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Company name in full	Micro Enterprises Limited	bold black capitals.
2	Liquidator's name	
Full forename(s)	Dean Anthony	
Surname	Nelson	
3	Liquidator's address	
Building name/numbe	St Helens House	
Street	King Street	
Post town	Derby	
County/Region		
Postcode	D E 1 3 E E	
Country		
4	Liquidator's name •	
Full forename(s)	Nicholas Charles Osborn	Other liquidator Use this section to tell us about
Surname	Lee	another liquidator.
5	Liquidator's address ❷	
Building name/numbe	158 Edmund Street	<b>Other liquidator</b> Use this section to tell us about
Street	Birmingham	another liquidator.
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Signature date	

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# THE JOINT LIQUIDATORS' ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT TO 7 JUNE 2022 MICRO ENTERPRISES LIMITED - IN CREDITORS' VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION

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#### **DEFINITIONS**

"Act" Insolvency Act 1986

"CFA" Conditional Fee Arrangement
"CIS" Construction Industry Scheme

"Company" Micro Enterprises Limited – in Liquidation

"Counsel" Louis Doyle QC
"CT" Corporation Tax

"EOS" Estimated Outcome Statement as at 7 June 2022"Firm" PKF SC Advisory Limited T/A PKF Smith Cooper

"HMRC" HM Revenue and Customs

"HP" Howes Percival LLP

"Joint Liquidators" Dean Anthony Nelson and Nicholas Charles Osborn Lee of

the Firm

"LBA" Letter Before Action

"MCL" Micro Corporation Limited

"NatWest"National Westminster Bank Plc"NIC"National Insurance Contributions

"PAYE"Pay As You Earn"POD"Proof of Debt"PP"Prescribed Part

"R&P" Receipts and Payments Account to 7 June 2022
"Review Period" Period covering 8 June 2021 to 7 June 2022

"Rules" Insolvency (England & Wales) Rules 2016

"Shakespeares" Shakespeare Martineau LLP

"SOA" Statement of Affairs as at 6 June 2018

"SIP" Statement of Insolvency Practice

"VAT" Value Added Tax

"Whole Period" 8 June 2018 to 7 June 2022

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#### 1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

A summary of key information in this report is detailed below.

#### 1.1 Assets

	Estimated to realise per SOA	Realisations to Date	Anticipated Future Realisations	Total Anticipated Realisations
Asset	(£)	(£)	(£)	(£)
Cash at Bank	641	631	-	631
Foreign Exchange Refund	-	745	-	745
VAT Recoverable	-	-	-	-
Bank Interest Gross	-	6	-	6
Sundry Refund	-	44	-	44
Settlement of Right of Action	-	-	Uncertain	Uncertain
Total	641	1,426	Uncertain	Uncertain

#### 1.2 Expenses

	Expense Incurred	Anticipated	Total
	(But Not	Further Expense	Anticipated
	Necessarily Paid) to	to Closure	Expense
	Date		
Expense	(£)	(£)	(£)
Joint Liquidators' Fees	35,287	Uncertain	Uncertain
Legal Fees and Disbursements	293	Uncertain	Uncertain
Counsel's Fees	-	Uncertain	Uncertain
Courier Costs	17	•	17
Postage (Category 1)	30	31	61
Specific Bond	30	•	30
Statutory Advertising	150	-	150
Storage Costs	106	94	200
Mileage (Category 2)	-	15	15
Contingency	-	660	660
Total	35,884	Uncertain	Uncertain

#### 1.3 Dividend Prospects

	Distribution / Dividend Paid to Date	Anticipated Distribution / Dividend, Based Upon the Above
Creditor Class		
Secured Creditor	N/A	N/A
Preferential Creditors	N/A	N/A
Secondary Preferential Creditors	N/A	N/A
Unsecured Creditors	Nil	Uncertain

#### 1.4 Summary of Key Issues Outstanding

- Finalise the Joint Liquidators' investigations, as detailed at section 3;
- Finalise the Company's tax position with HMRC, including VAT;
- Obtain clearance from HMRC for closure of the case; and
- Circulate the Joint Liquidators' final account to members and creditors.

#### 1.5 Closure

Due to the issues outstanding as listed above, it is difficult to estimate the timing of the closure of the Liquidation.

#### 2. ADMINISTRATION AND PLANNING

#### 2.1 Statutory Information

Statutory information may be found at Appendix I.

The Joint Liquidators are required to meet a considerable number of statutory and regulatory obligations. Whilst many of these tasks do not have a direct benefit in enhancing realisations for the insolvent estate, they assist in the efficient and compliant progressing of the administration of the case, which ensures that work is carried out to high professional standards. A detailed list of these tasks may be found in Appendix IV.

#### 2.2 Reporting

The Joint Liquidators have met their statutory and regulatory duties to report to creditors, as listed below. In consideration of the need for transparency and engagement with creditors, care has been taken to ensure that reports and other communications with creditors have provided useful details of the strategies pursued and the outcomes anticipated.

During the Review Period, the following key documents have been issued:

• The Joint Liquidators' Annual Progress Report to 7 June 2021.

#### 2.3 Other Administration Tasks

During the Review Period, the following material tasks in this category were carried out.

- Consulting with staff as regards practical and technical aspects of the case to ensure efficient progress;
- Maintaining case files, which must include records to show and explain the administration and any decisions made by the Joint Liquidators that materially affect the administration of the estate;
- Monitoring and maintaining an adequate statutory bond;
- Conducting periodic case reviews to ensure that the Liquidation is progressing efficiently, effectively and in line with the statutory requirements;
- Maintaining and updating the estate cash book and bank accounts, including bank reconciliations and processing receipts and payments; and
- Periodic post appointment CT return to 7 June 2021.

#### 3. ENQUIRIES AND INVESTIGATIONS

During the Review Period, the Joint Liquidators have continued with their investigations, as detailed in their previous annual progress reports.

As previously reported, the Company had entered into a number of transactions which left insufficient funds in the business, to be able to settle any contingent future tax liabilities, should they crystallise. These liabilities have now crystallised, rendering the Company insolvent. The Joint Liquidators are currently, with the assistance and advice from HP, pursuing rights of action against the Directors, as they have been unable to provide a sufficient explanation to justify the transactions, and provide details as to how they believe the Company's financial position and the position of creditors were not worsened by them.

During the Review Period, progression has been made in relation to the pursuit of these rights of actions. HP have sent an initial LBA to the Directors via their solicitors, Shakespeares, detailing the proposed actions to be taken by the Joint Liquidators.

The Directors refuted the claims made in the LBA, and Shakespeares provided a response, giving the reasons why the position set out in the LBA was disputed.

HP advised the Joint Liquidators that in order to progress any discussions with the Directors and Shakespeares, it would be necessary to obtain Counsel's opinion in relation to the strength of the claims being made against them.

Therefore, Louis Doyle QC, has been instructed during the Review Period to advise on the strength of the Joint Liquidators' claim and to assist in any subsequent negotiations should a settlement be proposed. Counsel subsequently advised the Joint Liquidators that their claim was strong and should be pursued.

Upon receipt of this advice, HP issued a revised LBA to Shakespeares in relation to the Joint Liquidators' claim.

Following extensive liaison between HP and Shakespeares, Shakespeares advised that the Directors potentially intended to propose a settlement of the rights of action to finalise all claims against them.

At this point, a without prejudice settlement meeting was convened and held on 30 June 2022. The meeting was held with all parties involved, including HMRC, in their capacity as the Company's majority creditor.

Please note, HP and Shakespeares are now working on finalising the heads of terms for the settlement, which includes negotiating with HMRC to obtain their approval of it.

As noted above, HMRC, in their capacity as the majority creditor, are fully aware of the position in relation to the potential settlement.

The position of the settlement will be disclosed in the Joint Liquidators' next report, once the heads of terms have been finalised.

#### 4. REALISATION OF ASSETS

#### 4.1 Bank Interest

During the Review Period, 47p has been received in respect of bank interest. Given the small amount, this will not be subject to a CT charge from HMRC.

There have been no further realisations during the Review Period.

#### 5. CREDITORS

Irrespective of whether sufficient realisations are achieved to pay a dividend to creditors, the Joint Liquidators have had to carry out key tasks which are detailed in the list at Appendix IV. The following sections explain the anticipated outcomes to creditors and any distributions paid.

#### 5.1 Secured Creditors

The Company had granted the following security:

Type of Charge	Date Created	Beneficiary
Debenture	17 August 1999	NatWest

The Company does not have an outstanding liability owed to NatWest.

#### 5.2 Preferential Creditors

The Company does not have any Preferential Creditors.

#### 5.3 Secondary Preferential Creditors

In any insolvency process started from 1 December 2020, HMRC is a Secondary Preferential Creditor for the following liabilities:

- VAT:
- PAYE Income Tax;
- Employees' NIC;
- · CIS deductions; and
- Student Loan Deductions.

This will mean that, if there are sufficient funds available, any of the above amounts owed by the Company will be paid after the Preferential Creditors have been paid in full.

As this appointment was made prior to 1 December 2020, HMRC is not a Secondary Preferential Creditor in this matter.

#### 5.4 Unsecured Creditors

The Joint Liquidators have received the following Unsecured Claims:

Creditor	SOA	Claim Received
Orcuitor	(£)	(£)
Trade and Expense Creditors	-	173
HMRC	624,384	2,321,898
MCL	3,000	-
Smith Hannah Limited	900	-
Total	628,284	2,322,071

Please be advised that PODs may still be received (although this is unlikely other than HMRC) and therefore the total value of unsecured claims is not known at present.

In addition, as noted in section 3, the Joint Liquidators and HP are liaising with HMRC regarding a settlement agreement, which will include the settlement of tax liabilities to HMRC.

HMRC are in the process of finalising the position of their claim in respect of the Company, and therefore the position noted in the table above may change.

The position of any revised claim from HMRC will be detailed in the Joint Liquidators' next report.

#### 5.5 Dividend Prospects

It is anticipated that there will be funds available to facilitate a dividend distribution to Unsecured Creditors in this matter. However, the timing and quantum of the dividend distribution is dependent on the finalisation of any settlement agreement with the Directors of the Company, as detailed in section 3.

#### 5.6 PP

Where a floating charge is created after 15 September 2003 a PP of the Company's net property shall be made available to Unsecured Creditors.

The Company does not have an outstanding liability owed to NatWest, and consequently there will be no PP in this Liquidation. In addition, the debenture with NatWest was created in August 1999, and therefore the provisions of the PP will not apply.

#### 6. ETHICS

Please also be advised that Joint Liquidators are bound by the Insolvency Code of Ethics when carrying out all professional work relating to an insolvency appointment.

#### 6.1 General Ethical Considerations

During the Review Period, further reviews have been carried out, and no new threats to compliance with the Code of Ethics have been identified. For clarity, the Joint Liquidators were also appointed as Joint Liquidators of MCL on 19 July 2019; a company associated by virtue of common directorship. Whilst this appointment is ongoing, it is being treated in isolation, and does not affect this Liquidation. As such, no safeguards are required in this respect.

#### 6.2 Specialist Advice and Services

When instructing third parties to provide specialist advice and services or having the specialist services provided by the Firm, the Joint Liquidators are obligated to ensure that such advice or work is warranted and that the advice or work contracted reflects the best value and service for the work undertaken. The Firm reviews annually the specialists available to provide services within each specialist area and the cost of those services to ensure best value. The specialists chosen usually have knowledge specific to the insolvency industry and, where relevant, to matters specific to this insolvency appointment. Details of the specialists specifically chosen in this matter are detailed at section 7.4

#### 7. FEES AND EXPENSES

#### 7.1 Pre-Appointment Costs

Paid by Company Prior to Appointment

A fixed fee in respect of the pre appointment costs of £10k plus VAT was agreed and paid by the Directors of the Company, prior to the passing of the winding up resolution.

No further fees will be paid in relation to pre appointment fees.

#### 7.2 The Joint Liquidators' Fees

It is the Firm's practice to ensure that work is conducted by the appropriate staff member at the appropriate level of experience. Junior members of staff deal with the day to day administration on cases and a Manager, Director or Partner then oversees the work undertaken. Where the issues are complex and litigious, the work will be closely supervised or undertaken by a Manager, Director or Partner.

The basis of the Joint Liquidators' fees has not yet been fixed. The Joint Liquidators' proposals in relation to the setting of a fee basis, will be issued at a later date, once the matters detailed at section 3 are concluded.

For completeness, the Joint Liquidators' time costs for the Review Period total c.£10.8k, representing c.54 hours at an average hourly rate of c.£202. The time costs for the Review Period are detailed at Appendix V.

The time costs for the Whole Period of appointment amount to c.£35.3k representing c.209 hours at an average hourly rate of c.£169.

No fees have been drawn during the Review Period or Whole Period.

The Joint Liquidators intend to seek creditors' approval for the fees, based on their time costs incurred throughout the period of Liquidation. However, this approval will be sought from the Unsecured Creditors, once the position of the settlement discussed in section 3 of this report has been finalised. At this point, the Unsecured Creditors will be invited to consider the Joint Liquidators' proposal in this regard under separate cover.

#### 7.3 Expenses

An amended SIP, SIP 9, was issued on 1 April 2021. The amended SIP 9 has changed some of the terminology and introduced additional disclosure requirements. The information below may therefore not reflect the information previously provided.

The expenses, which include disbursements, that have been incurred and not yet paid during the period are detailed on Appendix VII.

The Category 1 expenses incurred, but not necessarily paid for in the Review Period total c.£0.3k plus VAT are detailed at Appendix VII (and those paid at Appendix II) and represent payments to parties not associated with the Firm, who have provided services or goods for the administration of the assignment.

No Category 2 expenses have been incurred during the Review Period. However, for clarity, the basis of calculation for the Firm's Category 2 disbursements are detailed at Appendix VIII. Please note that some Category 2 expenses have been incurred following the end of the Review Period, and approval for the payment of these disbursements will be sought from creditors upon finalisation of the settlement with the Directors.

Information about this insolvency process may be found on the R3 website at http://www.creditorinsolvencyguide.co.uk/.

A copy of 'A Creditors' Guide to Fees' may be found at https://www.r3.org.uk/technical-library/england-wales/technical-guidance/fees//page/1.

Please then download the "Liquidation: A Guide for Creditors on Insolvency Practitioner Fees".

A hard copy of the Creditors' Guide may be obtained on request.

#### 7.4 Other Professional Costs

#### 7.4.1 Legal Fees

HP have been instructed during the Whole Period as legal advisors in assisting the Joint Liquidators' in respect of their investigations detailed at section 3 and the pursuit of the rights of action. HP costs have been agreed on a CFA basis, as follows:

- Time costs in dealing with this matter at HP's standard hourly rates;
- 100% success fee uplift; and
- Disbursements.

Following the end of the Review Period, on 29 June 2022, HP have confirmed that their current time costs in dealing with this matter amounted to c.£20.3k (exclusive of VAT). These costs will increase, as a result of holding the without prejudice settlement meeting, and further extensive negotiations being following the meeting.

HP's additional time costs and full fees incurred will be detailed further in the Joint Liquidators next report.

However, as HP have been instructed on a CFA basis, no fees will be due or payable until a settlement with the Directors has been agreed and paid. Therefore, as a settlement has yet to be finalised, HP's fees for the purpose of this report are therefore not being declared as incurred costs.

This position is likely to change, and will be reported in further detail once a settlement is agreed.

#### 7.4.2 Counsel's Fees

As detailed in section 3 of this report, Counsel was instructed by the Joint Liquidators during the Review Period to conduct the following:

- To provide advise in relation to the strength of the Joint Liquidators' claims against the Directors;
- To assist HP in any settlement negotiations with the Directors and Shakespeares.

Counsel's costs have been agreed on a CFA basis, with the following terms:

- Time costs in dealing with this matter at HP's standard hourly rates;
- 50% success fee uplift; and
- Disbursements.

Following the end of the Review Period, on 29 June 2022, Counsel has confirmed that his time costs in dealing with this matter amount to c.£16.6k (exclusive of VAT). These costs will increase, as a result of holding the without prejudice settlement meeting, and further extensive negotiations being held following the meeting.

Counsel's additional time costs and full fees incurred will be detailed further in the Joint Liquidators next report, once the settlement is completed.

However, as Counsel have been instructed on a CFA basis, no fees will be due or payable until a settlement with the Directors has been agreed and paid. Therefore, as

a settlement has yet to be finalised, Counsel's fees for the purpose of this report are therefore not being declared as incurred costs.

This position is likely to change, and will be reported in further detail once a settlement is agreed.

#### 8. CREDITORS' RIGHTS

An unsecured creditor may, with the permission of the court or with the concurrence of 5% in value of the unsecured creditors (including the creditor in question) request further details of the Joint Liquidators' remuneration and expenses, within 21 days of receipt of this report. Any secured creditor may request the same details in the same time limit.

An unsecured creditor may, with the permission of the court or with the concurrence of 10% in value of the creditors (including the creditor in question), apply to court to challenge the amount and/or basis of the Joint Liquidators' fees and the amount of any proposed expenses or expenses already incurred, within 8 weeks of receipt of this report. Any secured creditor may make a similar application to court within the same time limit.

#### 9. CONCLUSION

The administration of the case will be continuing to finalise the following outstanding matters that are preventing this case from being closed:

- Finalise the Joint Liquidators' investigations, as detailed at section 3;
- Finalise the Company's tax position with HMRC, including VAT;
- Obtain clearance from HMRC for closure of the case; and
- Circulate the Joint Liquidators' final account to members and creditors.

A copy of the Firm's privacy notice can be found at https://www.pkfsmithcooper.com/bri-privacy-notice/.

If you require any further information, please contact Kieran Marshall at this office.

Signed

D A Nelson Joint Liquidator 25 July 2022

STATUTORY INFORMATION	APPENDIX I

Statutory Information

Company Name Micro Enterprises Limited

Former Trading Name Micro Enterprises Limited

01751917 Company Number

Registered Office St Helen's House, King Street, Derby, DE1 3EE

Former Registered Office 50 Woodgate, Leicester, LE3 5GF

Office Holders Dean Anthony Nelson and Nicholas Charles Osborn Lee

Office Holders' Address PKF Smith Cooper, St Helen's House, King Street, Derby, DE1 3EE

PKF Smith Cooper, 158 Edmund Street, Birmingham, B3 2HB

Date of Appointment 8 June 2018

Directors in Last 3 Years Nitin Chouhan (Appointed 19 December 2003

Terry Grub (Appointed 30 March 1991)

Secretaries in Last 3

Years

Nitin Chouhan (Appointed 6 April 2001)

Debentures National Westminster Bank Plc. Contains fixed and floating charge.

> Created on 17 August 1999 and delivered on 1 September 1999. Floating charge covers all the property and undertaking of the

Company. No outstanding liabilities owed.

Class of Shares Issued 100 £1 Ordinary Shares

Share Capital £100

Name of Shareholder Micro Corpoation Limited

Names and company numbers of parent,

companies

subsidiary and associated

Micro Corporation Limited - 04794174

TGNC Limited - 08570468

TG Global Investments Limited – 08145583

MCL Hitchin Limited – 12059286 MCL Corporation Limited - 11375399

MCL Group of Companies Limited - 09991308

MCL Holdco B Limited - 09991251 MCL Investments Limited - 09036980

TN Capital Limited - 09037254

JOINT LIQUIDATORS' R&P	APPENDIX II

# Micro Enterprises Limited (In Liquidation) Joint Liquidators' Summary of Receipts & Payments

Statement of Affairs		From 08/06/2021 To 07/06/2022	From 08/06/2018 To 07/06/2022
£		£	£
	SECURED CREDITORS		
NIL	National Westminster Bank Plc	NIL	NIL
		NIL	NIL
	ASSET REALISATIONS		
	Bank Interest Gross	0.47	5.92
641.00	Cash at Bank	NIL	630.51
	Foreign Exchange Refund	NIL	744.92
	Sundry Refunds	NIL	43.80
NIL	VAT Recoverable	NIL	NIL
		0.47	1,425.15
	COST OF REALISATIONS		
	Courier Costs	NIL	16.67
	Legal Fees and Disbursements	292.50	292.50
	Specific Bond	NIL	30.00
	Statutory Advertising	NIL	150.00
	Storage Costs	25.58	106.07
		(318.08)	(595.24)
	UNSECURED CREDITORS		
(3,955.22)	HM Revenue and Customs	NIL	NIL
(341,324.13)	HM Revenue and Customs - CT	NIL	NIL
(26,104.56)	HM Revenue and Customs - NIC	NIL	NIL
(253,000.40)	HM Revenue and Customs - PAYE	NIL	NIL
(3,900.00)	Trade & Expense Creditors	NIL	NIL
	DISTRIBUTIONS	NIL	NIL
(4.00.00)	DISTRIBUTIONS	N. 111	N.111
(100.00)	Ordinary Shareholders	NIL	NIL
		NIL	NIL
(627,743.31)		(317.61)	829.91
	REPRESENTED BY		
	Bank 1 Current		714.21
	Vat Receivable		115.70
			829.91

#### Note:

The amounts stated are net of VAT.

The funds are held in an interest-bearing bank account.

Dean Anthony Nelson Joint Liquidator

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# Micro Enterprises Limited (In Liquidation)

# Joint Liquidators' Estimated Outcome Statement As at 07/06/2022

Statement		Realised	Projected	Total
of Affairs £		/ Paid		£
	SECURED CREDITORS			
NIL	National Westminster Bank Plc	NIL	NIL	NIL
		NIL	NIL	NIL
	ASSET REALISATIONS			
NIL	VAT Recoverable	NIL	NIL	NIL
641.00	Cash at Bank	630.51	NIL	630.51
	Foreign Exchange Refund	744.92	NIL	744.92
	Bank Interest Gross	5.92	NIL	5.92
	Sundry Refunds	43.80	NIL	43.80
		1,425.15	NIL	1,425.15
	COST OF REALISATIONS			
	Specific Bond	30.00	NIL	30.00
	Courier Costs	16.67	NIL	16.67
	Legal Fees and Disbursements	292.50	NIL	292.50
	Postage (Category 1)	NIL	60.94	60.94
	Storage Costs	106.07	93.93	200.00
	Statutory Advertising	150.00	NIL	150.00
	Mileage	NIL	15.30	15.30
	Contingency	NIL	659.74	659.74
		(595.24)	(829.91)	(1,425.15)
	UNSECURED CREDITORS			
(3,900.00)	Trade & Expense Creditors	NIL	NIL	NIL
(253,000.40)	HM Revenue and Customs - PAYE	NIL	NIL	NIL
(26,104.56)	HM Revenue and Customs - NIC	NIL	NIL	NIL
(341,324.13)	HM Revenue and Customs - CT	NIL	NIL	NIL
(3,955.22)	HM Revenue and Customs	NIL	NIL	NIL
		NIL	NIL	NIL
	DISTRIBUTIONS			
(100.00)	Ordinary Shareholders	NIL	NIL	NIL
		NIL	NIL	NIL
(007 = 12 0 )			(002.21)	(2.22)
(627,743.31)		829.91	(829.91)	(0.00)
	REPRESENTED BY			
	Vat Receivable	115.70	(115.70)	NIL
			• •	
	Bank 1 Current	714.21	(714.21)	NIL

Dean Anthony Nelson Joint Liquidator

DETAILED LIST OF WORK UNDERTAKEN IN THE REVIEW PERIOD	APPENDIX IV

Below is detailed information about the tasks undertaken by the Joint Liquidators, during the Review Period.

General Description	Includes
Statutory and General Administration	
Statutory/Advertising	Filing of documents to meet statutory requirements including annual receipts and payments accounts CT return for the period ended 7 June 2021 Bonding the case for the value of the assets
Document Maintenance/File Review/Checklist	Filing of documents Periodic file reviews documenting strategy Periodic reviews of the application of ethical, anti-money laundering and anti-bribery safeguards Maintenance of statutory and case progression task lists/diaries Updating checklists
Bank Account Administration/ Cashiering	Requesting bank statements Bank account reconciliations Correspondence with bank regarding specific transfers Maintenance of the estate cash book Banking remittances and issuing cheques/BACS payments Cheque requisitions/Journals/Daily Bank Postings
Planning / Review	Discussions regarding strategies to be pursued  Meetings with team members and independent advisers to consider practical, technical and legal aspects of the case
Books and Records / Storage	Dealing with records in storage
Reports	Preparing and circulating the Joint Liquidators' Annual Progress Report to 7 June 2021
Investigations	
Litigation / Recoveries	Extensive liaison and strategy calls regarding litigation with HP Extensive liaison with HP regarding potential rights of action Reviewing correspondence prepared by HP to parties subject to potential rights of action Reviewing and approving the LBA prepared by HP to be sent to Shakespeares Providing information to HP to assist in the preparation of the LBA Liaising with Counsel regarding their fees and agreeing their fee basis Liaising with Counsel regarding the strength of the Joint Liquidators claim and the best strategy to obtain a settlement Arranging for a without prejudice settlement meeting to be held with the Directors, Shakespeares, HP, Counsel and HMRC, in their capacity as the majority creditor
Creditors and Distributions Creditor	Liaising extensively with HMRC in respect settlement figures
Communication	Liaising extensively with Fliving in respect settlement rightes

TIME COST INFORMATION FOR THE REVIEW PERIOD AND WHOLE PERIOD	APPENDIX V

#### Micro Enterprises Limited

TIME COST SUMMARY FOR THE WHOLE PERIOD

SIP9 SubCategory / Staff Grade	Partner	Director	Manager	Senior Ad'or	Ad'or	Junior Ad'or	Cashier	Other	Total Hours	Charge	AvgRate
Administration and planning (Includes; Cashiering, Statutory Reporting, Special Projects and Case Specific Matters)	8.00	17.60	2.15	64.60	1.15	16.60	9.15	6.85	126.10	19,300.42	153.06
Creditors (Includes Employees)	1.00	8.40	-	10.30	-		0.20	1.00	20.90	4,140.50	198.11
Investigations	8.90	9.50	-	41.90	-	-	-	-	60.30	11,573.00	191.92
Realisation of assets	-	-	-	2.10	-	-	-	-	2.10	273.00	130.00
Trading	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	17.90	35.50	2.15	118.90	1.15	16.60	9.35	7.85	209.40	35,286.92	168.51
Total Charge	6,343.50	9,085.50	372.50	16,333.00	149.50	1,452.75	842.50	707.67	35,286.92		

#### Micro Enterprises Limited

TIME COST SUMMARY FOR THE REVIEW PERIOD

SIP9 SubCategory / Staff Grade	Partner	Director	Manager	Senior Ad'or	Ad'or	Junior Ad'or	Cashier	Other	Total Hours	Charge	AvgRate
Administration and planning (Includes; Cashiering, Statutory Reporting, Special Projects and Case Specific Matters)	1.40	5.90	0.10	15.00	2.25	-	2.10	1.63	28.38	4,781.17	168.45
Creditors (Includes Employees)	0.60	1.60	-	3.70	-		-	-	5.90	1,298.50	220.08
Investigations	4.40	5.60	-	9.30	-		-	-	19.30	4,743.00	245.75
Realisation of assets	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Trading	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	6.40	13.10	0.10	28.00	2.25		2.10	1.63	53.58	10,822.67	201.98
Total Charge	2,306.00	3,373.50	19.00	4,576.00	210.00		190.00	148.17	10,822.67		

TIME COSTS SUMMARY FOR THE REVIEW PERIOD AND WHOLE PERIOD	APPENDIX VI

	Actual time Costs Incurred During the Review Period			Actual time Costs Incurred During the Whole Period			
Work Category	Number of Hours	Average Hourly Rate £ Per Hour	Total Time Costs £	Number of Hours	Average Hourly Rate £ Per Hour	Total Time Costs £	
Administration (including Statutory Reporting)	23.4	168.45	4,781.17	126.1	153.06	19,300.42	
Realisation of Assets	-	-	-	2.1	130.00	273.00	
Creditors (Claims and Distribution)	5.9	220.08	1,298.50	20.9	198.11	4,140.50	
Investigations	19.3	245.75	4,743.00	60.3	191.92	11,573.00	
Total	53.6	201.98	10,822.67	209.4	168.51	35,286.92	

EXPENSES SUMMARY FOR THE REVIEW PERIOD AND WHOLE PERIOD	APPENDIX VII

Below are details of the Joint Liquidators' expenses for the Review Period and the Whole Period.

Expenses	Actual expenses incurred (But Not Necessarily Paid) during the Review Period	Actual expenses incurred (But Not Necessarily Paid) during the Whole Period	Future Anticipated Expenses	Notes
	£	£	£	
Category 1 Expenses				
Legal Fees and Disbursements	293	293	Uncertain	As HP have been instructed on a CFA basis, their fees will not be payable unless a settlement noted in section 3 is reached.  As the settlement has yet to be agreed, no fees have been incurred for the purpose of this report.
				However, the time costs incurred to date by HP are detailed in section 7.4.1 of this report.
Counsel Fees	-	-	Uncertain	As Counsel have been instructed on a CFA basis, their fees will not be payable unless a settlement noted in section 3 is reached.  As the settlement has yet to be agreed, no fees have been incurred for the purpose of this report.  However, the time costs incurred to date by Counsel are detailed in section 7.4.2 of this report.
Specific Bond	-	30	-	
Statutory Advertising	-	150	-	
Courier Costs	-	17	-	
Printing and Postage (Category 1)	30	30	30	
Storage Costs	26	106	94	
Total	349	626	Uncertain	

Expenses	Actual expenses incurred (But Not Necessarily Paid) during the Review Period	Actual expenses incurred (But Not Necessarily Paid) during the Whole Period	Future Anticipated Expenses	Notes
	£	£	£	
Category 2 Expenses				
Mileage (Own Car Usage)	-	-	15	Please be advised that payment of these expenses now requires specific approval from 1 April 2021. The request for approval will being sought by the Joint Liquidators under separate cover.
Total	-	-	15	

	APPENDIX VIII
JOINT LIQUIDATORS' CHARGE-OUT RATES AND DISBURSEMENTS POLICY	



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Grade	Charge out rate (£ per hour)					
Partner	355					
Director	255					
Senior Manager/Manager	190					
Assistant Manager	190					
Senior Insolvency Administrator	165					
Administrator	130					
Junior Administrator	90					
Cashier	90					
Other	60					
Time costs are calculated using 6-minute units.						

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# INFORMATION FOR CREDITORS IN RELATION TO FEES AND DISBURSEMENTS

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Registered Office: St Helen's House, King Street, Derby DE1 3EE A list of directors is available for inspection at the above address.







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#### **Agent's Costs**

Charged at cost based upon the charge made by the Agent instructed, the term Agent includes:

- Solicitors/Legal Advisors
- Auctioneers/Valuers
- Accountants
- Quantity Surveyors
- Estate Agents
- Other Specialist Advisors

#### **Disbursements**

In accordance with Statement of Insolvency Practice 9 (SIP9) the basis of disbursement allocation in respect of disbursements incurred by the Office Holder in connection with the administration of the estate must be fully disclosed to creditors. Disbursements are categorised as either Category 1, being expenses directly referable to a third party, eg statutory advertising, external meeting room hire, specific bond insurance and courier costs, external archive, storage and subsequent destruction and Company Search fees, or Category 2, being expenses incurred by the firm and recharged to the estate, which may include a profit element, eg postage, stationery and storage.

Category 1 disbursements are recoverable in full from the estate without the prior approval of creditors. Category 2 disbursements are recoverable in full from the estate, subject to the basis of the disbursement allocation being approved by creditors in advance.

Category 2 disbursements are proposed to be recovered, subject to obtaining the requisite approval, as follows:-

Postage Charged at actual cost (first class)
Photocopying Recharged at 17p per sheet

Storage Charged at cost

Room Hire £50 per meeting held Smith Cooper offices

Archiving case files & closure Recharged at £42.70 per box Recharged at £9.55 per box

Mileage 45p per mile