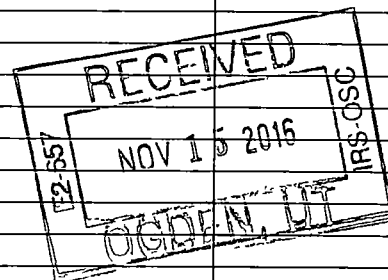
Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

For calendar year 2015 or tax year beginning

, and ending

Name of foundation <b>NICKEL PRODUCERS ENVIRONMENTAL RESEARCH ASSOCIATION, INC.</b>		A Employer identification number <b>13-3070077</b>
Number and street (or P.O. box number if mail is not delivered to street address) <b>2525 MERIDIAN PARKWAY</b>	Room/suite <b>240</b>	B Telephone number <b>919-595-1950</b>
City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code <b>DURHAM, NC 27713</b>		C If exemption application is pending, check here <input type="checkbox"/>
G Check all that apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Initial return <input type="checkbox"/> Final return <input type="checkbox"/> Address change <input type="checkbox"/> Initial return of a former public charity <input type="checkbox"/> Amended return <input type="checkbox"/> Name change		D 1. Foreign organizations, check here <input type="checkbox"/> 2. Foreign organizations meeting the 85% test, check here and attach computation <input type="checkbox"/>
H Check type of organization: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Section 501(c)(3) exempt private foundation <input type="checkbox"/> Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust <input type="checkbox"/> Other taxable private foundation		E If private foundation status was terminated under section 507(b)(1)(A), check here <input type="checkbox"/>
I Fair market value of all assets at end of year (from Part II, col. (c), line 16) <b>\$ 722,088.</b>	J Accounting method: <input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accrual <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) _____	F If the foundation is in a 60-month termination under section 507(b)(1)(B), check here <input type="checkbox"/>

Part I Analysis of Revenue and Expenses (The total of amounts in columns (b), (c), and (d) may not necessarily equal the amounts in column (a).)		(a) Revenue and expenses per books	(b) Net investment income	(c) Adjusted net income	(d) Disbursements for charitable purposes (cash basis only)
1 Contributions, gifts, grants, etc., received		3,313,375.		N/A	
2 Check <input type="checkbox"/> if the foundation is not required to attach Sch. B					
3 Interest on savings and temporary cash investments					
4 Dividends and interest from securities					
5a Gross rents					
b Net rental income or (loss)					
6a Net gain or (loss) from sale of assets not on line 10					
b Gross sales price for all assets on line 6a					
7 Capital gain net income (from Part IV, line 2)			0.		
8 Net short-term capital gain					
9 Income modifications					
10a Gross sales less returns and allowances					
b Less Cost of goods sold					
c Gross profit or (loss)					
11 Other income					
12 Total. Add lines 1 through 11		3,313,375.	0.		
13 Compensation of officers, directors, trustees, etc		787,172.	0.		0.
14 Other employee salaries and wages		1,094,565.	0.		0.
15 Pension plans, employee benefits		265,113.	0.		0.
16a Legal fees STMT 1		3,592.	0.		0.
b Accounting fees STMT 2		9,500.	0.		0.
c Other professional fees STMT 3		3,600.	0.		0.
17 Interest					
18 Taxes					
19 Depreciation and depletion		44,539.	0.		
20 Occupancy					
21 Travel, conferences, and meetings		246,210.	0.		0.
22 Printing and publications		274.	0.		0.
23 Other expenses STMT 4		199,904.	0.		0.
24 Total operating and administrative expenses. Add lines 13 through 23		2,654,469.	0.		0.
25 Contributions, gifts, grants paid		609,932.			788,439.
26 Total expenses and disbursements. Add lines 24 and 25		3,264,401.	0.		788,439.
27 Subtract line 26 from line 12:					
a Excess of revenue over expenses and disbursements		48,974.			
b Net investment income (if negative, enter -0-)			0.		
c Adjusted net income (if negative, enter -0-)				N/A	



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**Part II Balance Sheets**

Attached schedules and amounts in the description column should be for end-of-year amounts only

		Beginning of year	End of year	
		(a) Book Value	(b) Book Value	(c) Fair Market Value
<b>Assets</b>	1 Cash - non-interest-bearing		221,285.	221,285.
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments	405,137.		
	3 Accounts receivable ▶ 234,380.			
	Less: allowance for doubtful accounts ▶	38,551.	234,380.	234,380.
	4 Pledges receivable ▶			
	Less: allowance for doubtful accounts ▶			
	5 Grants receivable			
	6 Receivables due from officers, directors, trustees, and other disqualified persons			
	7 Other notes and loans receivable ▶			
	Less: allowance for doubtful accounts ▶			
	8 Inventories for sale or use			
	9 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges	10,790.	15,238.	15,238.
	10a Investments - U.S. and state government obligations			
	b Investments - corporate stock			
	c Investments - corporate bonds			
	11 Investments - land, buildings, and equipment basis ▶			
<b>Liabilities</b>	Less accumulated depreciation ▶			
	12 Investments - mortgage loans			
	13 Investments - other			
	14 Land, buildings, and equipment: basis ▶ 366,756.			
	Less accumulated depreciation STMT 5 ▶ 128,239.	43,300.	238,517.	238,517.
	15 Other assets (describe ▶ SECURITY DEPOSIT)	12,668.	12,668.	12,668.
	16 Total assets (to be completed by all filers - see the instructions. Also, see page 1, item i)	510,446.	722,088.	722,088.
	17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses	54,507.	162,416.	
	18 Grants payable	1,124,794.	980,342.	
	19 Deferred revenue			
<b>Net Assets or Fund Balances</b>	20 Loans from officers, directors, trustees, and other disqualified persons			
	21 Mortgages and other notes payable			
	22 Other liabilities (describe ▶ STATEMENT 6)	365,688.	564,899.	
	23 Total liabilities (add lines 17 through 22)	1,544,989.	1,707,657.	
	Foundations that follow SFAS 117, check here and complete lines 24 through 26 and lines 30 and 31 ▶ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
	24 Unrestricted	<1,034,543.>	<985,569.>	
	25 Temporarily restricted			
	26 Permanently restricted			
	Foundations that do not follow SFAS 117, check here and complete lines 27 through 31. ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>			
	27 Capital stock, trust principal, or current funds			
	28 Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, bldg., and equipment fund			
	29 Retained earnings, accumulated income, endowment, or other funds			
	30 Total net assets or fund balances	<1,034,543.>	<985,569.>	
	31 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances	510,446.	722,088.	

**Part III Analysis of Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances**

1 Total net assets or fund balances at beginning of year - Part II, column (a), line 30 (must agree with end-of-year figure reported on prior year's return)	1	<1,034,543.>
2 Enter amount from Part I, line 27a	2	48,974.
3 Other increases not included in line 2 (itemize) ▶	3	0.
4 Add lines 1, 2, and 3	4	<985,569.>
5 Decreases not included in line 2 (itemize) ▶	5	0.
6 Total net assets or fund balances at end of year (line 4 minus line 5) - Part II, column (b), line 30	6	<985,569.>

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**Part IV Capital Gains and Losses for Tax on Investment Income**

(a) List and describe the kind(s) of property sold (e.g., real estate, 2-story brick warehouse; or common stock, 200 shs. MLC Co.)	(b) How acquired P - Purchase D - Donation	(c) Date acquired (mo., day, yr.)	(d) Date sold (mo., day, yr.)
<b>1a</b>			
<b>b</b> NONE			
<b>c</b>			
<b>d</b>			
<b>e</b>			

(e) Gross sales price	(f) Depreciation allowed (or allowable)	(g) Cost or other basis plus expense of sale	(h) Gain or (loss) (e) plus (f) minus (g)
<b>a</b>			
<b>b</b>			
<b>c</b>			
<b>d</b>			
<b>e</b>			

Complete only for assets showing gain in column (h) and owned by the foundation on 12/31/69			(l) Gains (Col. (h) gain minus col. (k), but not less than -0-) or Losses (from col. (h))
(i) F.M.V. as of 12/31/69	(j) Adjusted basis as of 12/31/69	(k) Excess of col. (i) over col. (j), if any	
<b>a</b>			
<b>b</b>			
<b>c</b>			
<b>d</b>			
<b>e</b>			

<b>2</b> Capital gain net income or (net capital loss)	{ If gain, also enter in Part I, line 7 If (loss), enter -0- in Part I, line 7             }	<b>2</b>	
<b>3</b> Net short-term capital gain or (loss) as defined in sections 1222(5) and (6): If gain, also enter in Part I, line 8, column (c). If (loss), enter -0- in Part I, line 8		<b>3</b>	

**Part V Qualification Under Section 4940(e) for Reduced Tax on Net Investment Income**

(For optional use by domestic private foundations subject to the section 4940(a) tax on net investment income.)

If section 4940(d)(2) applies, leave this part blank.

Was the foundation liable for the section 4942 tax on the distributable amount of any year in the base period?

☐ Yes ☒ No

If "Yes," the foundation does not qualify under section 4940(e). Do not complete this part.

**1** Enter the appropriate amount in each column for each year; see the instructions before making any entries.

(a) Base period years Calendar year (or tax year beginning in)	(b) Adjusted qualifying distributions	(c) Net value of noncharitable-use assets	(d) Distribution ratio (col. (b) divided by col. (c))
2014	1,116,570.	506,733.	2.203468
2013	1,447,122.	616,751.	2.346363
2012	1,156,182.	522,828.	2.211400
2011	1,376,021.	372,730.	3.691737
2010	1,828,825.	348,442.	5.248578

<b>2</b> Total of line 1, column (d)	<b>2</b>	15.701546
<b>3</b> Average distribution ratio for the 5-year base period - divide the total on line 2 by 5, or by the number of years the foundation has been in existence if less than 5 years	<b>3</b>	3.140309
<b>4</b> Enter the net value of noncharitable-use assets for 2015 from Part X, line 5	<b>4</b>	308,513.
<b>5</b> Multiply line 4 by line 3	<b>5</b>	968,826.
<b>6</b> Enter 1% of net investment income (1% of Part I, line 27b)	<b>6</b>	0.
<b>7</b> Add lines 5 and 6	<b>7</b>	968,826.
<b>8</b> Enter qualifying distributions from Part XII, line 4	<b>8</b>	788,439.

If line 8 is equal to or greater than line 7, check the box in Part VI, line 1b, and complete that part using a 1% tax rate. See the Part VI instructions.

**Part VI Excise Tax Based on Investment Income (Section 4940(a), 4940(b), 4940(e), or 4948 - see instructions)**

1a	Exempt operating foundations described in section 4940(d)(2), check here <input type="checkbox"/> and enter "N/A" on line 1. Date of ruling or determination letter: _____ (attach copy of letter if necessary-see instructions)	1	0.
b	Domestic foundations that meet the section 4940(e) requirements in Part V, check here <input type="checkbox"/> and enter 1% of Part I, line 27b	2	0.
c	All other domestic foundations enter 2% of line 27b. Exempt foreign organizations enter 4% of Part I, line 12, col. (b).	3	0.
2	Tax under section 511 (domestic section 4947(a)(1) trusts and taxable foundations only. Others enter -0-)	4	0.
3	Add lines 1 and 2	5	0.
4	Subtitle A (income) tax (domestic section 4947(a)(1) trusts and taxable foundations only. Others enter -0-)		
5	<b>Tax based on investment income.</b> Subtract line 4 from line 3. If zero or less, enter -0-		
6	Credits/Payments:		
a	2015 estimated tax payments and 2014 overpayment credited to 2015	6a	
b	Exempt foreign organizations - tax withheld at source	6b	
c	Tax paid with application for extension of time to file (Form 8868)	6c	
d	Backup withholding erroneously withheld	6d	
7	Total credits and payments. Add lines 6a through 6d	7	0.
8	Enter any <b>penalty</b> for underpayment of estimated tax. Check here <input type="checkbox"/> if Form 2220 is attached	8	
9	<b>Tax due.</b> If the total of lines 5 and 8 is more than line 7, enter <b>amount owed</b>	9	0.
10	<b>Overpayment.</b> If line 7 is more than the total of lines 5 and 8, enter the <b>amount overpaid</b>	10	
11	Enter the amount of line 10 to be: <b>Credited to 2016 estimated tax</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Refunded</b> <input type="checkbox"/>	11	

**Part VII-A Statements Regarding Activities**

	Yes	No
1a During the tax year, did the foundation attempt to influence any national, state, or local legislation or did it participate or intervene in any political campaign?		X
1b Did it spend more than \$100 during the year (either directly or indirectly) for political purposes (see instructions for the definition)? If the answer is "Yes" to 1a or 1b, attach a detailed description of the activities and copies of any materials published or distributed by the foundation in connection with the activities.		X
1c Did the foundation file Form 1120-POL for this year?		X
d Enter the amount (if any) of tax on political expenditures (section 4955) imposed during the year: (1) On the foundation. \$ 0. (2) On foundation managers. \$ 0.		
e Enter the reimbursement (if any) paid by the foundation during the year for political expenditure tax imposed on foundation managers. \$ 0.		
2 Has the foundation engaged in any activities that have not previously been reported to the IRS? If "Yes," attach a detailed description of the activities		X
3 Has the foundation made any changes, not previously reported to the IRS, in its governing instrument, articles of incorporation, or bylaws, or other similar instruments? If "Yes," attach a conformed copy of the changes		X
4a Did the foundation have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year?		X
b If "Yes," has it filed a tax return on Form 990-T for this year?		
5 Was there a liquidation, termination, dissolution, or substantial contraction during the year? If "Yes," attach the statement required by General Instruction T		X
6 Are the requirements of section 508(e) (relating to sections 4941 through 4945) satisfied either: • By language in the governing instrument, or • By state legislation that effectively amends the governing instrument so that no mandatory directions that conflict with the state law remain in the governing instrument?	X	
7 Did the foundation have at least \$5,000 in assets at any time during the year? If "Yes," complete Part II, col (c), and Part XV	X	
8a Enter the states to which the foundation reports or with which it is registered (see instructions) <b>NY</b>		
b If the answer is "Yes" to line 7, has the foundation furnished a copy of Form 990-PF to the Attorney General (or designate) of each state as required by General Instruction G? If "No," attach explanation	X	
9 Is the foundation claiming status as a private operating foundation within the meaning of section 4942(j)(3) or 4942(j)(5) for calendar year 2015 or the taxable year beginning in 2015 (see instructions for Part XIV)? If "Yes," complete Part XIV		X
10 Did any persons become substantial contributors during the tax year? If "Yes," attach a schedule listing their names and addresses		X

N/A

11	At any time during the year, did the foundation, directly or indirectly, own a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes," attach schedule (see instructions)	11	Yes	No
12	Did the foundation make a distribution to a donor advised fund over which the foundation or a disqualified person had advisory privileges? If "Yes," attach statement (see instructions)	12		X
13	Did the foundation comply with the public inspection requirements for its annual returns and exemption application? Website address ► <u>WWW.NIPERA.ORG</u>	13	X	
14	The books are in care of ► <u>GERALD M. SCHUETZ</u> Telephone no. ► <u>919-595-1946</u> Located at ► <u>2525 MERIDIAN PARKWAY, STE 240, DURHAM, NC</u> ZIP+4 ► <u>27713</u>			
15	Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-PF in lieu of Form 1041 - Check here and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year ► 15 N/A			
16	At any time during calendar year 2015, did the foundation have an interest in or a signature or other authority over a bank, securities, or other financial account in a foreign country? See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for FinCEN Form 114. If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country ►	16	Yes	No
				X

Part VII-B

Statements Regarding Activities for Which Form 4720 May Be Required

File Form 4720 if any item is checked in the "Yes" column, unless an exception applies.

1a

During the year did the foundation (either directly or indirectly):

(1) Engage in the sale or exchange, or leasing of property with a disqualified person?

☐ Yes

☒ No

(2) Borrow money from, lend money to, or otherwise extend credit to (or accept it from) a disqualified person?

☐ Yes

☒ No

(3) Furnish goods, services, or facilities to (or accept them from) a disqualified person?

☐ Yes

☒ No

(4) Pay compensation to, or pay or reimburse the expenses of, a disqualified person?

☐ Yes

☒ No

(5) Transfer any income or assets to a disqualified person (or make any of either available for the benefit or use of a disqualified person)?

☐ Yes

☒ No

(6) Agree to pay money or property to a government official? (Exception. Check "No" if the foundation agreed to make a grant to or to employ the official for a period after termination of government service, if terminating within 90 days.)

☐ Yes

☒ No

b

If any answer is "Yes" to 1a(1)-(6), did any of the acts fail to qualify under the exceptions described in Regulations section 53.4941(d)-3 or in a current notice regarding disaster assistance (see instructions)?

Organizations relying on a current notice regarding disaster assistance check here

N/A

c

Did the foundation engage in a prior year in any of the acts described in 1a, other than excepted acts, that were not corrected before the first day of the tax year beginning in 2015?

1c

X

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Taxes on failure to distribute income (section 4942) (does not apply for years the foundation was a private operating foundation defined in section 4942(j)(3) or 4942(j)(5)):

a

At the end of tax year 2015, did the foundation have any undistributed income (lines 6d and 6e, Part XIII) for tax year(s) beginning before 2015?

☐ Yes

☒ No

If "Yes," list the years ►

b

Are there any years listed in 2a for which the foundation is not applying the provisions of section 4942(a)(2) (relating to incorrect valuation of assets) to the year's undistributed income? (If applying section 4942(a)(2) to all years listed, answer "No" and attach statement - see instructions.)

N/A

2b

c

If the provisions of section 4942(a)(2) are being applied to any of the years listed in 2a, list the years here.

►

3a

Did the foundation hold more than a 2% direct or indirect interest in any business enterprise at any time during the year?

☐ Yes

☒ No

b

If "Yes," did it have excess business holdings in 2015 as a result of (1) any purchase by the foundation or disqualified persons after May 26, 1969; (2) the lapse of the 5-year period (or longer period approved by the Commissioner under section 4943(c)(7)) to dispose of holdings acquired by gift or bequest; or (3) the lapse of the 10-, 15-, or 20-year first phase holding period? (Use Schedule C, Form 4720, to determine if the foundation had excess business holdings in 2015)

N/A

3b

4a

Did the foundation invest during the year any amount in a manner that would jeopardize its charitable purposes?

4a

X

b

Did the foundation make any investment in a prior year (but after December 31, 1969) that could jeopardize its charitable purpose that had not been removed from jeopardy before the first day of the tax year beginning in 2015?

4b

X

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**Part VII-B Statements Regarding Activities for Which Form 4720 May Be Required** (continued)

**5a** During the year did the foundation pay or incur any amount to:

- (1) Carry on propaganda, or otherwise attempt to influence legislation (section 4945(e))? ☐ Yes ☒ No
- (2) Influence the outcome of any specific public election (see section 4955); or to carry on, directly or indirectly, any voter registration drive? ☐ Yes ☒ No
- (3) Provide a grant to an individual for travel, study, or other similar purposes? ☐ Yes ☒ No
- (4) Provide a grant to an organization other than a charitable, etc., organization described in section 4945(d)(4)(A)? (see instructions) ☒ Yes ☐ No
- (5) Provide for any purpose other than religious, charitable, scientific, literary, or educational purposes, or for the prevention of cruelty to children or animals? ☐ Yes ☒ No

**b** If any answer is "Yes" to 5a(1)-(5), did any of the transactions fail to qualify under the exceptions described in Regulations section 53.4945 or in a current notice regarding disaster assistance (see instructions)?

Organizations relying on a current notice regarding disaster assistance check here ☐

**c** If the answer is "Yes" to question 5a(4), does the foundation claim exemption from the tax because it maintained expenditure responsibility for the grant?

**SEE STATEMENT 8**

☒ Yes ☐ No

If "Yes," attach the statement required by Regulations section 53.4945-5(d).

**6a** Did the foundation, during the year, receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?

☐ Yes ☒ No

**b** Did the foundation, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?

If "Yes" to 6b, file Form 8870

**7a** At any time during the tax year, was the foundation a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?

☐ Yes ☒ No

**b** If "Yes," did the foundation receive any proceeds or have any net income attributable to the transaction?

N/A

5b

X

6b

X

7b

**Part VIII Information About Officers, Directors, Trustees, Foundation Managers, Highly Paid Employees, and Contractors**

**1** List all officers, directors, trustees, foundation managers and their compensation.

(a) Name and address	(b) Title, and average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Compensation (If not paid, enter -0-)	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans and deferred compensation	(e) Expense account, other allowances
SEE STATEMENT 7		787,172.	45,088.	54,555.

**2** Compensation of five highest-paid employees (other than those included on line 1). If none, enter "NONE."

(a) Name and address of each employee paid more than \$50,000	(b) Title, and average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Compensation	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans and deferred compensation	(e) Expense account, other allowances
CHRISTIAN E SCHLEKAT - 2525 MERIDIAN PARKWAY, SUITE 240, DURHAM, NC 27713	TOXICOLOGIST 40.00	189,652.	11,600.	15,307.
MIKE TAYLOR - 2525 MERIDIAN PARKWAY, SUITE 240, DURHAM, NC 27713	TOXICOLOGIST 40.00	146,979.	8,997.	8,765.
PHIL MOORE - 2525 MERIDIAN PARKWAY, SUITE 240, DURHAM, NC 27713	IT MANAGER 40.00	114,044.	5,178.	18,764.
EMILY R GARMAN - 2525 MERIDIAN PARKWAY, SUITE 240, DURHAM, NC 27713	TOXICOLOGIST 40.00	117,263.	0.	17,494.
KATHERINE E HEIM - 2525 MERIDIAN PARKWAY, SUITE 240, DURHAM, NC 27713	TOXICOLOGIST 40.00	101,440.	6,045.	0.

Total number of other employees paid over \$50,000

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3 Five highest-paid independent contractors for professional services. If none, enter "NONE."

(a) Name and address of each person paid more than \$50,000	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation
INTERNATIONAL LEAD ZINC RESEARCH ORG 1822 EAST NC HWY 54, DURHAM, NC 27713	RESEARCH	82,396.
OCCUPATIONAL AND DERMATOLOGY RESEARCH CENTRE 1/80 DRUMMOND ST., CARLTON, VIC, AUSTRALIA	RESEARCH	76,082.
TNO-NEDERLANDSE ORGANISATIE VOOR TOEGEPAST PRINCETONLAAN 6, ULTRECHT, NETHERLANDS	RESEARCH	75,333.
CSIRO COMMWLTH SCIENTIFIC & INDSTRY RES ORG 41 BOGGO ROAD, DULTON PARK, AUSTRALIA	RESEARCH	68,901.
AVI SPL (SIGNAL PERFECTION LTD) PO BOX 62264, BALTIMORE, MD 21264	AUDIO VISUAL EQUIPMENT	55,213.
Total number of others receiving over \$50,000 for professional services		6

Part IX-A Summary of Direct Charitable Activities

List the foundation's four largest direct charitable activities during the tax year. Include relevant statistical information such as the number of organizations and other beneficiaries served, conferences convened, research papers produced, etc.	Expenses
1 02-11010: CANCER MODE OF ACTION RESEARCH. THE GOAL OF THIS PROJECT IS TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL EVIDENCE ON WHY NICKEL METAL IS NOT CARCINOGENIC TO RATS OR HUMANS.	147,388.
2	
SEE STATEMENT 9	108,583.
3	
SEE STATEMENT 10	82,410.
4	
SEE STATEMENT 11	78,662.

Part IX-B Summary of Program-Related Investments

Describe the two largest program-related investments made by the foundation during the tax year on lines 1 and 2.	Amount
1 N/A	
2	
All other program-related investments. See instructions.	
3	
Total. Add lines 1 through 3	0.

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**Part X****Minimum Investment Return** (All domestic foundations must complete this part. Foreign foundations, see instructions.)

<b>1</b>	Fair market value of assets not used (or held for use) directly in carrying out charitable, etc., purposes:		
<b>a</b>	Average monthly fair market value of securities	<b>1a</b>	0.
<b>b</b>	Average of monthly cash balances	<b>1b</b>	313,211.
<b>c</b>	Fair market value of all other assets	<b>1c</b>	
<b>d</b>	<b>Total</b> (add lines 1a, b, and c)	<b>1d</b>	313,211.
<b>e</b>	Reduction claimed for blockage or other factors reported on lines 1a and 1c (attach detailed explanation)	<b>1e</b>	0.
<b>2</b>	Acquisition indebtedness applicable to line 1 assets	<b>2</b>	0.
<b>3</b>	Subtract line 2 from line 1d	<b>3</b>	313,211.
<b>4</b>	Cash deemed held for charitable activities. Enter 1 1/2% of line 3 (for greater amount, see instructions)	<b>4</b>	4,698.
<b>5</b>	<b>Net value of noncharitable-use assets.</b> Subtract line 4 from line 3. Enter here and on Part V, line 4	<b>5</b>	308,513.
<b>6</b>	<b>Minimum investment return.</b> Enter 5% of line 5	<b>6</b>	15,426.

**Part XI****Distributable Amount** (see instructions) (Section 4942(j)(3) and (j)(5) private operating foundations and certain foreign organizations check here ☐ and do not complete this part.)

<b>1</b>	Minimum investment return from Part X, line 6	<b>1</b>	15,426.
<b>2a</b>	Tax on investment income for 2015 from Part VI, line 5	<b>2a</b>	
<b>b</b>	Income tax for 2015. (This does not include the tax from Part VI.)	<b>2b</b>	
<b>c</b>	Add lines 2a and 2b	<b>2c</b>	0.
<b>3</b>	Distributable amount before adjustments. Subtract line 2c from line 1	<b>3</b>	15,426.
<b>4</b>	Recoveries of amounts treated as qualifying distributions	<b>4</b>	0.
<b>5</b>	Add lines 3 and 4	<b>5</b>	15,426.
<b>6</b>	Deduction from distributable amount (see instructions)	<b>6</b>	0.
<b>7</b>	<b>Distributable amount as adjusted.</b> Subtract line 6 from line 5. Enter here and on Part XIII, line 1	<b>7</b>	15,426.

**Part XII****Qualifying Distributions** (see instructions)

<b>1</b>	Amounts paid (including administrative expenses) to accomplish charitable, etc., purposes:		
<b>a</b>	Expenses, contributions, gifts, etc. - total from Part I, column (d), line 26	<b>1a</b>	788,439.
<b>b</b>	Program-related investments - total from Part IX-B	<b>1b</b>	0.
<b>2</b>	Amounts paid to acquire assets used (or held for use) directly in carrying out charitable, etc., purposes	<b>2</b>	
<b>3</b>	Amounts set aside for specific charitable projects that satisfy the:		
<b>a</b>	Suitability test (prior IRS approval required)	<b>3a</b>	
<b>b</b>	Cash distribution test (attach the required schedule)	<b>3b</b>	
<b>4</b>	<b>Qualifying distributions.</b> Add lines 1a through 3b. Enter here and on Part V, line 8, and Part XIII, line 4	<b>4</b>	788,439.
<b>5</b>	Foundations that qualify under section 4940(e) for the reduced rate of tax on net investment income. Enter 1% of Part I, line 27b	<b>5</b>	0.
<b>6</b>	<b>Adjusted qualifying distributions.</b> Subtract line 5 from line 4	<b>6</b>	788,439.

**Note** The amount on line 6 will be used in Part V, column (b), in subsequent years when calculating whether the foundation qualifies for the section 4940(e) reduction of tax in those years.

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**Part XIII** Undistributed Income (see instructions)

	(a) Corpus	(b) Years prior to 2014	(c) 2014	(d) 2015
1 Distributable amount for 2015 from Part XI, line 7				15,426.
2 Undistributed income, if any, as of the end of 2015				
a Enter amount for 2014 only			0.	
b Total for prior years:		0.		
3 Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2015:				
a From 2010	1,811,403.			
b From 2011	1,357,384.			
c From 2012	1,130,041.			
d From 2013	1,416,284.			
e From 2014	1,091,233.			
f Total of lines 3a through e	6,806,345.			
4 Qualifying distributions for 2015 from Part XII, line 4: ► \$	788,439.			
a Applied to 2014, but not more than line 2a			0.	
b Applied to undistributed income of prior years (Election required - see instructions)		0.		
c Treated as distributions out of corpus (Election required - see instructions)	0.			
d Applied to 2015 distributable amount				15,426.
e Remaining amount distributed out of corpus	773,013.			
5 Excess distributions carryover applied to 2015 (If an amount appears in column (d), the same amount must be shown in column (a))	0.			0.
6 Enter the net total of each column as indicated below:	7,579,358.			
a Corpus Add lines 3f, 4c, and 4e Subtract line 5				
b Prior years' undistributed income. Subtract line 4b from line 2b		0.		
c Enter the amount of prior years' undistributed income for which a notice of deficiency has been issued, or on which the section 4942(a) tax has been previously assessed		0.		
d Subtract line 6c from line 6b. Taxable amount - see instructions		0.		
e Undistributed income for 2014. Subtract line 4a from line 2a. Taxable amount - see instr.			0.	
f Undistributed income for 2015. Subtract lines 4d and 5 from line 1. This amount must be distributed in 2016				0.
7 Amounts treated as distributions out of corpus to satisfy requirements imposed by section 170(b)(1)(F) or 4942(g)(3) (Election may be required - see instructions)	0.			
8 Excess distributions carryover from 2010 not applied on line 5 or line 7	1,811,403.			
9 Excess distributions carryover to 2016. Subtract lines 7 and 8 from line 6a	5,767,955.			
10 Analysis of line 9:				
a Excess from 2011	1,357,384.			
b Excess from 2012	1,130,041.			
c Excess from 2013	1,416,284.			
d Excess from 2014	1,091,233.			
e Excess from 2015	773,013.			

**Part XIV Private Operating Foundations** (see instructions and Part VII-A, question 9) **N/A**

**1 a** If the foundation has received a ruling or determination letter that it is a private operating foundation, and the ruling is effective for 2015, enter the date of the ruling ▶

**b** Check box to indicate whether the foundation is a private operating foundation described in section ☐ 4942(j)(3) or ☐ 4942(j)(5)

	Tax year	Prior 3 years			(e) Total
	(a) 2015	(b) 2014	(c) 2013	(d) 2012	
<b>2 a</b> Enter the lesser of the adjusted net income from Part I or the minimum investment return from Part X for each year listed					
<b>b</b> 85% of line 2a					
<b>c</b> Qualifying distributions from Part XII, line 4 for each year listed					
<b>d</b> Amounts included in line 2c not used directly for active conduct of exempt activities					
<b>e</b> Qualifying distributions made directly for active conduct of exempt activities. Subtract line 2d from line 2c					
<b>3</b> Complete 3a, b, or c for the alternative test relied upon:					
<b>a</b> "Assets" alternative test - enter:					
<b>(1)</b> Value of all assets					
<b>(2)</b> Value of assets qualifying under section 4942(j)(3)(B)(i)					
<b>b</b> "Endowment" alternative test - enter 2/3 of minimum investment return shown in Part X, line 6 for each year listed					
<b>c</b> "Support" alternative test - enter:					
<b>(1)</b> Total support other than gross investment income (interest, dividends, rents, payments on securities loans (section 512(a)(5)), or royalties)					
<b>(2)</b> Support from general public and 5 or more exempt organizations as provided in section 4942(j)(3)(B)(iii)					
<b>(3)</b> Largest amount of support from an exempt organization					
<b>(4)</b> Gross investment income					

**Part XV Supplementary Information** (Complete this part only if the foundation had \$5,000 or more in assets at any time during the year-see instructions.)

**1 Information Regarding Foundation Managers:**

**a** List any managers of the foundation who have contributed more than 2% of the total contributions received by the foundation before the close of any tax year (but only if they have contributed more than \$5,000). (See section 507(d)(2).)

**NONE**

**b** List any managers of the foundation who own 10% or more of the stock of a corporation (or an equally large portion of the ownership of a partnership or other entity) of which the foundation has a 10% or greater interest.

**NONE**

**2 Information Regarding Contribution, Grant, Gift, Loan, Scholarship, etc., Programs:**

Check here ☐ if the foundation only makes contributions to preselected charitable organizations and does not accept unsolicited requests for funds. If the foundation makes gifts, grants, etc. (see instructions) to individuals or organizations under other conditions, complete items 2a, b, c, and d.

**a** The name, address, and telephone number or e-mail address of the person to whom applications should be addressed:

**SEE STATEMENT 12**

**b** The form in which applications should be submitted and information and materials they should include:

**c** Any submission deadlines:

**d** Any restrictions or limitations on awards, such as by geographical areas, charitable fields, kinds of institutions, or other factors:

**Part XV** **Supplementary Information** (continued)

<b>3 Grants and Contributions Paid During the Year or Approved for Future Payment</b>				
Recipient	If recipient is an individual, show any relationship to any foundation manager or substantial contributor	Foundation status of recipient	Purpose of grant or contribution	Amount
Name and address (home or business)				
<b>a Paid during the year</b>				
SEE ATTACHED STATEMENT 13				
<b>Total</b>			<b>3a</b>	<b>0.</b>
<b>b Approved for future payment</b>				
SEE ATTACHED STATEMENT 14				
<b>Total</b>			<b>3b</b>	<b>0.</b>

**Part XVI-A Analysis of Income-Producing Activities**

Enter gross amounts unless otherwise indicated.

Enter gross amounts unless otherwise indicated.		Unrelated business income		Excluded by section 512, 513, or 514		(e) Related or exempt function income
	(a) Business code	(b) Amount	(c) Exclu- sion code	(d) Amount		
<b>1</b> Program service revenue:						
<b>a</b> _____						
<b>b</b> _____						
<b>c</b> _____						
<b>d</b> _____						
<b>e</b> _____						
<b>f</b> _____						
<b>g</b> Fees and contracts from government agencies						
<b>2</b> Membership dues and assessments						
<b>3</b> Interest on savings and temporary cash investments						
<b>4</b> Dividends and interest from securities						
<b>5</b> Net rental income or (loss) from real estate:						
<b>a</b> Debt-financed property						
<b>b</b> Not debt-financed property						
<b>6</b> Net rental income or (loss) from personal property						
<b>7</b> Other investment income						
<b>8</b> Gain or (loss) from sales of assets other than inventory						
<b>9</b> Net income or (loss) from special events						
<b>10</b> Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory						
<b>11</b> Other revenue:						
<b>a</b> _____						
<b>b</b> _____						
<b>c</b> _____						
<b>d</b> _____						
<b>e</b> _____						
<b>12</b> Subtotal. Add columns (b), (d), and (e)		0.		0.		0.
<b>13</b> Total. Add line 12, columns (b), (d), and (e)						0.

(See worksheet in line 13 instructions to verify calculations.)

**Part XVI-B Relationship of Activities to the Accomplishment of Exempt Purposes**

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**Part XVII Information Regarding Transfers To and Transactions and Relationships With Noncharitable Exempt Organizations**

- |          |  |              |            |
|----------|--|--------------|------------|
| <b>1</b> | Did the organization directly or indirectly engage in any of the following described in section 501(c) of the Code (other than section 501(c)(3) organizations) or in section 527, relating to political organizations?  |              | <b>Yes</b> |
|          |  |              |            |
| <b>a</b> | Transfers from the reporting foundation to a noncharitable exempt organization of:   |              |            |
|          | (1) Cash   | <b>1a(1)</b> |            |
|          | (2) Other assets   | <b>1a(2)</b> |            |
| <b>b</b> | Other transactions:  |              |            |
|          | (1) Sales of assets to a noncharitable exempt organization   | <b>1b(1)</b> |            |
|          | (2) Purchases of assets from a noncharitable exempt organization   | <b>1b(2)</b> |            |
|          | (3) Rental of facilities, equipment, or other assets   | <b>1b(3)</b> |            |
|          | (4) Reimbursement arrangements   | <b>1b(4)</b> |            |
|          | (5) Loans or loan guarantees   | <b>1b(5)</b> |            |
|          | (6) Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations   | <b>1b(6)</b> |            |
| <b>c</b> | Sharing of facilities, equipment, mailing lists, other assets, or paid employees   | <b>1c</b>    |            |
| <b>d</b> | If the answer to any of the above is "Yes," complete the following schedule. Column (b) should always show the fair market value of the goods, other assets, or services given by the reporting foundation. If the foundation received less than fair market value in any transaction or sharing arrangement, show in column (d) the value of the goods, other assets, or services received. |              |            |

	Yes	No
1a(1)		X
1a(2)		X
1b(1)		X
1b(2)		X
1b(3)		X
1b(4)		X
1b(5)		X
1b(6)		X
1c		X

[illegible]

- 2a** Is the foundation directly or indirectly affiliated with, or related to, one or more tax-exempt organizations described in section 501(c) of the Code (other than section 501(c)(3)) or in section 527? ☐ Yes ☒ No
- b** If "Yes," complete the following schedule.

(a) Name of organization	(b) Type of organization	(c) Description of relationship
N/A		

**Sign  
Here**

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than taxpayer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.

Signature of officer or trustee

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Title

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown below (see instr )?

☒ Yes ☐ No

**Paid  
Preparer  
Use Only**

Print/Type preparer's name

ANDREA WOODSELL  
EASON

Preparer's signature

Andrea Wilson

Date

11/9/16

Check ☐ self-employed

PTIN
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Firm's name ► **BLACKMAN & SLOOP, CPAS, P.A.**

Firm's EIN ► 56-1304727

Firm's address ► 1414 RALEIGH RD, SUITE 300  
CHAPEL HILL, NC 27517

Phone no. (919) 942-8700

Form **990-PF** (2015)

**Schedule B**(Form 990, 990-EZ,  
or 990-PF)Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service**Schedule of Contributors**

- ▶ Attach to Form 990, Form 990-EZ, or Form 990-PF.  
▶ Information about Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF) and  
its instructions is at [www.irs.gov/form990](http://www.irs.gov/form990).

OMB No 1545-0047

**2015**

Name of the organization

NICKEL PRODUCERS ENVIRONMENTAL  
RESEARCH ASSOCIATION, INC.

Employer identification number

13-3070077

Organization type (check one)

Filers of:

Section:

Form 990 or 990-EZ

☐ 501(c)( ) (enter number) organization☐ 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust **not** treated as a private foundation☐ 527 political organization

Form 990-PF

☒ 501(c)(3) exempt private foundation☐ 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust treated as a private foundation☐ 501(c)(3) taxable private foundationCheck if your organization is covered by the **General Rule** or a **Special Rule**.**Note.** Only a section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) organization can check boxes for both the General Rule and a Special Rule. See instructions.**General Rule**

- ☒ For an organization filing Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF that received, during the year, contributions totaling \$5,000 or more (in money or property) from any one contributor. Complete Parts I and II. See instructions for determining a contributor's total contributions.

**Special Rules**

- ☐ For an organization described in section 501(c)(3) filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that met the 33 1/3% support test of the regulations under sections 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi), that checked Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ), Part II, line 13, 16a, or 16b, and that received from any one contributor, during the year, total contributions of the greater of (1) \$5,000 or (2) 2% of the amount on (i) Form 990, Part VIII, line 1h, or (ii) Form 990-EZ, line 1. Complete Parts I and II.
- ☐ For an organization described in section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that received from any one contributor, during the year, total contributions of more than \$1,000 *exclusively* for religious, charitable, scientific, literary, or educational purposes, or for the prevention of cruelty to children or animals. Complete Parts I, II, and III.
- ☐ For an organization described in section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that received from any one contributor, during the year, contributions *exclusively* for religious, charitable, etc., purposes, but no such contributions totaled more than \$1,000. If this box is checked, enter here the total contributions that were received during the year for an *exclusively* religious, charitable, etc., purpose. Do not complete any of the parts unless the **General Rule** applies to this organization because it received *nonexclusively* religious, charitable, etc., contributions totaling \$5,000 or more during the year. ▶ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Caution.** An organization that is not covered by the General Rule and/or the Special Rules does not file Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF), but it **must** answer "No" on Part IV, line 2, of its Form 990, or check the box on line H of its Form 990-EZ or on its Form 990-PF, Part I, line 2, to certify that it does not meet the filing requirements of Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF).

LHA For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the Instructions for Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF. Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF) (2015)

## Name of organization

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## Employer identification number

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**Part I Contributors** (see instructions) Use duplicate copies of Part I if additional space is needed.

(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution
1	NICKEL INSTITUTE BROOKFIELD PLACE 161 BAY STREET, SUITE 2700  TORONTO, ONTARIO, CANADA M5J 2S1	\$ 3,313,375.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
		\$	Person <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions )
		\$	Person <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions )
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		\$	Person <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions )
		\$	Person <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions )



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**13-3070077****Part II Noncash Property** (see instructions). Use duplicate copies of Part II if additional space is needed.

(a) No. from Part I	(b) Description of noncash property given	(c) FMV (or estimate) (see instructions)	(d) Date received
		\$	
		\$	
		\$	
		\$	
		\$	
		\$	
		\$	
		\$	
		\$	

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**Part III**

Exclusively religious, charitable, etc., contributions to organizations described in section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) that total more than \$1,000 for the year from any one contributor. Complete columns (a) through (e) and the following line entry. For organizations completing Part III, enter the total of exclusively religious, charitable, etc., contributions of \$1,000 or less for the year (Enter this info once) ▶ \$

Use duplicate copies of Part III if additional space is needed

(a) No. from Part I	(b) Purpose of gift	(c) Use of gift	(d) Description of how gift is held
	(e) Transfer of gift		
	Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4		Relationship of transferor to transferee
	(e) Transfer of gift		
	Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4		Relationship of transferor to transferee
	(e) Transfer of gift		
	Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4		Relationship of transferor to transferee
	(e) Transfer of gift		
	Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4		Relationship of transferor to transferee
	(e) Transfer of gift		
	Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4		Relationship of transferor to transferee

FORM 990-PF		LEGAL FEES		STATEMENT	1
DESCRIPTION	(A) EXPENSES PER BOOKS	(B) NET INVEST- MENT INCOME	(C) ADJUSTED NET INCOME	(D) CHARITABLE PURPOSES	
LEGAL	3,592.	0.		0.	
TO FM 990-PF, PG 1, LN 16A	3,592.	0.		0.	

FORM 990-PF		ACCOUNTING FEES		STATEMENT	2
DESCRIPTION	(A) EXPENSES PER BOOKS	(B) NET INVEST- MENT INCOME	(C) ADJUSTED NET INCOME	(D) CHARITABLE PURPOSES	
ACCOUNTING	9,500.	0.		0.	
TO FORM 990-PF, PG 1, LN 16B	9,500.	0.		0.	

FORM 990-PF		OTHER PROFESSIONAL FEES		STATEMENT	3
DESCRIPTION	(A) EXPENSES PER BOOKS	(B) NET INVEST- MENT INCOME	(C) ADJUSTED NET INCOME	(D) CHARITABLE PURPOSES	
MISCELLANEOUS PROFESSIONAL FEES	3,600.	0.		0.	
TO FORM 990-PF, PG 1, LN 16C	3,600.	0.		0.	

FORM 990-PF		OTHER EXPENSES		STATEMENT	4
DESCRIPTION	(A) EXPENSES PER BOOKS	(B) NET INVEST- MENT INCOME	(C) ADJUSTED NET INCOME	(D) CHARITABLE PURPOSES	
MEETINGS	4,542.	0.		0.	
MISCELLANEOUS	641.	0.		0.	
DUES & FEES	6,791.	0.		0.	
OFFICE COSTS	182,930.	0.		0.	
COMMUNICATIONS	5,000.	0.		0.	
TO FORM 990-PF, PG 1, LN 23	199,904.	0.		0.	

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FORM 990-PF      DEPRECIATION OF ASSETS NOT HELD FOR INVESTMENT      STATEMENT      5

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DESCRIPTION	COST OR OTHER BASIS	ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION	BOOK VALUE	FAIR MARKET VALUE
COMPUTER EQUIPMENT	167,152.	73,890.	93,262.	93,262.
FURNITURE & FIXTURES	90,403.	47,336.	43,067.	43,067.
LEASEHOLD IMPROVEMENTS	109,201.	7,013.	102,188.	102,188.
TO 990-PF, PART II, LN 14	366,756.	128,239.	238,517.	238,517.

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FORM 990-PF      OTHER LIABILITIES      STATEMENT      6

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DESCRIPTION	BOY AMOUNT	EOY AMOUNT
PAYROLL LIABILITIES	328,112.	415,879.
DEFERRED RENT	37,576.	149,020.
TOTAL TO FORM 990-PF, PART II, LINE 22	365,688.	564,899.

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FORM 990-PF      PART VIII - LIST OF OFFICERS, DIRECTORS      STATEMENT      7  
 TRUSTEES AND FOUNDATION MANAGERS

NAME AND ADDRESS	TITLE AND AVRG HRS/WK	COMPEN- SATION	EMPLOYEE BEN PLAN CONTRIB	EXPENSE ACCOUNT
HUDSON BATES 2525 MERIDIAN PARKWAY, STE 240 DURHAM, NC 27713	EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR 40.00	309,345.	15,909.	16,509.
DAVID BUTLER 2525 MERIDIAN PARKWAY, STE 240 DURHAM, NC 27713	CHAIRMAN (AS OF 6/1/15) 1.25	0.	0.	0.
TIM AIKEN 2525 MERIDIAN PARKWAY, STE 240 DURHAM, NC 27713	CHAIRMAN(UNTIL 5/31/15) 1.25	0.	0.	0.
GERALD M. SCHUETZ, CPA, CGMA 2525 MERIDIAN PARKWAY, STE 240 DURHAM, NC 27713	TREASURER 40.00	247,696.	15,166.	22,463.
ADRIANA OLLER 2525 MERIDIAN PARKWAY, STE 240 DURHAM, NC 27713	DEPUTY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR 40.00	230,131.	14,013.	15,583.
TOTALS INCLUDED ON 990-PF, PAGE 6, PART VIII		787,172.	45,088.	54,555.

FORM 990-PF

EXPENDITURE RESPONSIBILITY STATEMENT  
PART VII-B, LINE 5C

STATEMENT 8

GRANTEE'S NAME

SEE STATEMENT 13

GRANTEE'S ADDRESSGRANT AMOUNTDATE OF GRANTAMOUNT EXPENDEDPURPOSE OF GRANT

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FORM 990-PF	SUMMARY OF DIRECT CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES	STATEMENT	9
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ACTIVITY TWO

L02-231401: NICKEL RISK ASSESSMENT IN TROPICAL REGIONS.  
THIS PROJECT ON NICKEL EXPOSURE RISK AIDS IN ADDRESSING THE  
ESSENTIAL COMPONENTS OF RISK ASSESSMENT, INCLUDING PROBLEM  
FORUMULATION, EFFECTS ASSESSMENT, AND EXPOSURE ASSESSMENT.

	EXPENSES
TO FORM 990-PF, PART IX-A, LINE 2	108,583.

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FORM 990-PF	SUMMARY OF DIRECT CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES	STATEMENT	10
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ACTIVITY THREE

02-231200/231201: ETAP. THE ENVIRONMENTAL TOXICITY ADVISORY  
PANEL RELATED PROJECT HELPS SUPPORT AND PROVIDE GUIDANCE TO  
NICKEL PRODUCERS ENVIRONMENTAL RESEARCH ASSOCIATION FOR  
ONGOING AND FUTURE RESEARCH REGARDING ECOTOXICOLOGICAL  
ISSUES.

	EXPENSES
TO FORM 990-PF, PART IX-A, LINE 3	82,410.

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ACTIVITY FOUR

02-240107: EMERGING ISSUES RESEARCH - HUMAN PATCH TESTING.  
THIS PROJECT IS UNDER THE BROAD CATEGORY OF SUPPORTING  
RESEARCH TO REVIEW AND/OR GATHER DATA ON VARIOUS EMERGING  
ISSUES RELATED TO NICKEL EXPOSURE.

	EXPENSES
TO FORM 990-PF, PART IX-A, LINE 4	78,662.

FORM 990-PF

GRANT APPLICATION SUBMISSION INFORMATION  
PART XV, LINES 2A THROUGH 2D

STATEMENT 12

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NAME AND ADDRESS OF PERSON TO WHOM APPLICATIONS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED

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HUDSON BATES  
NIPERA 2525 MERIDIAN PKW. SUITE 240  
DURHAM, NC 27713

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TELEPHONE NUMBER

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919-595-1946

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FORM AND CONTENT OF APPLICATIONS

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APPLICANTS SHOULD SUBMIT DETAILS ON THE PROPOSED INVESTIGATION, A PROPOSED BUDGET & ESTIMATED TIME NECESSARY TO COMPLETE THE PROJECT.

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ANY SUBMISSION DEADLINES

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MOST APPLICATIONS ARE REPLIES TO PROPOSAL REQUESTS MADE BY NIPERA WITH SPECIFIC DEADLINES.

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RESTRICTIONS AND LIMITATIONS ON AWARDS

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GRANTS ARE AWARDED ONLY ON THE TOXICITY OF NICKEL AND NICKEL COMPOUNDS.



# STATEMENT 13

## PART XV2(A) - GRANTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS PAID DURING THE YEAR

Foreign Address Information												Results of Verification	
Grantee's Name	State	Zip or Postal Code	Province	Country	Grant Date	Grant Amount	Amount Expended	Dates of Reports by Grantee	Verification Date	Division by Grantee	Foundation Status		
Toxicology Excellence for Risk Assessment	OH	45211			11/29/2010	30,000	1,944	Various	Various	None noted	PC	Health and Environmental Research	No diversions noted
G Oberdorster	NY	14618			11/10/2010	25,000	2,125	Various	Various	None noted		Health and Environmental Research	No diversions noted
TNO Theme Urbanisation		3508		The Netherlands	5/20/2015	247,500	116,118	Various	Various	None noted	NC	Health and Environmental Research	No diversions noted
Ni classification management project							11,167	Various	Various	None noted	NC	Health and Environmental Research	No diversions noted
Epithelix Srl				Switzerland	5/12/2015	37,400	20,103	Various	Various	None noted	NC	Health and Environmental Research	No diversions noted
Product Safety Labs	NJ	08810			11/18/2014	42,680	21,340	Various	Various	None noted	NC	Health and Environmental Research	No diversions noted
SKS Consulting Services	NC	27344			11/30/2015	30,000	12,000	Various	Various	None noted	NC	Health and Environmental Research	No diversions noted
Tox Strategies, Inc	TX	77494			3/4/2014	6,250	1,995	Various	Various	None noted	NC	Health and Environmental Research	No diversions noted
Bioelution Studies-round robin of alloys							15,000	Various	Various	None noted	NC	Health and Environmental Research	No diversions noted
Gradient	MA				9/2/2011	15,000	1,099	Various	Various	None noted	NC	Health and Environmental Research	No diversions noted
Toxicology Excellence for Risk Assessment	OH	45211			9/2/2011	36,060	10,200	Various	Various	None noted	PC	Health and Environmental Research	No diversions noted
SKS Consulting Services	NC	27344			9/16/2011	20,000	1,125	Various	Various	None noted	NC	Health and Environmental Research	No diversions noted
SKS Consulting Services	NC	27344			1/31/2014	10,000	3,825	Various	Various	None noted	NC	Health and Environmental Research	No diversions noted
Bergeson & Campbell	DC	20037			3/24/2015	30,000	22,500	Various	Various	None noted	NC	Health and Environmental Research	No diversions noted
Toxminds BVBA		B-1200		Belgium	11/15/2013	10,000	2,011	Various	Various	None noted	NC	Health and Environmental Research	No diversions noted
Toxminds BVBA		B-1200		Belgium			4,892	Various	Various	None noted	NC	Health and Environmental Research	No diversions noted
ECETOC		1160		Belgium	4/9/2015	5,601	11,238	Various	Various	None noted	NC	Health and Environmental Research	No diversions noted
Regents of the Univ of MI	MI	48109			9/18/2013	74,640	18,660	Various	Various	None noted	PC	Health and Environmental Research	No diversions noted
Wright State University	OH				7/6/2012	64,333	14,333	Various	Various	None noted	PC	Health and Environmental Research	No diversions noted
Regents of the Univ of MI	MI	48109			7/11/2012	135,667	13,567	Various	Various	None noted	PC	Health and Environmental Research	No diversions noted
Sediment EQS scientific support							1,394	Various	Various	None noted	NC	Health and Environmental Research	No diversions noted
wca environment limited		SN7 7YR	Oxfordshire	United Kingdom	3/24/2015	9,678	9,398	Various	Various	None noted	NC	Health and Environmental Research	No diversions noted
ARCHE		9000		Belgium	4/10/2013	62,500	13,239	Various	Various	None noted	NC	Health and Environmental Research	No diversions noted
Rapid removal of metals from water columns							626	Various	Various	None noted	NC	Health and Environmental Research	No diversions noted
Mutch Associates	NJ				11/30/2015	10,000	4,000	Various	Various	None noted	NC	Health and Environmental Research	No diversions noted
Wilfrid Laurier University		N2L 3C5	ON	Canada	10/20/2014	100,000	50,000	Various	Various	None noted	NC	Health and Environmental Research	No diversions noted
Environmental Research Institute of the Supervising Scientist (eriss)		0820		Northern Territory	12/16/2014	56,583	46,530	Various	Various	None noted	NC	Health and Environmental Research	No diversions noted
Ecotox Services Australia Pty Ltd		2066	NSW	Australia	12/18/2012	118,467	9,876	Various	Various	None noted	NC	Health and Environmental Research	No diversions noted
Universiteit Gent (Ghent University)		9000		Belgium	11/6/2014	23,504	4,540	Various	Various	None noted	NC	Health and Environmental Research	No diversions noted

Colorado School of Mines	CO	80401		12/24/2013	15,000	3,750	Various	Various	None noted	PC	Health and Environmental Research	No diversions noted
Universiteit Gent Kevin J Farely	NY	9000 10570	Belgium	11/6/2014 11/23/2015	24,364 2,552	4,714 2,552	Various	Various	None noted None noted	NC	Health and Environmental Research	No diversions noted
CanmetMINING		K1A.0G1	ON	9/5/2014	49,248	18,858	Various	Various	None noted	NC	Health and Environmental Research	No diversions noted
EcoTox	FL	33145		7/13/2015	15,000	15,000	Various	Various	None noted	NC	Health and Environmental Research	No diversions noted
Hydrobiology Pty Ltd Jenny Stauber			Queensland Australia	2/25/2014 3/24/2014	26,923 19,000	2,987 5,831	Various	Various	None noted None noted	NC	Health and Environmental Research	No diversions noted
Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation		4102	QLD Australia	11/29/2014	224,660	63,070	Various	Various	None noted	NC	Health and Environmental Research	No diversions noted
Hydrobiology Pty Ltd			Queensland Australia	11/25/2014	65,161	35,839	Various	Various	None noted	NC	Health and Environmental Research	No diversions noted
University of Hong Kong				12/10/2014	15,000	856	Various	Various	None noted	NC	Health and Environmental Research	No diversions noted
VITO NV		2400	Belgium	1/9/2012	15,714	3,471	Various	Various	None noted	NC	Health and Environmental Research	No diversions noted
Universiteit Gent (Ghent University)		9000	Belgium	11/6/2014	17,198	3,329	Various	Various	None noted	NC	Health and Environmental Research	No diversions noted
wca environment limited		SN7 7YR	Oxfordshire United Kingdom	7/18/2013	5,376	59	Various	Various	None noted	NC	Health and Environmental Research	No diversions noted
International Lead Zinc Research Org. Inc	NC	27713		12/10/2014	36,855	36,855	Various	Various	None noted	PC	Health and Environmental Research	No diversions noted
International Lead Zinc Research Org. Inc	NC	27713		11/23/2015	45,512	45,555	Various	Various	None noted	PC	Health and Environmental Research	No diversions noted
Occupational and Dermatology Research Centre, Skin and Cancer Foundation Birmingham Assay Office		3053 B1 3AX	Vic England Australia	5/27/2015 9/19/2015 12/2/2015	82,800 2,580 116,700	41,082 2,580 35,000	Various	Various	None noted None noted None noted	NC	Health and Environmental Research	No diversions noted
Occupational and Dermatology Research Centre, Skin and Cancer Foundation		3053	Vic Australia	12/2/2015	116,700	35,000	Various	Various	None noted	NC	Health and Environmental Research	No diversions noted
HETAP Support						4,448	Various	Various	None noted	NC	Health and Environmental Research	No diversions noted
American Chemistry Council, Inc	DC	20002		3/11/2015	10,000	10,000	Various	Various	None noted	PC	Health and Environmental Research	No diversions noted
Accent Imaging	NC	27617		12/12/2014	8,582	7,757	Various	Various	None noted	NC	Health and Environmental Research	No diversions noted
						\$788,439						

### Purpose of grant

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