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Notice of progress report in voluntary winding up



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1 Company details

Company number 00137659

Company name in full Unilever Australia Investments Limited

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2 Liquidator's name

Full forename(s) Malcolm

Surname Cohen

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Building name/number BDO LLP

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Post town London

County/Region

Postcode W1U7EU

Country

4 Liquidator's name ①

Full forename(s) Stacey

Surname Brown

① Other liquidator

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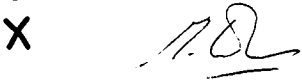
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**Unilever Australia Investments
Limited
In Members' Voluntary Liquidation**

Joint Liquidators' Progress Report from
21 December 2022 to 20 December 2023

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Glossary of terms

Abbreviation or term	Meaning
'Act'	Insolvency Act 1986
'HMRC'	HM Revenue & Customs
'Joint Liquidators' or 'we'	Malcolm Cohen and Stacey Brown
'members'	Members whose names are entered in the register of members
'Period'	21 December 2022 to 20 December 2023
'preferential creditors'	Claims for unpaid wages earned in the four months prior to liquidation up to £800, holiday pay and unpaid pension contributions in certain circumstances and where a Company enters into Liquidation on or after 1 December 2020, claims for unpaid VAT, PAYE deductions, Employee National Insurance Contributions (NICs) deductions, student loan repayment deductions and amounts withheld under the construction industry scheme
'Progress Report'	Prepared in accordance with Rules 18.3 and 18.7 of the Rules
'Rules'	Insolvency (England and Wales) Rules 2016
'secured creditors'	Creditors whose debt is secured, in accordance with Section 248 of the Act
'the Company'	Unilever Australia Investments Limited
'unsecured creditors'	Creditors who are neither secured nor preferential

Key information

Background

Malcolm Cohen and Stacey Brown were appointed Joint Liquidators of the Company on 21 December 2022.

Purpose of this report

This is the Progress Report for the period from 21 December 2022 to 20 December 2023.

The main purpose of the Progress Report is to provide you with an update of the Liquidation's progress during the Period.

Members' rights

An overview of the rights of members are detailed in Appendix B.

Contact details

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If you require a hard copy of the Progress Report please contact Pauline Durrant on the contact details above.

Progress in the period

Asset realisations

A receipts and payments account is attached at Appendix C. No assets have been realised during the Period.

According to the statement of assets and liabilities embedded in the directors' declaration of solvency, the sole asset to realise was an uncharged asset of £1. This asset is expected to be distributed in specie prior to the closure of the Liquidation.

HMRC

We notify HMRC of our appointment and seek confirmation as to whether it has a claim across all head of taxation (Corporation Tax, VAT and PAYE/NIC).

Creditors

There are no known creditors at the date of liquidation and no claims have been received to date.

Return on capital

No distributions were declared during the Period. As detailed above, a first and final distribution in specie of the uncharged asset of £1 is expected to be made to the Company's members when we are in a position to conclude the liquidation.

Other matters

In addition to the above matters, we have dealt with all statutory matters required by legislation and administrative work incidental to our duties as Joint Liquidators.

Joint Liquidators' remuneration

The Joint Liquidators' remuneration was approved on a time cost basis by the member.

During the Period, time costs of £3,497 were incurred over 13 hours at an average rate of £273 per hour.

A detailed report of the time incurred by the Joint Liquidators and a narrative of the work done during the Period is attached in Appendix D. No fees are shown on the receipts and payments account as fees are being settled by another group company.

Joint Liquidators' expenses

There have been no expenses incurred or paid during the Period as there was more than one concurrent appointment so bonding and advertising was completed on a batch basis and the costs have been referred to in another liquidation.

Outstanding matters

The Joint Liquidators are currently reviewing their files in relation to the Company's tax affairs and to ensure that these have been finalised in anticipation of distributing the surplus assets in specie and issuing a Proposed Final Account to conclude the Liquidation.

Appendix A

Statutory information

Information

Company name	Unilever Australia Investments Limited
Company registration number	00137659
Registered office	C/o BDO LLP, 5 Temple Square, Temple Street, Liverpool, L2 5RH
Date of appointment	21 December 2022
Joint Liquidators	Malcolm Cohen Stacey Brown <i>Under the provisions of section 231 of the Act the Joint Liquidators carry out their functions jointly and severally meaning any action can be done by one Liquidator or by both of them.</i>
Joint Liquidators' address	BDO LLP, 55 Baker Street, London, W1U 7EU
Data Control and GDPR	Malcolm Cohen and Stacey Brown are authorised to act as Insolvency Practitioners by the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales in the UK. The Joint Liquidators are Data Controllers as defined by the General Data Protection Regulations. BDO LLP will act as Data Processor on the instruction of the Data Controllers. Personal data will be kept secure and processed only for matters relating to the Liquidation of Unilever Australia Investments Limited. Please see the privacy statement at https://www.bdo.co.uk/en-gb/privacy-notices/insolvencies

Appendix B

Members' rights

Within 21 days of receipt of the Progress Report, members with at least 5% in value of the total voting rights of all members having the right to vote at general meetings of the Company or any member with the permission of court, may request in writing that the Joint Liquidators provide further information about their remuneration or expenses which have been itemised in the Progress Report.

Within 14 days of receipt of the request, the Joint Liquidators must provide all of the information asked for, unless they think that:

- the time or cost in preparing the information would be excessive, or
- disclosure of the information would be prejudicial to the conduct of the Liquidation or might reasonably be expected to lead to violence against any person, or
- they are subject to confidentiality obligations in respect of the information.

The Joint Liquidators are also required to give reasons for not providing all of the requested information.

Members with at least 10% in value of the total voting rights of all members having the right to vote at general meetings of the Company may, within eight weeks of receipt of the Progress Report, make an application to court that the basis fixed for the Joint Liquidators' remuneration, the remuneration charged, or the expenses incurred by the Joint Liquidators, as set out in the Progress Report, are excessive.

Members may access a copy of BDO LLP's charging and expenses policy at <https://www.bdo.co.uk/en-gb/insights/advisory/business-restructuring/creditors-guides>.

The Insolvency Service has established a central gateway for considering complaints in respect of Insolvency Practitioners. In the event that you make a complaint to us but are not satisfied with the response, then you should visit <https://www.gov.uk/complain-about-insolvency-practitioner> where you will find further information on how you may pursue the complaint.

The Joint Liquidators are bound by the Insolvency Code of Ethics when carrying out all professional work relating to this Liquidation. A copy of the code can be found at <https://www.icaew.com/technical/ethics/icaew-code-of-ethics/icaew-code-of-ethics>.

Appendix C

Receipts and payments account

Unilever Australia Investments Limited
(In Liquidation)
Joint Liquidators' Summary of Receipts & Payments

Declaration of Solvency £		From 21/12/2022 To 20/12/2023 £	From 21/12/2022 To 20/12/2023 £
ASSET REALISATIONS			
1.00	Uncharged assets	NIL	NIL
		NIL	NIL
1.00		NIL	NIL
	REPRESENTED BY		
			NIL

Note:

Appendix D

Joint Liquidators' remuneration

Time costs of £3,497 have been incurred during the Period and a breakdown is detailed below, together with details of the work undertaken.

Activity	Partner	Director	Senior Manager	Manager	Senior Executive	Executive	Total hours	Time costs £	Av. rate £
Pre-appointment	-	-	0.55	0.30	2.35	0.15	3.35	857.50	255.97
Steps on appointment	0.60	-	0.65	0.30	3.15	-	4.70	1,517.90	322.96
Planning and strategy	-	-	0.20	-	2.70	-	2.90	564.10	194.52
Statutory reporting and decisions	-	-	-	-	0.10	-	0.10	24.00	240.00
General administration	-	0.10	-	-	0.65	-	0.75	137.30	183.07
Employees and pensions	-	-	0.10	-	0.35	-	0.45	163.00	362.22
Creditors	-	-	-	-	0.15	-	0.15	51.80	345.33
Members	-	-	0.15	-	-	-	0.15	78.15	521.00
Post appointment taxation	-	-	0.10	-	0.05	-	0.15	67.85	452.33
Closure	-	-	-	-	0.10	-	0.10	35.40	354.00
TOTAL	0.60	0.10	1.75	0.60	9.60	0.15	12.80	3,497.00	273.20

Pre-appointment

- Liaising with representatives of management and the members regarding the Liquidation process
- Assisting with the preparation of documentation to place the Company into Liquidation and appointing the Joint Liquidators
- Carrying out pre appointment pension searches

Steps on appointment

- Initial statutory notifications and advertisements
- Undertaking a search of the Information Commissioner's Office website

Planning and strategy

- Case reviews
- Internal meetings and discussions

Statutory reporting and decisions

- Review of Liquidation time costs

General administration

- Arranging settlement of specific penalty bond
- Maintaining internal case record and files

Employees and pensions

- Statutory notifications to the Pensions Regulator and the Pension Protection Fund

Creditors

- Correspondence with HMRC in relation to corporation tax return(s)

Members

- Correspondence with representatives of the members

Post appointment taxation

- Enquiries and correspondence in relation to corporation tax returns

Closure

- Closure planning

The current charge out rates per hour of staff within the firm who may be involved in working on the Liquidation are as follows:

Grade	£
Partner	994
Director	417-834
Senior Manager	347-694
Manager	190-507
Senior Executive	152-354
Executive	93-186
BDO LLP Tax department (max)	1,304

