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Company name in full	Caparo Industries Plc			
2	Administrator's name			
Full forename(s)	David Matthew			
Surname	Hammond			
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Post town	Birmingham			
County/Region				
Postcode	B 3 3 A X			
Country				
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Surname	Williams	Use this section to tell us about another administrator.		
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# Joint Administrators' progress report from 19 April 2021 to 18 April 2022

#### Caparo Industries Plc

(in administration)
High Court of Justice, Chancery Division,
Birmingham District Registry
Case no. 8398 of 2015

12 May 2022



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The following table shows the abbreviations and insolvency terms that may be used in this report:

Company	Caparo Industries Plc
Administrators	David Matthew Hammond and Edward Williams
Group	Caparo Industries PLC, Caparo Engineering Ltd, BACo Realisations Ltd (formerly Bridge Aluminium Ltd), Material Measurements Ltd, GW 957 Ltd, Caparo Steel Products Ltd, Caparo Precision Strip Ltd, Caparo Precision Tubes Ltd, Caparo Vehicle Products Ltd, Caparo Vehicle Technologies Ltd, Caparo Modular Systems Ltd, Caparo Atlas Fastenings Ltd, Caparo Tube Components Ltd, Caparo Tube Components 2 Ltd, Caparo Accles & Pollock Ltd and Caparo Advanced Composites Ltd
Firm	PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP
IR16	Insolvency (England and Wales) Rules 2016
IA86	Insolvency Act 1986
Sch.B1 IA86	Schedule B1 to the Insolvency Act 1986
HMRC	HM Revenue & Customs
Liquidation Companies	Caparo Atlas Fastenings Limited, Caparo Steel Products Limited, Caparo Engineering Limited, Material Measurements Limited, Caparo Precision Tubes Limited - all in liquidation
Prescribed part	The amount set aside for unsecured creditors from floating charge funds in accordance with section 176A IA86 and the Insolvency Act 1986 (Prescribed Part) Order 2003
Secured creditors	Creditors with security in respect of their debt, in accordance with section 248 IA86
Preferential creditors	Claims for unpaid wages earned in the four months before the insolvency up to £800, holiday pay and unpaid pension contributions in certain circumstances
Secured Lenders	Barclays Bank Plc and Royal Bank of Scotland Plc
SIP	Statement of Insolvency Practice (issued by regulatory authorities, setting out principles and key compliance standards with which insolvency practitioners are required to comply)
ARMS	Atlantic Risk Management Services
Pension Scheme	Caparo 1988 Pension Scheme
IDF	Invoice discounting facility
Unsecured creditors	Creditors who are neither secured nor preferential

This report has been prepared by **David Matthew Hammond and Edward Williams** as Joint Administrators of the Company, solely to comply with the Joint Administrators' statutory duty to report to creditors under IR16 on the progress of the administration, and for no other purpose. It is not suitable to be relied upon by any other person, or for any other purpose, or in any other context.

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Please note you should read this report in conjunction with the Joint Administrators' previous reports issued to the Company's creditors, which can be found at **www.pwc.co.uk/caparo-cip**. Unless stated otherwise, all amounts in this report and appendices are stated net of VAT.

David Matthew Hammond and Edward Williams have been appointed as Joint Administrators of the Company to manage its affairs, business and property as its agents and act without personal liability. Both are licensed in the United Kingdom to act as insolvency practitioners by the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales. The Joint Administrators are bound by the Insolvency Code of Ethics which can be found at: https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/insolvency-practitioner-code-of-ethics

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#### Why we've sent you this report

We're writing to update you on the progress of the administration of Caparo Industries PLC in the twelve months since our last report dated 12 May 2021.

You can still view our earlier reports on our website at www.pwc.co.uk/caparo-cip. Please get in touch with Adam Thompson at adam.x.thompson@pwc.com if you need the password to access the reports.

#### How much creditors may receive

The following table summarises the possible outcome for creditors, based on what we currently know.

Secured creditors							
<ul><li>Secured Lenders</li><li>Pension Scheme</li><li>Caparo Group Limited</li></ul>	100p/£ 100p/£ Uncertain	100p/£ 100p/£ Uncertain					
Preferential creditors	100p/£ (paid)	100p/£					
Unsecured creditors	0p/£	0p/£					

<sup>\*</sup>Please note this guidance on dividends is only an indication and should not be used as the main basis of any bad debt provision or debt trading.

The Secured Lenders and the Pension Scheme (for part of its claim) have security across the Group's assets. The other Secured Creditor is Caparo Group Limited, which has security relating to the Company's shares in Caparo India Limited.

Prior to the Administration, the Group entered into an IDF with the Secured Lenders. The relevant debts were being collected by the Secured Lenders' agent, ARMS, (as opposed to the Administrators) and subsequently by the respective purchasers and then by the Administrators. The net funds received reduced the amount the Group owed the Secured Lenders.

Following a successful period of trading and various sales of the businesses and assets across the Group, the Secured Lenders and the Pension Scheme's reducible (secured) amounts were repaid in full from charged asset realisations in other group companies.

The level of Preferential Creditors significantly reduced as a result of the going concern sale of the business and the payment of arrears of wages and salaries as part of the trading costs. Preferential Creditors claims totalling £18,116 were paid in full in October 2017.

The position for Unsecured Creditors remains as previously reported: based on the current estimates of realisations and costs in the Company and across the Group, we expect that there will be no distribution to Unsecured Creditors whether from the Prescribed part or otherwise.

#### What you need to do

This report is for your information and you don't need to do anything. However, should you wish to submit a claim, a claim form can be downloaded from our website at <a href="www.pwc.co.uk/caparo">www.pwc.co.uk/caparo</a>-cip, or you can get one by emailing Adam Thompson at adam.x.thompson@pwc.com.

Our previous reports set out the background to the Administration, together with the tasks undertaken during the course of the Administration. Our previous reports and proposals are available on our website: www.pwc.co.uk/caparo-cip

We remain in office mainly because we had identified a possible claim in the Company in relation to the sale of a subsidiary prior to the Administration which appeared to have been sold at a value significantly less than it was worth at the time. The initial investigations that were conducted revealed that any successful claim could be of sufficient value to repay the Company's creditors in full, including the shortfall on the Group's Pension Schemes.

It is the view of the Administrators that the work had to be completed, and the process had to be completed as far as it was, in order for the Administrators to have fully and thoroughly determined whether assets could be realised. We provide further information on this in the next section of this report. Any net realisation from the investigations could benefit the Liquidation Companies, and an exercise is currently underway to approve the payment by those companies of a contribution to the costs of the investigations.

We think that all other realisable assets of the Company have now been realised.

When we last reported, the key outstanding matters in the administration were as follows:

- Investigations ongoing enquiries and consideration of next steps following the review of activities prior to our appointment;
- A final marshalling exercise, if required;
- VAT compliance: Completing the relevant returns and deregistering this Company prior to closure of the administration;
- Statutory and compliance: Dealing with other compliance matters such as progress reports, a possible extension from court, final account and correspondence with creditors; and
- Distributions: If it becomes apparent that a dividend will be available to Unsecured Creditors, agreeing and paying an unsecured distribution.

Our progress on these matters is set out below.

#### Investigation of possible claims

We identified a possible claim in the Company in relation to the sale of a subsidiary prior to the administration at what appeared to be a value significantly less than it was then worth. The entity was sold to a trust connected with certain directors and major shareholders in the group. Initial investigations revealed that any claim, if successful, could be of sufficient value to repay the Company's creditors in full, including the shortfall on the group's pension schemes. A number of other Group companies which are in liquidation (the Liquidation Companies) are jointly liable for the pension scheme deficit and would therefore also benefit from the repayment of this liability.

The process of investigating the claim included significant forensic investigations and legal advice from leading lawyers and Queen's Counsel. The work involved a detailed review of significant levels of company records and emails, a number of interviews with individuals involved in the transaction at the time, preparation of an initial letter before action, which was shared with a number of individuals and organisations and subsequent work in analysing responses received to these letters before action.

This work was carried out over several periods of months of intensive work which were undertaken over each of the years of the appointment. Such were the significant periods and phases of work that a significant amount of time was required to ascertain and assimilate the level of evidence. It is the view of the Administrators that the work had to be completed, and the process had to be completed as far as it was, in order for the Administrators to have fully and thoroughly determined whether assets (which had the potential to realise significant value for creditors) could be realised.

At this point in time there have been no realisations as a result of these investigations and we have consulted regularly with selected creditors including for example the Pension Trustees representatives.

Given the significant investment of time we are therefore asking creditors of the Liquidation Companies to agree to pay a partial recharge of the investigation costs to cover this shortfall, and details of this request are being circulated to the creditors of each of the Liquidation Companies. As the benefit from a successful outcome of the litigation to the Liquidation Companies would be a reduction in the dividend paid to the pension scheme, we are asking the Liquidation Companies to pay an amount proportionate to the dividend that it would pay to the pension scheme, so as to match this cost to the potential benefit.

#### Realisation of other assets

#### Sundry refund

During the period, funds of £8,758 were released into the administration in relation to undertaking fees held on account since 2015 arising from the assignment of the Basingstoke lease, Unit 6 Ringway. As the solicitors have now been released from all undertakings, the funds have been released into the administration.

#### Bank interest

During the period of this report, we have received bank interest of £366.13.

#### Statutory and compliance

During the period of this report, we have complied with our statutory duties, including our specialist tax and VAT teams preparing and filing the quarterly VAT returns in respect of the Company and tax returns.

The court had previously ordered that progress reports to creditors could be submitted on an annual basis. Accordingly, there was no progress report for the period ending 18 October 2021 and this report is for a 12 month period.

We also continued the exercise outlined in our previous report to marshall funds within the Group to ensure that the amounts due to the secured creditors were paid as far as possible from the companies that owed the money, rather than by guarantor companies. This exercise resulted in a receipt of £500,000 in the period from the other companies

within the Group. Depending on the results of the investigation and claim, there is likely to be a final marshalling round in due course.

#### Other Investigations and actions

Nothing has come to our attention during the period under review to suggest that we need to do any more work in line with our duties under the Company Directors' Disqualification Act 1986 and Statement of Insolvency Practice No.2.

#### **Extension of the administration**

Following our application to the Court on 18 October 2021, an Order was granted extending the administration of the Company by 12 months to 18 October 2022. If we consider it in the interests of the creditors, we may ask the court to approve a further extension in due course.

#### Changes of administrator

Toby Scott Underwood, one of the previous joint administrators, has retired from the firm. To make sure that outstanding issues in the administration continue to be pursued, an application was made to the Court to remove him and appoint Edward Williams as administrator. Edward Williams is licensed in the United Kingdom to act as an insolvency practitioner by the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales.

The application was granted and so Edward Williams replaced Toby Scott Underwood as joint administrator with effect from 30 November 2021. Toby Scott Underwood was released from all liability in respect of his conduct as administrator with effect from 28 days from the date of this report. Creditors had 28 days from receiving this notice to apply to Court to vary or discharge the Court order.

#### **Connected party transactions**

In accordance with Statement of Insolvency Practice 13, we are required to disclose any known connected party transactions that occurred in the period following our appointment or any proposed connected party transactions. We can confirm that there are no such transactions requiring disclosure.

#### Our receipts and payments account

We set out in Appendix A an account of our receipts and payments in the administration from 19 April 2021 to 18 April 2022.

#### Our expenses

We set out in Appendix B a statement of the expenses we've incurred to the date covered by this report and an estimate of our future expenses. The statement excludes any potential tax liabilities that we may need to pay as an administration expense in due course because amounts due will depend on the position at the end of the tax accounting period.

#### Our fees

We set out in Appendix C an update on our remuneration which covers our fees, disbursements and other related matters in this case. We are asking creditors to agree that our remuneration can exceed the fees estimate provided previously. Our remuneration report providing details of our uplift request will shortly be available at <a href="https://www.pwc.co.uk/caparo">www.pwc.co.uk/caparo</a>.

#### **Creditors' rights**

Creditors have the right to ask for more information within 21 days of receiving this report as set out in Rule 18.9 IR16. Any request must be in writing. Creditors can also challenge fees and expenses within eight weeks of receiving this report as set out in Rule 18.34. This information can also be found in the guide to fees at:

 $\underline{\text{https://www.icaew.com/-/media/corporate/files/technical/insolvency/creditors-guides/2021/administration-creditor-fee-guide-1-april-2021.ashx?la=en}$ 

You can also get a copy free of charge by emailing Adam Thompson at adam.x.thompson@pwc.com

#### What we still need to do

There remain a number of matters which we continue to work on. These include:

- Tax clearance: Preparing and submitting the final tax return on behalf of the Company along with the clearance request;
- VAT compliance: Completing the relevant returns and deregistering this Company prior to closure of the Administration; and
- Statutory and compliance: Dealing with other compliance matters such as our remuneration report and fee uplift request, progress reports, final account and correspondence with creditors.

#### **Next steps**

We are currently considering the best strategy for ending the administration, taking into account, obtaining the relevant clearances, discharging final costs and fulfilling our statutory duties. We'll provide an update on this in our next report.

We expect to send our next report to creditors at the end of the administration or in about twelve months, whichever is the sooner.

If you've got any questions, please get in touch with Adam Thompson at adam.x.thompson@pwc.com.

Yours faithfully

For and on behalf of the Company

David Matthew Hammond Joint Administrator

Statement of affairs		19/04/2015 to 18/04/2021	19/04/2021 to 18/04/2022	19/04/2015 18/04/2022
£	Assets subject to a fixed charge	£	£	£
	Receipts			-
	Land and property	1,679,589	-	1 ,679,589
	Shares	2,400,000	-	2,400,000
	Motor vehicles	19,836	-	19,836
	Interest	26,334	-	26,334
73,000	Total receipts	4,161,288	-	4,125,759
	Payments			
	Professional and legal fees	(27,055)	-	(27,055)
	Bank charges	(55,384)	-	(55,384)
	Total payments	(82,439)	-	(82,439)
	Distributions			-
	Secured creditor / Marshalling	(708,885)	500,000	(208,885)
	Total payments	(708,885)	500,000	(208,885)
	Net fixed charge realisations	3,369,964	-	3,334,435
	Assets subject to a floating charge			
	Receipts			
	Other asset realisations	169,990	-	169,990
	Sundry Debts and Refunds	385	8,758	9,143
	Legal fees & expenses - investigations	190	-	190
	Third party funds	252,761	=	252,761
	Group Company funding	(914)	-	(914)
	Interest	44,410	366	44,776
	Total receipts	466,822	9,124	475,946
	Payments			
	Professional fees and expenses	(1,863,988)	(250,613)	(2,114,601)
	IT hosting costs	(88,029)	-	(88,029)
	Agents' fees and expenses	(118,336)	-	(118,336)
	Statutory advertising	(3)	-	(3)
	Pre-appointee fees & expenses	(27,088)	-	(27,088)
	Office holders' fees	(1,622,815)	-	(1,622,815)
	Office holders' expenses	(86,937)		(86,937)
	Bank charges	(23,766)	-	(23,766)

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<sup>\*</sup>funds held in interest bearing account (rounded to the nearest £)

- 1. Amounts shown exclude VAT. Funds currently held may include monies due to HMRC or other members of a VAT group, or exclude monies which will be received in due course from these parties.
- 2. At present, all professional and legal fees & expenses are shown within professional fees, with the vast majority of these costs arising from our investigations work, which we are seeking to apportion costs to other members of the Group as detailed in our remuneration report.
- 4. There have been no payments made to our associates or any party who could be reasonably perceived as an associate in the period covered by this report.
- 5. All administrators' fees paid to date are currently shown as being paid out of floating charge realisations, some of the fees will be reallocated to fixed charge expenses in due course.
- 6. We consider all payments made during the period to be proportionate in the context of the administration.

Expenses are amounts properly payable by us as administrators from the estate, but excludes our fees and distributions to creditors. These include disbursements which are expenses met by and reimbursed to an office holder in connection with an insolvency appointment.

Expenses fall into two categories:

Category 1	Payments to persons providing the service to which the expense relates who are not an associate of the office holder.
Category 2	Payments to our firm or our associates or which have an element of shared costs (for example, photocopying and mileage disbursements, or costs shared between different insolvent estates).

We don't need approval from creditors to draw Category 1 expenses as these have all been provided by third parties but we do need approval to draw Category 2 expenses. The body of creditors who approve our fees (in this case the Secured creditors) also has the responsibility for agreeing the policies for payment of Category 2 expenses.

The rate for services provided by the Administrators' own firm (Category 2 expenses) may periodically rise (for example to cover annual inflationary cost increases) over the period of the administration. All other disbursements to be charged at cost.

The following table provides a breakdown of the Category 2 expenses that have been incurred by us as administrators or our associates in the reporting period, together with details of the Category 1 expenses that have been incurred by PwC and will be recharged to the case.

Category	Cost incurred by	Policy NB: where approved, ensure that the photocopying and mileage rates match the rates that were approved by creditors when the fee basis was fixed	Costs incurred £
2	PwC	At - at up to 12 pence per side copied, only charged for circulars to creditors and other bulk copying.	0.21
		Total brought forward as at 18 April 2021	102,730.85
		Total as at 25 March 2022	102,731.06

The table below provides details of the expenses incurred in the administration:

	Brought forward	Expenses incurred	Expenses incurred	Estimated future	Total estimated	Initial	
Nature of Expenses	at 18 April 2021 (£)	in the period (£)	to 18 April 2022 (£)	expenses (£)	expenses (£)	estimate (£)	Variance (£)
Professional and legal fees and							
expenses IT hosting costs	2,060,988 88,029	1,192,117	3,253,105 88,029	25,000	3,278,105 88,029	182,874	(3,095,231) (88,029)
Total trading expenses	(3,785)	-	(3,785)	-	,	2,181,541	2,185,326
Agents fees and expenses	118,336	-	118,336	-	118,336	-	(118,336)
Office holders' fees	4,554,066	393,821	4,947,887	58,513	5,006,400	1,680,757	(3,325,643)
Office holders' disbursements	102,731	-	102,731	750	103,481	49,250	(54,231)
Pre administration costs	27,088	-	27,088	-	27,088	31,876	4,788
Corporation tax	8,551	-	8,551	2,000	10,551	-	(10,551)
Taxation costs	2,629	-	2,629	-	2,629	-	(2,629)
Electronic data storage	37	-	37	-	37	-	(37)
Insurance	5,642	-	5,642	-	5,642	-	(5,642)
Statutory advertising	3	-	3	90	93	67	(26)
Bank charges	79,120	-	79,120	100	79,220	33,639	(45,581)
Total expenses (excluding VAT)	7,043,435	1,585,938	8,629,373	86,453	8,715,826	4,160,004	(4,555,822)

The table also excludes any potential tax liabilities that we may need to pay as an administration expense because amounts becoming due will depend on the position at the end of the tax accounting period.

The current estimates of the expenses of the administration are significantly different from the initial estimates. The initial estimates were made in early 2016 on the basis of the administration lasting a total of two years when the complexity and length of the investigation work that would be necessary were unknown. Our estimate of future costs assumes that any further legal and professional costs on the claim will be minimal.

The table should be read in conjunction with the receipts and payments account at Appendix A, which shows expenses actually paid during the period and the total paid to date. We are circulating a remuneration report to request an uplift in our expenses estimate. Approvals for the increase will be sought in due course.

Our fees were approved on a time costs basis by the Secured Creditors. To 18 April 2022, we have drawn fees of £1,622,815.25 in line with the approval given. No fees have been drawn in the current reporting period.

The time cost charges incurred in the period covered by this report are £393,821 for 865.30 hours work at an average hourly rate of £377. This amount does not necessarily reflect how much we will eventually draw as fees for this period.

Our total time costs have exceeded the initial level of time costs set out in our initial fees estimate which were predicted to be £1,680,758. The initial estimate, which was prepared in early 2016, assumed that the administration would be completed within 2 years and did not allow for the significant investigation work that has been undertaken. Because of this, and as reported in our previous reports to creditors, the time costs incurred have been significantly higher.

We now think we are in a position to make a realistic estimate of the total time we will incur in the administration, and we will therefore be formally requesting creditors to approve an uplift in the fee estimate, which acts as a cap on our fees. We will shortly be circulating this information supporting this request on our website, prior to making a formal request to the secured and preferential creditors as the fee approving body.

We set out later in this Appendix details of our work to date, anticipated future work, subcontracted work and payments to associates.

#### Our hours and average rates

The table below sets out the time incurred by us and our staff on the administration in the reporting period by grade and type of work.

Category of work	Partner	Director	Senior Manager	Manager	Senior Associate	Associate	Offshore Professional	Hours (hrs)	Total Cost (£)	Average Hourly Cost (£)
Accounting and Treasury			0.80	2.05	6.95	3.60		13.40	5,449.75	407
Assets			0.30		0.20	28.00		28.50	4,332.50	152
Creditors				7.10	1.20			8.30	4,221.50	509
Investigations	18.70	104.30	81.95	91.15	156.10	124.50		576.70	258,323.50	448
Statutory and Compliance	22.50		12.75	36.00	36.85	8.40		116.50	62,121.50	533
Strategy and Planning	11.60		9.70	33.90	14.00	9.45	24.10	102.75	47,170.00	459
Tax and VAT			4.65	0.35	11.35	2.80		19.15	12,202.00	637
Totals for the period 19/04/2021 to 18/04/2022	52.80	104.30	110.15	170.55	226.65	176.75	24.10	865.30	393,820.75	455
Brought forward from prior period								11,261	4,554,034.00	404
Grand Total								12,127	4,947,855	408

The cumulative hours stated in our prior report were incorrect and were overstated, this did not impact the time costs reported in the previous report. Cumulative hours have now been corrected and are accurately reflected in this report.

#### Our time charging policy and hourly rates

We and our team charge our time for the work we need to do in the administration. We delegate tasks to suitable grades of staff, taking into account their experience and any specialist knowledge that is needed and we supervise them properly to maximise the cost effectiveness of the work done. Anything complex or important matters of exceptional responsibility are handled by our senior staff or us.

All of our staff who work on the administration (including our cashiers, support and secretarial staff) charge time directly to the case and are included in any analysis of time charged. Each grade of staff has an hourly charge out rate which is reviewed from time to time. Work carried out by our cashiers, support and secretarial staff is charged separately and isn't included in the hourly rates charged by partners or other staff members. Time is charged in six minute units. The minimum time chargeable is three minutes (i.e. 0.05 units). We don't charge general or overhead costs.

We set out below the maximum charge-out rates per hour for the grades of our staff who already or who are likely to work on the administration.

Partner	955	1,600
Director	840	1,465
Senior Manager	665	1,355
Manager	575	815
Senior Associate	465	605
Associate	297	325
Offshore Professionals	297	245
Support Staff	155	230

Partner	980	1,680
Director	865	1,540
Senior Manager	685	1,425
Manager	595	860
Senior Associate	480	640
Associate	350	345
Offshore professionals	280	190
Support staff	160	190

In common with many professional firms, our scale rates may rise to cover annual inflationary cost increases.

#### Payments to associates

No payments have been made to associates or any party who could reasonably be perceived as an associate during the period of this report.

#### Our work in the period

Earlier in this section we have included an analysis of the time spent by the various grades of staff in this reporting period. Whilst this is not an exhaustive list, in the following table we provide more detail on the key areas of work:

Assets	Sundry refunds	Recovering funds into the insolvency estate	To recover funds for creditors	Enables returns to creditors
Creditors	Creditor enquiries	Updating website with reports and information for creditors  Receiving and following up creditor enquiries via telephone, email and post  Reviewing and preparing correspondence to creditors and their representatives  Receiving and filing proofs of debt  Dealing with confirmation of debt forms and liaising with credit insurers	To comply with regulatory requirements or statute  Respond to queries from various stakeholders	Required by IA86 or IR16 or a regulator requirement
	Secured Creditors	Preparing time costs reports for Pension Scheme	Stakeholder management  Dealing with specific reporting requirements as necessary	Required by IA86 or IR16 or a regulator requirement  The Administrators have a duty to act in the best interests of creditors as a whole and maintain proper records
Investigations	Conducting investigations	Reviewing specific transactions and liaising with directors regarding certain transactions	Duty to take custody of the Company's books and records  To comply with regulatory requirements or statute	Required by IA86 / IR16 or regulatory requirement
	Asset recoveries	Identifying potential asset recoveries  Instructing and liaising with solicitors and Counsel regarding recovery actions. Following up responses to letters before action. Considering the strength of the case. Negotiating with potential funders and investigating other routes to a settlement.	To maximise realisations for the benefit of creditors as a whole	To maximise realisations for the benefit of creditors as a whole

		Holding internal meetings to discuss status of any litigation		
Statutory and compliance	Case reviews	Conducting case reviews	Ensures case progression and compliance with statutory requirements	Required by IA86 / IR16 or regulatory requirement
	Progress reports and extensions	Preparing and issuing the periodic progress reports to creditors	To keep creditors informed.  To comply with regulatory requirements or statute	Required by IA86 / IR16 or regulatory requirement
	Books and records	Dealing with records in storage	To maintain proper records	Required by IA86 / IR16 or regulatory requirement
		Sending case files to storage		
	Other statutory and	Filing of documents	Statutory duty to maintain proper records	Required by IA86 / IR16
	compliance	Updating checklists and diary management system	proper records	or regulatory requirement
		Reconciling the estimated outcome position across the Group		
		Apportion our fees between fixed and floating charges		
		Preparing fee budgets & monitoring cost		
		Preparing the administrators remuneration report and fee uplift request to creditors		
Tax & VAT	Tax	Carrying out tax review and subsequent enquiries	In compliance with duties as proper officers for tax	Governance
		Preparing tax computations Liaising with HMRC		To ensure tax accounting is accurate for the benefit of creditors as a whole
		Submitting corporation tax returns		
	VAT	Carrying out VAT review and subsequent enquiries	In compliance with duties as proper officers for tax	Governance
		Preparing and submitting VAT returns		To ensure tax accounting is accurate for the benefit of creditors as a whole
		Preparing and submitting bad debt relief		
		Liaising with HMRC		
Administration	Strategy and planning	Preparing and updating estimated outcome statement	To resolve outstanding matters in line with the purpose of administration	The Administrators are required by statute to perform their functions as quickly and efficiently as possible
	Accounting and treasury	Dealing with receipts, payments and journals not relating to trading	To pay administration expenses	Statutory duties to: - manage affairs, business and property of
		Carrying out bank reconciliations and	Maintain the accounts and records of the insolvent estate	the company

managing investment of funds

Corresponding with bank regarding specific transfers

- settle expenses in the prescribed order of priority

keep proper books and records

#### **Our future work**

We still need to do the following work to achieve the purpose of administration.

Estimated future time costs: £687	Creditor enquiries	Updating website with reports and information for creditors  Receiving and following up creditor enquiries via telephone, email and post  Reviewing and preparing correspondence to creditors and their representatives  Receiving and filing proofs of debt  Dealing with confirmation of debt forms and liaising with credit insurers	To comply with regulatory requirements or statute  Respond to queries from various stakeholders	Required by IA86 or IR16 or a regulator requirement
	Shareholder enquiries	Responding to any shareholder queries	Stakeholder management	Required as a regulator requirement
Investigations	Conducting investigations	Continuing to undertake investigatory work as outlined earlier in this report.	To comply with regulatory requirements or statute	Required by IA86 / IR16 or regulatory requirement
Estimated future time costs: £10,000	Asset recoveries	Holding internal meetings to discuss status of any litigation  Seeking settlements under the claim  Concluding and settling costs associated with litigation work	To maximise realisations for the benefit of creditors as a whole	To maximise realisations for the benefit of creditors as a whole
Statutory and compliance	Case reviews	Conducting case reviews after the first month, then every six months	To comply with regulatory requirements or statute	Required by IA86 / IR16 or regulatory requirement
Estimated future time costs: £32,162	Progress reports and extensions	Preparing and issuing periodic progress reports to creditors and the Registrar	To comply with regulatory requirements or statute	Required by IA86 / IR16 or regulatory requirement
	Books and records	Dealing with records in storage Sending case files to storage	To maintain proper records	Required by IA86 / IR16 or regulatory requirement

	Other statutory and	Filing of documents	Statutory duty to maintain proper records	Required by IA86 / IR16 or regulatory requirement
	compliance	Updating checklists and diary management system		
		Reconciling the estimated outcome position across the Group		
		Marshalling Group debt and cross guarantee position		
		Apportion our fees between fixed and floating charges		
		Preparing fee budgets & monitoring cost		
		Circulating the administrators remuneration report and fee uplift request to creditors		
		Holding team meetings not relating to trading and discussions regarding status of administration		
Tax & VAT	Tax	Preparing tax computations	In compliance with duties as proper officers for tax	Governance
Estimated future time costs:		Liaising with HMRC	proper emission to	To ensure tax accounting is accurate for the benefit
£6,750		Obtaining tax clearance		of creditors as a whole
		Submitting corporation tax returns		
	VAT	Preparing and submitting VAT returns	In compliance with duties as proper officers for tax	Governance
		Preparing and submitting bad debt relief		To ensure tax accounting is accurate for the benefit of creditors as a whole
		Liaising with HMRC		
		De-registration		
Administration  Estimated future time costs: £8,913	Strategy and planning	Preparing and updating estimated outcome statement	To resolve outstanding matters in line with the purpose of administration	The Administrators are required by statute to perform their functions as quickly and efficiently as possible
	Accounting and treasury	Opening and closing bank accounts	To pay administration expenses	Statutory duties to: - manage affairs,
		Dealing with receipts, payments and journals not relating to trading	Maintain the accounts and records of the insolvent estate	business and property of the company - settle expenses in the prescribed order of
		Carrying out bank reconciliations and managing investment of funds		priority - keep proper books and records
		Corresponding with bank regarding specific transfers		
	Closure procedures	Withdrawing undertakings not relating to trading and obtaining clearances from third parties	To comply with regulatory requirements or statute	Required by IA86 / IR16 or regulatory requirement

Completing checklists and diary management system

Closing down internal systems

Finalise and close Administration

Discharge from liability

#### Our relationships

We have no business or personal relationships with the parties who approve our fees or who provide services to the administration where the relationship could give rise to a conflict of interest.

#### **Details of subcontracted work**

We have not subcontracted out any work during the period covered by this report.

#### Legal and other professional firms

We've instructed the following professionals on this case:

Legal services, including:  - Drafting and filing court application to extend period of Administration  - Advice in relation to property matters -Advice in relation to fee approvals	DLA Piper UK LLP	<ul> <li>Industry knowledge and insolvency expertise</li> <li>Knowledge of the Company</li> </ul>	Time costs and disbursements
Legal services, including:  - Advice in relation to investigations work  - Counsel advice	Taylor Wessing LLP	Industry knowledge and insolvency expertise     Knowledge of the Company	Time costs and disbursements
Historic rates recovery	CAPA	- Industry knowledge and insolvency expertise	Percentage of realisations
Insurance broker - Reviewing insurance requirements - Arranging insurance cover - Dealing with insurance claims	JLT Specialty Limited	Industry knowledge	Commission on premiums
Business valuation services	Smith & Williamson	Industry knowledge	Fixed fee

As appropriate, we require all third party professionals to submit time costs analyses and narrative in support of invoices rendered.

As noted earlier in this report, the Group (including the Company) had entered into an IDF facility with the Secured Lenders. The IDF debt collection was being managed by ARMS. Following the sale of certain Group businesses to a company ultimately owned by the Gupta family, the purchaser also assisted ARMS in the collection of the IDF debts. With the Secured Lenders repaid in full, the IDF accounts have been released back to the Group, and any fees payable in connection with the collection of the IDF debts are being discharged from funds received.

Court details for the administration:	High Court of Justice, Chancery Division, Birmingham District Registry
	Case no. 8398 of 2015
Company's registered name:	Caparo Industries PLC
Trading name:	N/A
Registered number:	00630473
Registered address:	8th Floor Central Square, 29 Wellington Street, Leeds, LS1 4DL
Date of the joint administrators' appointment:	David Matthew Hammond - 19 October 2015 to Present Edward Williams - 30 November 2021 to Present Toby Scott Underwood - 26 April 2017 to 30 November 2021
Joint administrators' names, addresses and contact details:	David Matthew Hammond and Edward Williams of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, One Chamberlain Square, Birmingham, B3 3AX
	Contact - Adam Thompson at adam.x.thompson@pwc.com
Extension(s) to the initial period of appointment:	12 months to 18 October 2017 approved by Creditors
	24 months to 18 October 2019 approved by the Court
	12 months to 18 October 2020 approved by the Court
	12 months to 18 October 2021 approved by the Court
	12 months to 18 October 2022 approved by the Court
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