

**2.24B****Administrator's progress report**

Name of Company  Unwins Limited
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Company number  00087690
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In the High Court of Justice, Chancery Division Leeds District Registry  [full name of court]
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Court case number  1375 of 2005
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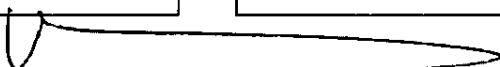
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Administrators of the above company attach a progress report for the period

from  20 June 2008	to  28 August 2008
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Signed

  
Joint Administrator

Dated

28 August 2008

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## Glossary

Administrators	Myles Halley, Jane Moriarty and Blair Nimmo of KPMG LLP
Administration	The Administration Order granted by the High Court in respect of the Unwins Group dated 19 December 2005 Court administration order numbers 1372-1376 of 2005
Address and registered office of the Unwins Group	8 Salisbury Square London EC4Y 8BB
Appointor	HBOS Plc in accordance with paragraph 12(1)(c) of Schedule B1 to the Insolvency Act 1986
Date of appointment	19 December 2005
Threshers	First Quench Retailing Limited
Unwins	Unwins Limited
UWA	UW Acquisitions Limited
Phillips Newman	Phillips Newman & Company Limited

The references in this report to sections, paragraphs or rules are to the Insolvency Act 1986, Schedule B1 of the Insolvency Act 1986 and the Insolvency (Amendment) Rules 2003 respectively.



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## 2 Introduction

### 2.1 Introduction

Myles Halley, Jane Mortarty and Blair Nimmo of KPMG LLP were appointed as Administrators of The Unwins Group on 19 December 2005 by the High Court following an application by HBOS, a holder of a qualifying floating charge

In accordance with Paragraph 100(2) of schedule B1 Insolvency Act 1986 the functions of the Administrators are being exercised by any or one of the administrators

In accordance with Rule 2.110 of the Insolvency (Amendment) Rules 2003, the Administrators now set out their final report to 28 August 2008

### 2.2 Joint administrators' proposals

As set out in our report to creditors dated 8 February 2006 the joint administrators proposals were approved in accordance with Rule 2.33(5) of the Insolvency Rules 1986

The proposals approved were

- to appoint a committee of creditors
- to continue to do all such things reasonably expedient and generally exercise all their powers as Joint Administrators as they in their discretion consider desirable in order to maximise realisations from the assets of The Unwins Group in accordance with the objective as set out above
- to investigate and if appropriate, pursue any claims The Unwins Group may have
- to seek an extension to the administration period if deemed necessary by the Administrators
- when it is anticipated that no better realisations will be made in the administration than would be available in a winding up, to take the necessary steps to put The Unwins Group into either Creditors Voluntary Liquidation or into Compulsory Liquidation as deemed appropriate by the Joint Administrators in the event the Joint Administrators deem that liquidation is not appropriate because no dividend will become available to creditors and there are no other outstanding matters that require to be dealt with in a liquidation then the Joint Administrators shall file the appropriate notices at Companies House and The Unwins Group will subsequently be dissolved
- if Creditors Voluntary Liquidation is deemed appropriate that the Administrators Myles Halley, Jane Mortarty and Blair Nimmo be appointed as



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liquidators of The Unwins Group at the appropriate time dependant on the leasehold assignments without any further recourse to creditors and that they make act jointly and severally in their duties. In accordance with paragraph 83(7) and Rule 2.117(3) creditors may nominate a different person as the proposed liquidator provided that the nomination is made after the receipt of the proposals and before the proposals are approved.

- that following the appointment of liquidators to The Unwins Group as set out above the Administrators be discharged from liability in respect of any action of them as Administrators pursuant to paragraph 98 of schedule B1 of the Insolvency Act 1986 with immediate effect;
- in accordance with Rule 2.106(9) a resolution on the Administrators remuneration it is proposed that in accordance with Rule 2.106, the Administrators remuneration be fixed by a committee of The Unwins Group creditors;
- In the event that no committee is formed, remuneration of the Joint Administrators will be fixed by reference to time properly spent by them and their staff in attending to matters arising from The Unwins Group administration in accordance with the Statement of Insolvency Practice number 9 and that they be authorised to draw remuneration and disbursements from the assets of The Unwins Group Companies from time to time as and when funds are available;
- that the costs of KPMG LLP in respect of forensic, tax, VAT and pension advice provided to the Administrators be based upon time costs and shall be paid out of the assets of The Unwins Group.

### **3 Progress of the administration**

#### **3.1 Property update**

##### **3.1.1 Leasehold properties**

Despite numerous attempts by us there are 14 leases remaining for which surrenders have still not been accepted by the landlords.

##### **3.1.2 Long leasehold properties**

Both of the leaseholds to the properties referred to in our previous report have now been sold with total net realisations of £203,003. Accordingly all long leasehold properties have now been dealt with.



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## **4 Receipts and payments**

Copies of the administrators' receipts and payments accounts to 28 August 2008 (for each company in The Unwins Group) are attached as Appendix 1

## **5 Creditors**

### **5.1 Secured creditors**

As previously advised, the claim of HBOS was settled at the expected level of £5.25 million

### **5.2 Preferential creditors**

No funds were available in the administration to pay preferential creditors of Unwins Limited. Any future dividend depends on the ability of the Official Receiver to realise assets from the investigations into the directors' conduct.

### **5.3 Unsecured creditors**

No dividends have been paid to unsecured creditors of any of the Unwins Group

Again any dividend to unsecured creditors remains wholly dependent on any realisations from investigations into the directors' conduct by the Official Receiver.

## **6 Other matters**

### **6.1 Administrators' remuneration**

Administrators' total time costs for the administrations are shown at Appendix 2 with a detailed breakdown of the costs incurred since the previous progress report. The creditors' committee passed a resolution approving our fees up to a limit of £1.325m on Unwins Limited at a meeting held on 5 August 2008.

### **6.2 Conclusion of the administrations**

Following a detailed review of the information collected from interviews conducted with Mr Phillip Cook in June and a further interview with Mr Stephen Smith, the former in-house solicitor to DM, it was concluded that although there remained a number of potential claims which could be raised against the directors, it was not economical for those claims to be conducted within the administration. It was also concluded for a



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number of reasons including the availability of funding that the companies should be placed into compulsory liquidation so that the Official Receiver could continue detailed investigations which had been started by the Administrators into the conduct of the directors. We have already briefed the Official Receiver and hearings have been set for 11 September 2008 for the winding up petitions to be heard.

In order to move the Group to creditors voluntary liquidation the administrators would be required to state under Paragraph 83 (2) of Schedule B1 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a distribution will be made to creditors. Given that the Group has no funds to distribute to creditors we intend to pass the cases to the Official Receiver on 11 September 2008.

  
Myles Halley  
Joint Administrator

Appendix 1  
Abstract of the administrators' receipts and payments account to 28 August 2008

**Unwins Limited  
(In Administration)**

<b>RECEIPTS</b>	<b>Total (£)</b>
Freehold property	1 920 385.54
Leashold property	4 787 092.94
Rent	6 527.60
Bank interest gross	103 633.70
Plant & machinery	27 783.20
Furniture & equipment	6 019.00
Motor vehicles	3 000.00
Stock	52 115.00
Fuel	5 075.00
Book debts	39 493.89
Employee loan in account	108.00
Cash at bank	102 451.88
Insurance refund	11 895.27
Cash at Store	20 773.37
Rates Rebates	26 054.96
Sundry refunds	16 533.95
VAT refund	41 702.62
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>7 171 575.87</b>
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<b>PAYMENTS</b>	
Direct labour	50 121.69
Direct expenses	1 870.33
Security	46 149.02
Rent	27 335.82
Water rates	1 210.27
Heat & light	20 132.17
Travel	680.00
Telephone/Fax	35 035.06
Insurance	10 893.12
Professional fees	21 394.80
H&F Leasing payments	1 245.80
Hire of equipment	2 720.00
Repairs and maintenance	8 814.11
Sundry expenses	9 930.87
H&F Maintenance	17 676.10
Advertising	1 128.99
Administrators' fees	1 310 166.21
Legal fees	577 204.76
Agents/Walbers' fees	261 945.77
Bank charges	1 575.48
Fixed charge creditor	1 450 000.00
Payroll Bureau	29 234.50
Premises Licences	1 178.00
Wages & salaries	113 190.71
PAYE & NIC	65 885.17
Fixed Charge Recoverable VAT	1 002.33
VAT payable	11 702.62
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>7 174 875.87</b>
Receipts less payments	<b>0.00</b>

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Abstract of the administrators' receipts and payments account to 28 August 2008

**The Unwms Wine Group Limited  
(In Administration)**

<b>RECEIPTS</b>	<b>Total (£)</b>
Freehold property	896 670 00
Bank interest gross	30 153 70
Stock	1 566 68
Shares and investments	300 00
Insurance refund	1 200 00
Sundry refunds	6 065 02
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>938 253 40</b>
 <b>PAYMENTS</b>	
Administrators' fees	273 088 51
Legal fees	89 800 00
Fixed charge creditor	575 000 00
Professional fees	350 00
Bank charges	5 89
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>938 253 40</b>
Receipts less payments	<b>0 00</b>

Appendix I  
Abstract of the administrators' receipts and payments account to 28 August 2008

**Phillips Newman & Company Limited  
(In Administration)**

<b>RECEIPTS</b>	<b>Total (£)</b>
Sales	20 340.77
Book debts	69 680.03
Sale of brand names	6 500.00
VAT refunds (pre-appointment)	1 725.00
Bank interest gross	6 369.61
Sundry refunds	26.55
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>107,671.96</b>
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<b>PAYMENTS</b>	
Professional fees	1 020.00
Administrators' fees	40 390.82
Cash at bank	22.99
Bank charges	19.85
Employees' wage arrears	4 321.02
Employees' holiday pay	6 563.10
Contributions to pension schemes	301.18
Floating charge	55 000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>107,671.96</b>
Receipt less payments	<b>0.00</b>

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**UW Acquisitions Limited  
(In Administration)**

<b>RECEIPTS</b>	<b>Total (£)</b>
Halladale Settlement	145 266.61
Retention Sum Settlement	673 659.19
Bank interest gross	31 172.87
Book debts	276.77
Kent	516.08
Floating ch. VAT receivable	0.01
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>856 691.83</b>
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<b>PAYMENTS</b>	
Professional fees	161 518.77
Administrators fees	541 243.60
Legal fees	163 806.10
Corporation tax	2 520.00
Fixed charge creditor	170 000.00
Bank charges	18.02
Employees wage arrears	5 911.78
Employees holiday pay	2 860.58
Conts to pension schemes	4 900.86
Irrecoverable VAT	1 011.82
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>856 691.83</b>
Receipts less payments	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <b>0.00</b>

Appendix  
Summary of administrators' time costs to closure

Unwins Limited (in administration)

	Consolidated time spent by grade	Partner	Senior Managers	Managers	Senior Administrators	Administrators	Support	Total Hours	Total Cost	Average Rate
Charged out fees	440-465	345	275	325	205	140-205	90-150			
Salary										
Assets	-	7.00	13.50	11.20	41.60	6.10	79.40	15.509	155	
Employees	-	13.00	18.50	5.00	0.80	6.50	43.80	11.264	257	
Directors	-	0.50	-	10.90	-	-	11.40	2.331	204	
Grillions	-	6.00	-	-	-	-	6.00	2.190	305	
Cashiering	-	12.00	26.00	2.60	38.30	0.10	79.00	18.195	230	
ax	0.40	-	6.00	24.90	-	0.30	31.60	6.935	219	
Inven...lutions	-	8.00	5.20	2.50	-	-	15.70	5.053	322	
Canc al	-	3.00	5.00	-	4.00	-	12.00	2.065	172	
	-	-	-	-	-	1.80	1.80	4.50	250	
Total hours/cost from 5 May 2007 to 28 August 2008		0.40	49.50	74.20	57.10	84.70	14.80	280.70	63.992	
Total hours / cost from 19 December 2005 to 4 May 2007								5 737.00	1 300,967	
Total hours / cost from 19 December 2005 to 28 August 2008								6 017.70	1 364,959	

**Appendix 2**  
**Summary of administrators' time costs to closure**

**The Unwins Wine Group Ltd (in administration)**

Consolidated time spent by grade		Partner	Senior Managers	Managers	Administrators	Support	Total Hours	Total Cost	Average Rate
Charged out rates	110,465	345	275,325	205	140,205	90,150			
<b>Salaries /</b>									
Employees	6,00	7,00	3,00	4,20	11,00	3,00	62,00	10,544,00	170
Creditors	16,00	-	2,10	-	-	-	2,10	609,00	290
Cashflow	2,00	-	36,00	-	-	-	70,00	24,450,00	349
Tax	1,00	-	11,20	2,70	-	0,30	5,30	,443,50	289
General	8,00	7,00	10,00	5,00	34,90	13,30	56,50	12,371,00	219
							43,30	1,780,00	274
<b>Total hours/cost from 5 May 2007 to 28 August 2008</b>	<b>33,00</b>	<b>32,00</b>	<b>62,30</b>	<b>16,40</b>	<b>45,90</b>	<b>31,10</b>	<b>238,50</b>	<b>6,197,50</b>	
<b>Total hours / cost from 19 December 2005 to 4 May 2007</b>							<b>918,30</b>	<b>212,137</b>	
<b>Total hours / cost from 19 December 2005 to 28 August 2008</b>							<b>1,156,50</b>	<b>273,335</b>	

**Appendix 2**  
Summary of administrators time costs to closure

**Phillips Newman & Co Ltd (in administration)**

Consolidated time spent by grade	Partner	Senior Managers	Managers	Administrators	Support	Total Hours	Total cost	Average Rate
<i>Charge out rates</i>								
Partners	110,465	345	275,325	205	140,205	30,150		
Salaried Employees	2,00	8,00	4,10	4,20	8,00	0,50	26,80	6,707,00
Cashiering	-	-	-	6,60	4,00	-	10,60	1,898,00
General	-	6,00	3,00	-	1,30	1,00	2,30	352,00
				4,00	8,00	-	21,00	4,910,00
								231
Total hours/cost from 5 May 2007 to 28 August 2008	2,00	14,60	7,10	16,13	20,00	1,50	60,70	13,86"
Total hours , cost from 19 December 2006 to 4 May 2007							111,00	27,892
Total hours , cost from 19 December 2005 to 28 August 2008							171,70	41,759

**Appendix 2**  
Summary of administrators' time costs to closure

**UW Acquisitions Limited (in administration)**

	Partner	Senior Managers	Senior Managers	Administrators	Support	Total Hours	Total Cost	Average Rate
<b>Consolidated time spent by grade</b>								
<b>Charge out rates</b>								
440-465	345	275-325	205	140 205	90-150			
-	24 00	8 00	4 00	13 80	1 00	50 80	13,534 00	266
14 00	57 00	82 00	-	-	-	153 00	50,565 00	330
-	-	-	11 90	-	-	11 90	2,333 00	196
0 20	-	-	1 80	-	0 30	2 30	533 00	232
-	46 00	40 00	27 00	80 00	-	193 00	44,530 00	231
-	-	0 10	-	3 70	-	3 80	584 00	154
-	36 00	22 00	4 50	50	-	64 00	20,153 00	315
14 20	163 00	152 10	49 20	99 00	1 3C	478 80	132,232 00	
<b>Total hours/cost from 5 May 2007 to 28 August 2008</b>						755 00	231,217	
<b>Total hours : cost from 19 December 2005 to 4 May 2007</b>								
<b>Total hours : cost from 19 December 2005 to 28 August 2008</b>						1,233 80	363,449	