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Company number 0 0 9 6 8 5 1 3

Company name in full May & Hassell Saw Mills (Liverpool) Limited

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### 2 Liquidator's name

Full forename(s) Simon David

Surname Chandler

### 3 Liquidator's address

Building name/number 45 Church Street

Street Birmingham

Post town B3 2RT

County/Region

Postcode

Country

### 4 Liquidator's name

Full forename(s) Scott Christian

Surname Bevan

① Other liquidator

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**6** Period of progress report

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**7** Progress report

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**8** Sign and date

Liquidator's signature

Signature

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Signature date

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## **MAY & HASSELL SAW MILLS (LIVERPOOL) LIMITED - IN LIQUIDATION**

### **Progress Report to Members**

This is the Liquidators' fourth annual progress report to all known members.

#### **1. Introduction**

- 1.1. The purpose of this report is to provide members with details of the progress of the liquidation during the 12 month period from 13 December 2016 to 12 December 2017 ("the current reporting period").
- 1.2. I was appointed as Joint Liquidator of the Company together with Mr S D Chandler at a meeting of members held on 13 December 2013.
- 1.3. We are both authorised to act as Insolvency Practitioners in the UK by the Insolvency Practitioners Association.
- 1.4. Identification details relating to the Company and the Liquidators are attached at Appendix A.

#### **2. Liquidators' Receipts and Payments**

- 2.1. A summary of receipts and payments covering the current reporting period is attached at Appendix B. The receipts and payments account also covers the cumulative period from the date of appointment to 12 December 2017. A comparison of the figures provided in the directors' declaration of solvency to actual realisations made to date is included to assist the members in assessing progress to date.
- 2.2. The receipts and payments account confirms that no cash balance is held.
- 2.3. An explanation of the assets realised and the expenses paid is provided below.

#### **3. Asset realisations and details of progress**

- 3.1.1. There are no assets to be realised.

#### **4. Assets still to be realised**

- 4.1. There are no further assets to be realised.

## **5. Liabilities**

5.1.1. There are no secured creditors.

### **5.2. Preferential Creditors**

5.2.1. There are no preferential creditors.

### **5.3. Unsecured Creditors**

5.3.1. The directors' declaration of solvency did not include any unsecured creditors.

5.3.2. As required by insolvency legislation, an advertisement for creditors to claim was published on 24 December 2013.

5.3.3. You will be aware that there is an employee liability claim outstanding. As such, the Company is required to remain in liquidation until the claim has either been settled or I have received confirmation that no liability falls to the Company.

## **6. Distributions to members**

### **6.1. Cash distributions**

6.1.1. There are no cash assets to distribute in this matter.

### **6.2. Distribution in specie**

6.2.1. At the general meeting held on 13 December 2013, it was resolved that the Joint Liquidators be authorised to divide all or such part of the assets of the Company in specie amongst the members of the Company.

6.2.2. No distribution in specie has been made to members during the past twelve months.

## **7. Liquidators' Remuneration**

7.1. A resolution was passed by the members enabling the Joint Liquidators to draw remuneration on the basis of a fixed fee in the sum of £900 plus VAT. This was paid, in accordance with our engagement letter, on 27 January 2014 by Travis Perkins Plc, the ultimate parent company.

7.2. On 1 August 2014, we were advised not to close the liquidation due to potential outstanding property issues. From this point, the Joint Liquidators' remuneration was charged by reference to time properly spent by the Joint Liquidators and their staff in dealing with matters arising during the liquidation in accordance with the engagement letter dated 25 October 2013.

7.3. Attached at Appendix C1 is a summary of the Liquidators' time costs for the current reporting period. These costs total £3,108.50 which represents 23.10 hours at an average hourly rate of £134.57, of this, an amount of £1,781.50 relates to this Company and 14 other companies placed into Members' Voluntary Liquidation on 12 December 2013. An amount

of £1,327.00 relates to this and one other company which remains in liquidation following closure of the other 13 companies.

- 7.4. Due to changes in Statement of Insolvency Practice 9, I am now required to provide you with additional, proportionate information regarding my costs, to include an explanation as to why certain tasks were carried out and whether the work carried out provided a financial benefit to creditors and members. Accordingly, please find attached at Appendix C2 a narrative summary of the work carried out during the current reporting period.
- 7.5. Total time costs incurred in the Liquidation to date amount to £13,905.40. This represents 103.40 hours at an average hourly rate of £134.48. Attached at Appendix C3 are details of the Liquidators' cumulative time costs since appointment. It should be noted that this time relates to this Company and 14 other group Companies placed into members' voluntary liquidation on 13 December 2013.
- 7.6. An amount of £4,015.70 has been billed in the current reporting period, this was rendered to Travis Perkins Plc, the Company's parent, on 26 January 2017.
- 7.7. As at 12 December 2017 a total of £8,773.25 has been agreed and billed to Travis Perkins Plc against the Liquidators' time costs in respect of the 15 Liquidations.
- 7.8. The Joint Liquidators will continue to draw remuneration on a time costs basis, as agreed on 1 August 2014, for the remaining two open liquidations, with approval from Travis Perkins Plc.
- 7.9. Routine administration of the liquidation has been dealt with by junior staff wherever possible in order to maximise the cost effectiveness of the work performed. These staff have been supervised by senior staff and the Joint Liquidators. Any matter of particular complexity or significance that has required responsibility of an exceptional kind has also been dealt with by senior staff and the Joint Liquidators.
- 7.10. Charge out rates are reviewed annually on 1 September and, in common with other professional firms, may increase over the period of the administration of the case. The rates are appropriate to the skills and experience of the team members and the work that they perform. All staff that work on the case, including cashiers, support and any secretarial staff charge their time directly to the assignment. Time is recorded in 6 minute units with supporting narrative to explain the work undertaken.
- 7.11. The charge out rates of the team members employed on the assignment during the period covered by this report have changed from the rates initially provided to the members, as follows:

| Range (£)   | Partner | Director | Manager | Administrator | Cashier | Support Staff |
|---|---------|----------|---------|---------------|---------|---------------|
| Current charge out rate per hour, effective from 1 September 2017 | 440.00  | 390.00   | 275.00  | 90.00         | 190.00  | 90.00         |

|  |        |        |        |       |               |       |
|--|--------|--------|--------|-------|---------------|-------|
| Previous charge out rate per hour, effective from 13 December 2016 | 440.00 | 390.00 | 215.00 | 90.00 | 100.00-130.00 | 50.00 |
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## **8. Liquidators' Disbursements**

- 8.1. Disbursements are expenses paid by this firm in the first instance and subsequently re-charged to the estate when there are sufficient funds. There are two categories of disbursements, including Category 1 (payments to independent third parties) and Category 2 (costs incurred by the Liquidators or the firm that can be allocated to the case on a proper and reasonable basis).
- 8.2. Category 2 disbursements require approval in the same manner as remuneration and members will recall that a resolution was passed on 13 December 2013 by the members in agreement of the anticipated Category 2 disbursements of the Liquidators.
- 8.3. There have been no disbursements incurred or paid during the current reporting period.

## **9. Expenses**

- 9.1. There have been no expenses incurred or paid during the period.

## **10. Members' Rights**

### **10.1. Further information**

- 10.1.1. I would advise you that, pursuant to Rule 18.9 of the Insolvency (England and Wales) Rules 2016, a member with concurrence of at least 5% of the total voting rights or a member with permission of the Court, may, within 21 days of receipt of this progress report, ask the Liquidator for further information about the remuneration and expenses set out in this progress report.

### **10.2. Apply to Court**

- 10.2.1. Additionally, pursuant to Rule 18.34 of the Insolvency (England and Wales) Rules 2016, a member with concurrence of at least 10% in value of the total voting rights, or a member with the permission of the Court may, within 8 weeks of the receipt of this progress report, apply to the Court on one or more of the following grounds:
  - a. That the remuneration charged by the Liquidators is in all of the circumstances, excessive or inappropriate.
  - b. That the basis fixed for the Liquidators' remuneration is in all of the circumstances, excessive or inappropriate.
  - c. That the expenses incurred by the Liquidators are in all of the circumstances, excessive or inappropriate.

I trust that this is sufficient information for your requirements, but please do not hesitate to contact me should you need anything further.



**S C Bevan**  
Joint Liquidator

**Dated 12 February 2018**

*Authorised to act as an insolvency practitioner in the UK by the Insolvency Practitioners Association and bound by the Insolvency Code of Ethics*



**May & Hassell Saw Mills (Liverpool) Limited  
In Liquidation**

**Identification Details**

**Details relating to the Company**

|                          |  |
|--------------------------|--|
| <b>Company name</b>      | <b>May &amp; Hassell Saw Mills (Liverpool) Limited</b>               |
| <b>Company number</b>    | 00968513   |
| <b>Registered office</b> | c/o Mazars LLP, 45 Church Street, Birmingham, B3 2RT                 |
| <b>Trading address</b>   | Lodge Way House, Lodge Way, Harlestone Road,<br>Northampton, NN5 7UG |

**Details relating to the Liquidators**

|  |   |
|--|---|
| <b>Date of appointment</b>                       | 13 December 2013  |
| <b>Liquidators</b>                               | S D Chandler and S C Bevan of Mazars LLP, 45 Church<br>Street, Birmingham, B3 2RT<br><br>IP No(s) 008822 and 009614 |
| <b>Liquidators' address</b>                      | 45 Church Street, Birmingham, B3 2RT  |
| <b>Liquidators' contact<br/>telephone number</b> | 0121 232 9500   |

**May & Hassell Saw Mills (Liverpool) Limited**  
**(In Liquidation)**  
**Joint Liquidators' Summary of Receipts & Payments**  
**To 12/12/2017**

**Appendix B**

| <b>Dec of Sol £</b> | <b>£</b> | <b>£</b>   |
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|                     |          | <b>NIL</b> |
| REPRESENTED BY      |          | <b>NIL</b> |

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Scott Christian Bevan  
Joint Liquidator

# May & Hassell Saw Mills (Liverpool) Limited

# Appendix C1

## Analysis of Joint Liquidators' time costs for the period 13 December 2016 to 12 December 2017

| Classification of Work<br>Function | Hours   |          |         |               |         | Total | Time    | Av hourly |
|------------------------------------|---------|----------|---------|---------------|---------|-------|---------|-----------|
|                                    | Partner | Director | Manager | Administrator | Support | Hours | Cost    | Rate      |
|                                    |         |          |         |               |         |       | £       | £         |
| 2 Admin & Planning                 | 0.00    | 0.00     | 0.00    | 0.40          | 0.00    | 0.40  | 36.00   | 90.00     |
| 7 Employees                        | 0.00    | 0.00     | 0.20    | 0.10          | 0.00    | 0.30  | 52.00   | 173.33    |
| 9 Reporting                        | 0.00    | 0.70     | 2.10    | 4.50          | 0.00    | 7.30  | 1129.50 | 154.73    |
| 11 Cashiering                      | 0.00    | 0.00     | 0.00    | 0.20          | 0.60    | 0.80  | 94.20   | 117.75    |
| 12 Statutory & Compliance          | 0.00    | 0.20     | 3.80    | 10.30         | 0.00    | 14.30 | 1796.80 | 125.65    |
| <b>Total Hours</b>                 | 0.00    | 0.90     | 6.10    | 15.50         | 0.60    | 23.10 |         |           |
| <b>Total Time Costs (£)</b>        | 0.00    | 351.00   | 1311.50 | 1369.80       | 76.20   |       | 3108.50 |           |
| <b>Av Hourly Rate</b>              | 0.00    | 390.00   | 215.00  | 88.37         | 127.00  |       |         | 134.57    |

## May & Hassell Saw Mills (Liverpool) Limited In Liquidation

### NARRATIVE SUMMARY OF THE JOINT LIQUIDATORS' TIME COSTS FOR THE CURRENT REPORTING PERIOD

#### **Introduction**

This summary provides details of the work carried out by the Joint Liquidators and their staff during the current period and includes an explanation as to why certain tasks were carried out and whether the work provided a financial benefit to creditors and members.

This summary should be read together with the Joint Liquidators' Time Costs Analysis at Appendix C1. The costs incurred in relation to each category are set out in the attached Time Cost Analysis. This shows the time spent by each grade of staff by work category and provides the total cost and average hourly rate charged for each work category.

#### **Work carried out in the current period**

##### **Administration and planning**

- Managing and maintaining the case on the Firm's client systems and our specialist insolvency software system;
- Filing;
- Updates to the client regarding the strategy of the liquidation.

The majority of this work derived no financial benefit for members and creditors. However, appropriate case administration and planning ensures that the case is managed coherently and efficiently, with minimisation of costs and avoidance of duplication of work. Strong internal processes aid to add value through the efficient management of the case. This work is also required in order to appropriately document and record how the case has been administered in accordance with regulatory requirements.

##### **Taxation**

The following activities were undertaken in order to ensure the Company is compliant with tax requirements:

- Reviewing the Company's tax position.

The majority of this work derived no financial benefit for members and creditors, however, it is required in accordance with tax legislation.

##### **Employees**

A small number of employee claims have arisen over the course of the liquidation, for which the following action was undertaken:

- Liaising with Travis Perkins Plc in relation to any claims

The majority work in this category is required for statutory purposes and so does not provide a direct financial benefit to members and creditors, however, work undertaken in dealing with the employee liability claims is required as the liquidation has to remain open until these claims are resolved.

### **Reporting**

Reporting requirements during the period as prescribed by statute have included the following:

- Reporting the outcome of any meetings;
- Annual progress reports.

The majority of this work derived no financial benefit for members and creditors. However, it is required in order to ensure that the case has been administered in line with regulatory requirements. It also provides members with an update in respect of the liquidation.

### **Cashiering**

Cashiering work undertaken includes:

- Updating diary lines on our system.

This work derived no financial benefit for members and creditors. However, it is required in order to ensure that the estate bank account is operated in accordance with guidance issued by my regulatory body.

### **Statutory and Compliance**

The work undertaken as required by statute and our internal procedures involves:

- Case monitoring and statutory compliance, including internal case reviews.

The majority of this work derived no financial benefit for members and creditors. However, this work is required in order to ensure that the case has been administered in accordance with regulatory requirements.

# May & Hassell Saw Mills (Liverpool) - In Liquidation

## Appendix C3

### Analysis of Joint Liquidators' time costs for the period 1 August 2014 to 12 December 2017

| Classification of Work Function | Hours    |          |          |               |         | Total Hours | Time      | Av hourly |
|---------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|---------------|---------|-------------|-----------|-----------|
|                                 | Partner  | Director | Manager  | Administrator | Support |             | Cost      | Rate      |
|                                 |          |          |          |               |         |             | £         | £         |
| 2 Admin & Planning              | 3.30     | 0.40     | 0.00     | 3.70          | 0.00    | 7.40        | 1,901.10  | 247.18    |
|                                 |          |          |          |               |         |             |           |           |
| 3 Taxation                      | 0.00     | 0.00     | 0.30     | 0.00          | 0.00    | 0.30        | 64.50     | 215.00    |
|                                 |          |          |          |               |         |             |           |           |
| 7 Employees                     | 0.00     | 0.00     | 1.90     | 0.10          | 0.00    | 2.00        | 417.50    | 208.75    |
|                                 |          |          |          |               |         |             |           |           |
| 9 Reporting                     | 0.00     | 1.70     | 13.40    | 52.20         | 0.00    | 67.30       | 7,437.30  | 110.51    |
|                                 |          |          |          |               |         |             |           |           |
| 11 Cashiering                   | 0.00     | 0.00     | 0.00     | 0.20          | 1.30    | 1.50        | 169.20    | 112.80    |
|                                 |          |          |          |               |         |             |           |           |
| 12 Statutory & Compliance       | 0.00     | 1.50     | 10.00    | 13.40         | 0.00    | 24.90       | 3,915.80  | 157.26    |
|                                 |          |          |          |               |         |             |           |           |
| <b>Total Hours</b>              | 3.30     | 3.60     | 25.60    | 69.60         | 1.30    | 103.40      |           |           |
| <b>Total Time Costs (£)</b>     | 1,452.00 | 1,404.00 | 5,497.00 | 5,401.20      | 151.20  |             | 13,905.40 |           |
| <b>Av Hourly Rate</b>           | 440.00   | 390.00   | 214.72   | 77.60         | 116.31  |             |           | 134.48    |