

**The Administrative Receiver's
Report**

S.48(1)

Pursuant to Section 48(1) of the Insolvency
Act 1986 and Rule 3.8(3) of the Insolvency
Rules 1986

To the Registrar of Companies

For official use

Company Number

00059353

Name of Company

Insert full name of
company

Henry Brook and Company Limited

We Stephen Andrew Ellis and Edward Klempka

of Pricewaterhouse Coopers,

9 Bond Court, Leeds, LS1 2SN

administrative receiver(s) of the company attach a copy of our report to creditors
and a copy of the statement of affairs of the company

Signed

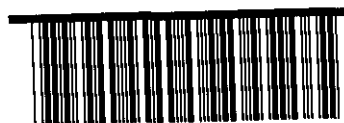
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Dated 23.10.2002

Presenter's name
address and reference
(if any)

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To all known Creditors

28 August 2002

When telephoning please contact Jonathan Abraham on 0113 289 4104

Our ref JWA/Henry Brook/Creditors

Dear Sirs

Henry Brook and Company Limited - in administrative receivership ("the Company")

I was appointed joint administrative receiver of the Company on 13 August 2002 together with my partner, Edward Klempka. As required by Section 46 of the Insolvency Act 1986, I enclose a formal notice informing you of this appointment.

The Company has ceased to trade and all the assets of the Company are to be realised. The total proceeds from the Company's assets will cover the secured liability. Please note that a dividend may be available to preferential and non-preferential creditors.

As administrative receiver I have no powers to agree unsecured creditor claims therefore a liquidator will be appointed. You will be notified separately of the liquidator's appointment which is expected to be within the next twelve months. In the meantime, the administrative receivers cannot and will not agree your unsecured claim.

Please send to the Company, at this address, a statement of your account showing the amount you consider due to you at 13 August 2002. This will help to ensure that your claim is reflected in the statement of affairs which is being prepared by the directors of the Company. Please give details of any security or lien you hold or of any retention of title or other proprietary claim. If you consider that any part of your claim is preferential because it is one of the claims specified in Schedule 6 of the Insolvency Act 1986, please let me have details.

Please find enclosed my report to creditors, which contains the information which, under the provisions of the Insolvency Act 1986, I must give to creditors, a notice for a meeting of the Company's creditors and a proxy form for any creditor who wishes to be represented at the meeting. The purpose of the meeting is to receive the report of the receivers and if the creditors wish to do so, to appoint a committee of creditors. The purpose of the meeting is not to appoint a liquidator nor is it to question the directors, who are not required to attend it.

The meeting will be held on Friday, 13 September 2002 at 10.30 am at PricewaterhouseCoopers, 9 Bond Court, Leeds, LS1 2SN. I regret that I cannot enter into general correspondence with creditors regarding the Company's affairs in the meantime.

All creditors who wish to vote at the meeting whether in person, by proxy, or in some other way, must give details of their claim against the Company before 12 noon on 12 September 2002. Creditors who have not already done so should send details of their claim to PricewaterhouseCoopers, 9 Bond Court, Leeds, LS1 2SN marked for the attention of Jonathan Abraham.

A secured creditor is entitled to vote only in respect of the balance (if any) of their debt after deducting the value of their security as estimated by them.

Creditors registered for VAT, who have not already done so, will be entitled to make a claim for VAT bad debt relief. If you require advice on how to do this, please contact your local VAT office.

Under the insolvency legislation, the joint administrative receivers have a duty to consider the conduct of those who have been directors of the Company at any time within the three years preceding our appointment. If there is anything which you feel I should be aware of, please complete the attached questionnaire and return it to me at the address above. This is part of our usual procedures and does not imply any criticism of the director's conduct.

Yours faithfully
for and on behalf of Henry Brook and Company Limited



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Joint Administrative Receiver

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I Introduction

- 1.1 We set out below our report pursuant to Section 48 of the Insolvency Act 1986.

II Statutory information

- 2.1 The statutory information in relation to the Company, as shown at Companies House, is given at Appendix A.

III Brief history

- 3.1 Henry Brook and Company Limited was incorporated on 1 November 1898 and operated within the structural steel fabrication industry. It has historically achieved turnover in the region of £6 million per annum.
- 3.2 The Company operated from a long-term leasehold site at 403 Leeds Road, Huddersfield, West Yorkshire, HD2 1XU.

IV Events leading up to our appointment

- 4.1 In recent months, the Company identified that the recoverability of its work in progress and debtors ledger were significantly lower than the values carried in the accounts.
- 4.2 As a result of this, together with a general decrease in business, losses for the 11 months to 30 June 2002 totalled some £750,000.
- 4.4 The Company was therefore facing severe cashflow difficulties, ongoing losses in the short term and significant creditor pressure which led to the directors recommending the appointment of administrative receivers.

V Events since the appointment

- 5.1 Following their appointment, the joint administrative receivers concluded that there was no prospect of continuing to trade the business at a profit nor of achieving a going concern sale therefore the majority of the workforce were laid off whilst the position of the Company's existing contracts was reviewed.
- 5.2 Unfortunately, as a number of contracts could not be completed, the majority of the workforce were subsequently made redundant on 20 August 2002. The remaining staff will be made redundant shortly.
- 5.3 Agents have been appointed to realise the Company's assets; an auction will be held during September 2002.

VI Amounts owing to the debenture holder

- 6.1 At the date of appointment, the principle indebtedness to the Bank was approximately £285,000, before interest and charges.
- 6.2 To date, no funds have been paid to the Bank, however it is expected that it will recover its lending in full.

VII Preferential creditors

- 7.1 There may be sufficient funds to pay a dividend to preferential creditors although formal claims have yet to be received.

VIII Unsecured non-preferential creditors

- 8.1 There may be funds available to pay a dividend to unsecured non-preferential creditors. It is too early at this stage to advise the amount of any such dividend however, a liquidator may be appointed within the next twelve months to agree claims and pay dividends.

IX Statement of affairs

- 9.1 The directors have not yet submitted a statement of affairs for the Company. This will be available by written request, once received and should be available at the creditors meeting.

X Distribution of this report

10.1 In accordance with Section 48 of the Insolvency Act 1986, a copy of this report has been sent to the Registrar of Companies.

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Appendix A

Henry Brook and Company Limited – in administrative receivership

Statutory and other information

Registered Number: 00059353

Registered Office: PricewaterhouseCoopers
9 Bond Court
Leeds
LS1 2SN

Former Registered Office: 403 Leeds Road
Huddersfield
HD2 1XU

Date of Incorporation: 1 November 1898

Company Secretary: Martin Flockton

Directors: Nigel Ranshaw
Martin Flockton

Trading Address: 403 Leeds Road
Huddersfield
HD2 1XU

Notice to Creditors

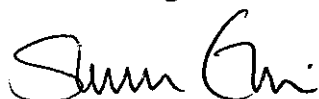
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Henry Brook and Company Limited – in administrative receivership

A meeting of the creditors of Henry Brook and Company Limited is to be held at PricewaterhouseCoopers, 9 Bond Court, Leeds, LS1 2SN at 10.30am on 13 September 2002 under the provisions of section 48 of the Insolvency Act 1986. The purpose of this meeting is to receive the report of the receivers and, if the creditors wish to do so, to appoint a creditors' committee.

Creditors whose claims are wholly secured are not entitled to attend or be represented at the meeting.



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Creditor's name and address	
Estimated claim	£
What was the authorised credit limit?	£
If the estimated claim exceeds the credit limit, on what basis or terms was the credit increased?	
Please provide details of any comfort, security or assurance given to you to allow continuance of credit	
When were you first aware that there were difficulties in getting payment and what was the evidence of this?	
Please provide details, including dates, of any writs, summons, decrees or any other legal action you took to recover your debt	
Please provide details of any cheques which were dishonoured, including dates and amounts	
Are there any particular matters which you feel should be reviewed? If so, please provide brief details	
Signature	Date
Name	
Position	

Proxy

Notes to help completion of
the form

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Please give full name and
address for communication

Name of Creditor _____

Address _____

Please insert name of
person (who must be 18 or
over) or the "chairman of
the meeting". If you wish
to provide for alternative
proxy-holders in the
circumstances that your
first choice is unable to
attend please state the
name(s) of the alternatives
as well.

Name of proxy-holder _____

Please delete words in
brackets if the proxy-
holder is only to vote as
directed, ie he has no
discretion

I appoint the above person to be my/the creditor's proxy-holder at the meeting of
creditors to be held on or at any adjournment of that meeting. The proxy-holder is to
propose or vote as instructed below [and in respect of any resolution for which no
specific instruction is given, may vote or abstain at his/her discretion].

Voting instructions for resolutions

for the appointment of _____

of _____

representing _____

as a member of the creditors' committee

This form must be signed

Signature _____

Date _____

Name in CAPITAL LETTERS _____

Only to be completed if
the creditor has not signed
in person

Position with creditor or relationship to creditor or other authority for signature

