

Liquidator's Progress Report

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Pursuant to Sections 92A and 104A and 192
of the Insolvency Act 1986

To the Registrar of Companies

Company Number

01266537

Name of Company

Alchem Widnes Limited

I / We

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the liquidator(s) of the company attach a copy of my/our Progress Report
under section 192 of the Insolvency Act 1986

The Progress Report covers the period from 15/04/2013 to 14/04/2014

Signed

Date

12.6.14

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To the creditors and members

12 June 2014

Dear Sirs

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Alchem Widnes Limited - In Liquidation

1 Introduction

1.1 Following my appointment as joint liquidator of the above Company with David Ruley on 15 April 2013 in accordance with section 104A of the Insolvency Act 1986, I now report on the progress of the liquidation for the year ended 14 April 2014 and attach

- Appendix A, an account of our receipts and payments for the year ended 14 April 2014 and also for the whole liquidation to date
- Appendix B, a statement of the remuneration charged by the joint liquidators in the period 15 April 2013 to 14 April 2014 and a statement of expenses incurred in the period
- Appendix C, an analysis of time costs as required by Statement of Insolvency Practice 9
- Appendix D, an extract from the Insolvency Rules 1986 relating to creditors' rights to request additional information from the liquidator (rule 4.49E)
- Appendix E, an extract from the Insolvency Rules 1986 relating to creditors' rights to challenge the liquidator's remuneration or expenses if excessive (rule 4.131)

1.2 Please note that we are both authorised by the Insolvency Practitioners Association to act as insolvency practitioners

2 Statutory information

2.1 The Company's statutory details are as follows

Registered number 01266537

Registered office 4 Hardman Square, Spinningfields,
Manchester, M3 3EB

3 Progress report

Assets

Cash at bank

3.1 Upon appointment the Company had cash at bank totalling £12,500. These funds have been transferred into the liquidation bank account.

Book debts

- 3 2 The directors' statement of affairs estimated that the book debt ledger of £104,719 would realise £77,000
- 3 3 I instructed Naismiths Limited (Naismiths) to assist in the collection of the outstanding debtors, and to date £46,227 has been realised
- 3 4 Following my appointment a debtor owing £21,091 has been placed into administration, and therefore Naismiths do not anticipate that any realisations will be achieved
- 3 5 Naismiths continue to pursue the one remaining debtor, the outcome of which is uncertain

Liabilities**Secured creditor**

- 3 6 I can confirm that there is no secured creditor in this matter

Preferential creditors

- 3 7 Preferential claims totalling £18,889 have been agreed
- 3 8 I anticipate that there will be funds available to allow a distribution to be made to the preferential creditors however, the level of dividend is dependent on the outcome of final debt collections
- 3 9 A distribution will be made to preferential creditors once debt collections are finalised

Unsecured creditors

- 3 10 The directors' statement of affairs estimated unsecured creditors of £287,380
- 3 11 Unfortunately, there will be insufficient funds available for a distribution to be made to unsecured creditors

4 Joint liquidators' remuneration and expenses

- 4 1 At a meeting of creditors held on 15 April 2013 the creditors resolved that we draw our remuneration by reference to our time costs. You will note from the SIP 9 table attached at Appendix C that our time costs to date are £30,507 and from the receipts and payments account attached at Appendix A, that we have drawn £30,000 on account. Time costs of £507 incurred in the period but not drawn as remuneration to date are disclosed in Appendix B
- 4 2 In addition, at the meeting of creditors it was resolved that we draw £10,000 in relation to convening the s98 meeting and preparation of the statement of affairs and history of the Company. These fees have been drawn in the period
- 4 3 In addition, we have drawn expenses of £143 as indicated in Appendix A in respect of bonding and postage

5 Other expenses incurred by the joint liquidators

- 5.1 As advised above, Naismiths was instructed to assist with debt collections, and has been paid £5,000 to date
- 5.2 Insol Employee Solutions Limited was appointed to deal with employee matters and has been paid £700
- 5.3 JLT Speciality Limited was instructed to provide insurance cover for the Company's assets and has been paid £80
- 5.4 No further costs have been incurred

Yours faithfully
for and on behalf of Alchem Widnes Limited



Leslie Ross
Joint Liquidator

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A Abstract of the joint liquidators' receipts and payments

Alchem Widnes Limited - in liquidation
 Receipts and payments account
 from 15 April 2013 to 14 April 2014

	Statement of affairs £	Total £
Receipts		
Plant & Machinery	700 00	0 00
Work In Progress	Uncertain	0 00
Book Debts	77,000 00	46,227 46
Cash at Bank	3,388 00	12,500 00
Bank/ISA InterestGross		10 12
Misc Refunds		502 54
		<hr/> 59,240 12
Payments		
Preparation of S of A		10,000 00
Liquidators Fees		30,000 00
Liquidators Expenses		142 97
Professional Fees		2,560 00
Debt Collection		5,000 00
Storage Costs		73 40
Statutory Advertising		253 80
Insurance of Assets		79 50
Pension Scheme		127 50
Vat Receivable		7,555 28
		<hr/> 55,792 45
Balance - 14 April 2014		<hr/> 3,447 67
Made up as follows		
Floating Current Account NIB 02/10/13		3,447 67
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B Remuneration charged and expenses incurred by the joint liquidators in the period

	Charged/incurred in period to 14/04/2014	Cumulative charged/incurred to 14/04/2014	Of which paid to 14/04/2014
	£	£	£
Joint liquidators' fees			
Time costs	30,507	30,507	30,000
Expenses	143	143	143
Professional fees			
Insol Employee Solutions Limited	700	700	700
Insurance			
JLT Speciality Limited	80	80	80

C SIP 9 information

Introduction

The following information is provided in connection with the administrators' remuneration and disbursements in accordance with SIP 9

Explanation of Grant Thornton UK LLP charging and disbursement recovery policies

Time costs

All partners and staff are charged out at hourly rates appropriate to their grade, as shown on the attached schedule. Details of the hourly charge-out rates are made available to creditors or committees at the time of fixing the basis of our fees. Support staff (ie secretaries, cashiers and filing clerks) are charged to the case for the time they work on it.

	From 01/07/12	From 01/07/13
	£	£
Partners up to	580	600
Managers up to	440	455
Administrators up to	310	320
Assistants and support staff up to	210	220

Disbursements

Out of pocket expenses are charged at cost. Mileage is charged at standard rates which comply with HM Revenue and Customs limits or AA recommended rates. VAT is added to disbursement charges as necessary.

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Transaction period 15/04/2013 to 14/04/2014

	Partner		Manager		Executive		Administrator		Total	
	Hrs	£	Hrs	£	Hrs	£	Hrs	£	Hrs	£
Administration and Planning	11 50	5,445 00	22 85	8,532 50	43 56	9,595 80	7 90	1,123 95	85 81	24,697 25
Creditors			2 10	795 00	3 45	776 00	4 45	329 75	10 00	1,900 75
Hiatus period										
Investigations			75	263 75	3 50	835 00			4 25	1,098 75
Realisation of Assets			50	183 75	9 75	2,242 00	70	108 50	10 95	2,534 25
Trading					1 20	276 00			1 20	276 00
Total	11 50	5,445 00	26 20	9,775 00	61 46	13,724 80	13 05	1,562 20	112 21	30,507 00
										Avg. Hrlly Rate
										287 81
										190 08
										258 53
										231 44
										230 00
										271.87

Total fees billed to date (Time) £ 30,000

D An extract from the Insolvency Rules 1986 relating to creditors' rights to request additional information from the liquidator

Rule 4 49E edited for application to a progress report in a creditors' voluntary liquidation

- (1) If
 - (a) within the period mentioned in paragraph (2)
 - (i) a secured creditor, or
 - (ii) an unsecured creditor with the concurrence of at least 5% in value of the unsecured creditors (including the creditor in question), or
 - (b) with the permission of the court upon an application made within the period mentioned in paragraph (2), any unsecured creditor makes a request in writing to the liquidator for further information about remuneration or expenses set out in the progress report, the liquidator must, within 14 days of receipt of the request, comply with paragraph (3) except to the extent that the request is in respect of a matter which was previously included in a progress report
- (2) The period referred to in paragraph (1)(a) is 21 days of receipt of the progress report
- (3) The liquidator complies with this paragraph by either -
 - (a) providing all of the information asked for, or
 - (b) so far as the liquidator considers that
 - (i) the time or cost of preparation of the information would be excessive, or
 - (ii) 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
 - (iii) the liquidator is subject to an obligation of confidentiality in respect of the information,
 giving reasons for not providing all of the information
- (4) Any creditor, who need not be the same as the creditor who requested further information, may apply to the court within 21 days of -
 - (a) the giving by the liquidator of reasons for not providing all of the information asked for, or
 - (b) the expiry of the 14 days provided for in paragraph (1),
 and the court may make such order as it thinks just
- (5) Without prejudice to the generality of paragraph (4), the order of the court under that paragraph may extend the period of 8 weeks provided for in Rule 4 131(1B) by such further period as the court thinks just

E An extract from the Insolvency Rules 1986 relating to creditors' rights to challenge the liquidator's remuneration or expenses if excessive

Rule 4 131

- (1) Any secured creditor, or any unsecured creditor with either the concurrence of at least 10% in value of the creditors (including that creditor) or the permission of the court, may apply to the court for one or more of the orders in paragraph (4)
- (1A) Application by a creditor may be made on the grounds that -
 - (a) the remuneration charged by the liquidator,
 - (b) the basis fixed for the liquidator's remuneration under Rule 4 127, or
 - (c) expenses incurred by the liquidator,
 is or are, in all the circumstances, excessive or, in the case of an application under sub-paragraph (b), inappropriate
- (1B) The application must, subject to any order of the court under Rule 4 49E(5), be made no later than 8 weeks (or in a case falling within Rule 4 108, 4 weeks) after receipt by the applicant of the progress report or the draft report under Rule 4 49D, which first reports the charging of the remuneration or the incurring of the expenses in question ("the relevant report")
- (2) The court may, if it thinks that no cause is shown for a reduction, dismiss the application, but it shall not do so unless the applicant has had an opportunity to attend the court for a hearing, of which he has been given at least 5 business days' notice, but which is without notice to any other party
If the application is not dismissed under this paragraph, the court shall fix a venue for it to be heard, and give notice to the applicant accordingly
- (3) The applicant shall, at least 14 days before the hearing, send to the liquidator a notice stating the venue and accompanied by a copy of the application, and of any evidence which the applicant intends to adduce in support of it
- (4) If the court considers the application to be well-founded, it must make one or more of the following orders -
 - (a) an order reducing the amount of remuneration which the liquidator was entitled to charge
 - (b) an order fixing the basis of remuneration at a reduced rate or amount
 - (c) an order changing the basis of remuneration
 - (d) an order that some or all of the remuneration or expenses in question be treated as not being expenses of the liquidation
 - (e) an order that the liquidator or the liquidator's personal representative pay to the company the amount of the excess of remuneration or expenses or such part of the excess as the court may specify
 and may make any other order that it thinks just, but an order under sub-paragraph (b) or (c) may be made only in respect of periods after the period covered by the relevant report
- (5) Unless the court orders otherwise, the costs of the application shall be paid by the applicant, and are not payable as an expense of the liquidation