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## Administrator's progress report

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1 June 2009
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Bowie Castlebank Limited
Alexander Kennedy & Sons Limited
Clydebank Laundry Limited
Klick Photopoint Limited
Foto Processing (Holdings) Limited
Foto Processing Limited
Photographic Services (North West) Limited
Specialist Photo Printers (Liverpool) Limited
Supasnaps Limited
("the Companies or the Group")
(all in administration)

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#### 1 Introduction

We, Blair Carnegie Nimmo and Gerard Anthony Friar of KPMG, were appointed Joint Administrators of the Companies noted below, collectively referred to as "the Companies or "the Group" on 2 December 2008.

- Bowie Castlebank Limited ("Bowie");
- Alexander Kennedy & Sons Limited ("Kennedy");
- Clydebank Laundry Limited ("Clydebank");
- Klick Photopoint Limited ("Klick");
- Foto Processing (Group) Limited ("Processing");
- Foto Processing Limited ("Foto");
- Photographic Services (North West) Limited ("Photographic");
- Specialist Photo Printers (Liverpool) Limited ("Specialist");
- Supasnaps Limited ("Supasnaps").

We were appointed by the Directors of the Companies, in each case, following lodgement of the relevant documents at the Court of Session in Edinburgh or the Supreme Court of Judicature in London as appropriate.

In accordance with Rule 2.38 of the Insolvency (Scotland) Rules 1986 and Rule 2.47 of the Insolvency Rules 1986 we set out below our first six monthly progress report.

Our receipts and payments account for the period 2 December 2008 (the date of appointment) to 1 June 2009 are attached at Appendices 2 to 4. There are no receipts or payments for Clydebank, Klick, Processing, Foto, Photographic or Supasnaps.

#### 2 Progress to date including realisation of assets

#### Overview 2.1

You may recall that our proposals provided to the creditors on 23 January 2009 set out the background to the Companies, the events leading up to our appointment and, inter alia, an overview of the initial actions we took to safeguard the assets, control trading operations and sell the business.



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Indeed, as previously advised, we successfully concluded a sale of the business and assets at 187 stores to Timpson Photo Limited ("Timpson") on 19 December 2008 maximising recoveries from the Companies assets and safeguarding a significant number of employees jobs. The remaining 127 stores were then closed immediately following completion of the sale.

I set out below an update on the progress made since submitting our initial proposals.

## Stock and assets

All stock and assets contained in the stores which closed on or before 19 December 2008 were included as part of the sale agreement with Timpson. We have been involved in an extensive collaborative exercise with Timpson and our property agents to organise the clearance of these stores as quickly as possible to enable us to return the keys to the relevant landlords. This process has now completed.

### Landlords

With the assistance of our legal agents, Shepherd & Wedderburn, we have been liaising extensively with Timpson in order to facilitate lease assignations for the 187 stores which were included as part of the sale agreement. To date, approximately 45 leases have been assigned and it is likely that we will require to continue liaising with Timpson for a further six months at least.

In relation to the 127 stores which were closed, we have been dealing with a significant level of correspondence from landlords and their agents demanding rent, return of keys, lease surrenders etc. We will require to continue liaising with the landlords for some time vet.

## Retention of Title claims ("ROT")

A significant number of claims (33) were received in the early stages of the Administration in relation to goods held in each of the stores, to goods and supplies held at the Chester warehouse and to supplies held at the Wishaw processing site.

We have spent a considerable amount of time since our appointment dealing with significant RoT claims from the three principal suppliers together with a further 30 claims from other suppliers. We were required to progress the claims with the major suppliers quickly to enable us to implement our preferred trading and sale of business strategy. Due to the legal conditionality of the arrangements reached, there had been a number of key aspects to attend to over several months. These claims are now virtually complete.

Since our last report we have successfully managed to settle all of the 30 other RoT claims at minimal cost to the Administrations.



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## Chester warehouse

We retained control of the Chester warehouse until the end of January 2009 at which point it was taken over by Timpson.

## Customer Product

We have liaised with Timpson for several months to help return customer product wherever possible, in particular dry cleaning, to the Wishaw facility as our central storage base. In line with the Group's policy of keeping the unclaimed goods for one year, we may require to rent one of the units at Wishaw until the end of 2009 before disposing of a significant quantity of unclaimed customer clothing which we still hold.

## Customer complaints/correspondence

As anticipated, we received a substantial level of customer queries for the first few months following our appointment. You may recall we maintained a customer service centre to help deal with these calls. A steady stream of calls and customer letters continues to be received in relation to issues such as the location of goods, defective products, lost customer items etc. This continues to absorb a significant element of my staff's time, even though we have retained the assistance of 2 ex-employees to help us.

## Employee liaison

Due to there initially being 1,664 employees, we have had considerable liaison with employees and various government agencies for several months.

Immediately following our appointment we required to make a number of employees redundant. Thereafter, employees were made redundant as shops closed or support functions were wound down. As of 12 January 2009, we still had 47 employees assisting us on various aspects of the Group's affairs. By 13 February 2009, all remaining employees were made redundant as the head office was closed and the Chester warehouse was taken over by Timpson.

Our staff have been overseeing the submission of employee claims for arrears of pay, outstanding holiday pay, redundancy and pay in lieu of notice to the Redundancy Payments Service. We have also been dealing with voluminous queries from employees on a daily basis relating to completion of claim forms, their entitlements and how their claims are progressing. We have now successfully submitted over 90% of the claim forms and are actively chasing the remaining forms from former employees.

## 2.2 Realisation of other assets

The remaining assets which were not included in the sale to Timpson have mostly now been realised.

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## Plant and Machinery - Wishaw

The plant and machinery at Wishaw was sold through our agents successfully realising the undernoted sums:

- Photographic processing equipment for £160,000;
- Dry cleaning and other equipment for £29,200.

## Munro brand

We advertised the Munro dry cleaning brand which has now been sold realising a nominal sum.

## **Paintings**

The only assets left to realise are paintings. These were originally located at the Group's head office but were removed to secure premises and are actively being marketed by our agents, Ryden. We will update you on the realisable value of the paintings in our next report.

#### 2.3 Debtors

Since our previous update, we have continued to pursue all outstanding debtor balances.

## Tesco debtor balance

The main debtor balance due to the Companies at the date of our appointment was from Tesco, totalling c £600,000. Tesco used the Wishaw unit for photo processing. To date, we have recovered £426,000 and are actively chasing the remaining c£158,000 balance due to the Group (after deducting £16,000 which is disputed). Tesco goods were also processed for approximately two weeks at the beginning of the administration and we are actively pursuing the outstanding debtor of c £150,000 from these sales.

## Snapfish debtor balance

Another significant debtor balance due to the Companies at the date of our appointment was from Snapfish, totalling c £75,000. We have now successfully recovered the full balance.

## Rates Prepayments

We appointed agents to assist in identifying and pursuing potential rates refunds. With the help of these agents we have been actively pursuing as many refunds as possible. To date, net receipts recovered for the Companies total c£250,000. We expect only a small number of further prepaid rates refunds.

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### Other

There are various other sundry debtors that the Companies had, mainly in relation to rents due from sub tenants. We have so far recovered c £25,000 and will actively pursue any remaining debts whilst it remains cost effective to do so.

## 2.4 Investigation matters

As noted in our initial report to creditors, we are required to investigate the Companies affairs prior to our appointment. We have undertaken and completed the necessary investigations and have submitted our report to the Department of Trade & Industry. These reports are confidential and cannot be disclosed to any third parties.

## Amounts payable to secured creditors, preferential creditors, and the floating charge holder

## 3.1 Preferential creditors

The preferential creditors, which all relate to Kennedy, are estimated as follows:-

Figure 1: Preferential creditors

	0003
Employees – arrears of salary/wages	244
Employees – holiday pay	648
Provision'	30
	922
Source: Company records and KPMG estimates	

## 3.2 Floating charge creditor

The Bank of Scotland ("the Bank") holds a first-ranking bond and floating charge over the business and assets of Bowie, Kennedy, Clydebank and Klick. There are also cross guarantees in place.

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The Bank also holds debentures over the business and assets of Photographic, Specialist and Supasnaps.

The sum outstanding at the date of appointment was £7,131,823. It should be noted that interest continues to accrue on this debt.

## Prescribed part of the Company's net property pursuant 4 to Section 176A of the Insolvency Act 1986

The floating charges and debentures held by the Bank in respect of Bowie, Kennedy, Clydebank, Klick, Photo and Specialist were granted before 15 September 2003, therefore S176A of the Insolvency Act 1986 does not apply and, accordingly, there will not be a prescribed part of the Companies' net property available for unsecured creditors.

The debenture over Supasnaps was granted after 15 September 2003. Therefore s.176A is applicable. However, there are no realisable assets in Supasnaps and accordingly there will be no prescribed part distribution under s.176A.

There were no debentures granted by Foto or Processing.

#### 5 Dividend prospects for creditors

Interim distributions have been made to the secured lender under its floating charges of £250,000 from Bowie and £500,000 from Kennedy. It is expected that the secured lender will receive further partial distributions, however, the quantum of these remains uncertain at present.

It is expected that preferential creditors' claims in Kennedy will be settled in full. It is not anticipated that funds will be available to enable a distribution to the unsecured creditors of Bowie or Kennedy or to any creditors of the other group companies.

#### Joint Administrators' fees 6

The Joint Administrators fees for the Administrations are subject to approval from the secured creditor and the preferential creditors. We will update you in this regard in future reports.

You will note that no fees have been drawn to date.



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#### 7 Other matters

A number of issues still require to be dealt with in the Administrations. These include, inter alia:-

- Final resolution of all trading related matters including repatriation of customer product and continuing to deal with customer queries;
- Satisfactory resolution of all post Timpson sale issues, including arrangement of outstanding lease assignations for the 187 stores included as part of the sale agreement;
- Finalise discussions with Tesco over the remaining outstanding debtor balances;
- Finalising the position with local councils and water companies over rates position and recovering any further refunds;
- Preparing for a further dividend distribution to the secured lender and full dividend distribution to preferential creditors; and
- Attending to all statutory aspects of the Administration processes.

Every effort will continue to be made to maximise realisations whilst it remains cost effective to do so and we will endeavour to finalise the remaining outstanding matters in the Administration as quickly as possible.

**GA** Friar **KPMG** 191 West George Street Glasgow G2 2LJ

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## Appendix 1

## Statutory and other information

## **EC** Regulation

All of the Administrations are main proceedings under the EC Regulation on Insolvency Proceedings. Article 3 of the EC Regulation defines main proceedings and each Company is registered in Scotland or England, has its main centre of interest in Scotland or England and does not fall within one of the excepted categories. Consequently, each Administration is governed by the Insolvency Act 1986 and not any other European Union Member State's insolvency law.

## Relevant court

Notice of the appointment was lodged at the Court of Session, Edinburgh on 2 December 2008 for the Scottish registered companies being Bowie, Kennedy, Clydebank and Klick. Notice of the appointment was lodged at the Supreme Court of Judicature, London on 2 December 2008 for the English registered companies being Processing, Foto, Photographic, Specialist and Supasnaps.

## Incorporation

Bowie was incorporated on 6 March 1930.

Kennedy was incorporated on 17 September 1915.

Clydebank was incorporated on 13 June 1907.

Klick was incorporated on 7 November 1961.

Processing was incorporated on 18 April 1995.

Foto was incorporated on 22 June 1994.

Photographic Services was incorporated on 17 July 1946.

Specialist was incorporated on 5 October 1955.

Supasnaps was incorporated on 5 May 2004.

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## Extensions to initial period of appointment

To date, we have not made any request to extend the period of the Administrations beyond the one year statutory period albeit we may require to do so at the appropriate time

## Registered office and trading address

Bowie's, Kennedy's, Clydebank's and Klick's former registered offices were situated at:-

1 Dowanside Lane 235 Byres Road Glasgow G12 9BZ.

As part of the Administration process, the registered offices have been changed to:-

c/o KPMG LLP 191 West George Street Glasgow G2 2LJ

The Companies operated from various leased premises throughout Scotland and England with the main head office being at 1 Dowanside Lane, 235 Byres Road, Glasgow G12 9BZ.

The former registered offices for Processing, Foto, Photographic, Specialist and Supasnaps were situated at:-

Unit 1A
Chestergates
Dunkirk Trading Estate
Chester
CH1 6LT

As part of the Administration process, the registered offices have been changed to:-

c/o KPMG LLP 1 The Embankment Neville Street Leeds West Yorkshire LS1 4DW



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## Company number

Bowie's Company number is SC015870.

Kennedy's Company number is SC009467.

Clydebank's Company number is SC006543.

Klick's Company number is SC036950.

Processing's Company number is 03046461.

Foto's Company number is 02941670.

Photographic Services' Company number is 00415256

Specialist's Company number is 00555552.

Supasnaps' Company number is 05120081



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Appendix 2

Administrators' receipts and payments accounts - Bowie

# Bowie-Castlebank Limited (In Administration) Administrators' Abstract of Receipts & Payments To 01/06/2009

£		S of A £
295,826.00 NIL (309.97)	ASSET REALISATIONS Cash on appointment Paintings Book debts	5,000.00
2,084.28 1,408.77	OTHER REALISATIONS Bank interest, gross Insurance claim settlement	
1.42	Water Rates	
550.00 15,940.59	COST OF REALISATIONS Specific bonds Legal fees	
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200,000.00	FLOATING CHARGE CREDITORS Floating charge	(5,250,000.00)
NIL	UNSECURED CREDITORS Connected companies	(18,137,000.00)
NIL	DISTRIBUTIONS Ordinary shareholders	(2,903,000.00)
		(26,285,000.00)
	REPRESENTED BY	
	Floating charge current	
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	295,826.00 NIL (309.97)  2,084.28 1,408.77 35,494.86 1.42  550.00 15,940.59  200,000.00  NIL	ASSET REALISATIONS Cash on appointment: Paintings NIL Book debts (309.97)  OTHER REALISATIONS Bank interest, gross 2,084.28 Insurance claim settlement 1,408.77 Rates Refund 35,494.86 Water Rates 1.42  COST OF REALISATIONS Specific bonds 550.00 Legal fees 15,940.59  FLOATING CHARGE CREDITORS Floating charge 200,000.00  UNSECURED CREDITORS Connected companies NIL  DISTRIBUTIONS Ordinary shareholders NIL

## Alexander Kennedy & Sons Limited

## (In Administration) Administrators' Trading Account To 01/06/2009

S of A £	£	£
POST-APPOINTMENT SALES		
Sales	1,666,157.00	
Mail Order Sales	3,751.26	
Other sales	20.00	•
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PURCHASES		
Wishaw materials	11,056.13	
Site costs	10,916.63	
Cost of Sales	(872.40)	
		(21,100.36)
OTHER DIRECT COSTS		
Direct labour	691,434.76	
Direct expenses	11,168.71	
Agency costs	21,573.23	(724,176.70
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TRADING EXPENSES		
Petty cash	4,353.56	
Rent	21,148.99	
Rates	54,875.58	
Water rates	4,565.35	
Heat & light	9,261.92	
Customer refunds	1,518.85	
Саттаде	53,113.87	
Repairs and maintenance	11,559.53	
Employee expenses	61,535.33	
Sundry expenses	4,652.74	
Vehicle running costs	31,273.69	
Advertising	1,743.61	(259,603.02
TRADING SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)		665,048.18

## Alexander Kennedy & Sons Limited (In Administration)

## Administrators' Abstract of Receipts & Payments To 01/06/2009

NIL
NIL
2,613,437.64
853,634.66
(295,033.71)
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NIL

# Alexander Kennedy & Sons Limited (In Administration) Administrators' Abstract of Receipts & Payments To 01/06/2009

£	£		S of A £
	250,000,00	FLOATING CHARGE CREDITORS	
(250,000.00)	250,000.00	Floating charge	(6,795,000.00)
		UNSECURED CREDITORS	
	NIL	Trade & expense	(4,872,000.00)
	NIL	Connected companies	(26,063,000.00)
	NIL	Corp tax etc/nonpref PAYE	(241,000.00)
	NIL	Non-preferential VAT	(2,018,000.00)
NIL			
		DISTRIBUTIONS	
	NIL	Ordinary shareholders	(17,000.00)
NIL		·	, , ,
2,922,038.59			(38,861,000.00)
2,722,030.07			(30,001,000.00)
		REPRESENTED BY	
10,832.88		Floating ch. VAT rec'able	
2,913,635.71		Interest Bearing Current Account	
(2,430.00)		Floating ch. VAT payable	
2,922,038.59	•		



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Administrators' receipts and payments accounts - Kennedy



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Appendix 4

Administrators' receipts and payments accounts - Specialist

## Specialist Photo Printers (Liverpool) Limited (In Administration)

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## Administrators' Abstract of Receipts & Payments To 01/06/2009

£	£		S of A £
56,855.27	8.46 56,846.81	OTHER REALISATIONS Bank interest, gross Rates Refund	
NIL	NIL	UNSECURED CREDITORS Connected companies	(3,267,000.00)
NIL	NIL	DISTRIBUTIONS Ordinary shareholders	(22,000.00)
56,855.27	-		(3,289,000.00)
		REPRESENTED BY	
56,855.27		IB Current Account	
56,855.27	_		