Liquidator's Progress Report

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

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To the Registrar of Companies

Company	Number
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Name of Company

Focus (DIY) Limited

We.

Simpon Allport, 100 Barbirolli Square, Manchester, M2 3EY

Thomas Andrew Jack, 100 Barbirolli Square, Manchester, M2 3EY

the liquidators of the company attach a copy of our Progress Report under section 192 of the Insolvency Act 1986

The Progress Report covers the period from 26 October 2014

Signed

Date

27 March 2015

Presenter's name, address and reference (if any)





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TO MEMBERS AND ALL KNOWN CREDITORS

23 January 2015

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Direct line 0161 333 2902 Direct fax 0161 333 3008

Please ask for Rhys Davenport

Dear Sir or Madam

Focus (DIY) Limited (in Creditors' Voluntary Liquidation) ('the Company')

In accordance with the provisions of Paragraph 83 of Schedule B1 to the Insolvency Act 1986, on 26 October 2012 the Company moved from Administration into Creditors' Voluntary Liquidation ('CVL' or 'Liquidation') with Thomas Jack and I appointed as Joint Liquidators

Notice is hereby given in accordance with Section 106 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that final meetings of the members and creditors have been called for 27 March 2015 at 11 00am and 11 30am respectively at the offices of Ernst & Young LLP, 100 Barbirolli Square, Manchester, M2 3EY. The purpose of these meetings is to provide an account of the winding up of the Company. I enclose formal notice of the meetings and appropriate forms.

The meetings are a statutory formality and no further information will be given, other than that provided in this report. No resolutions will be proposed to the meetings and it is therefore not necessary for you to attend. However, if you wish to attend, a form is enclosed which should be lodged at the above office of Ernst & Young LLP no later than 12 noon on the business day before the meeting.

This final progress report to creditors will be presented at these meetings. This report covers the period 26 October 2014 to 5 January 2015 ('the Period') and should be read in conjunction with my previous reports in the Liquidation dated 12 December 2013 and 17 December 2014.

We are required to provide certain information about the Company and the Joint Liquidators in accordance with the provisions of the Insolvency Rules 1986 ('the Rules'). This information can be found at Appendix A of this report. A copy of our receipts and payments account for the Period 26 October 2012 to 5 January 2015 is enclosed at Appendix B.

Background

The Company was the sole trading company within a group operating in DIY and gardening retail, trading from 177 stores nationally

The Company entered into Administration on 5 May 2011, with Thomas Jack, Alan Hudson and myself appointed as Joint Administrators. On entering CVL, the Administration closed on 26 October 2012. The Joint Administrators sought and received from the Company's creditors, discharge from liability of office.



Summary of progress during the Period

Prepayments and other assets

We have reached a final agreed position with the Company's facility agent with respect to monies held as cash collateral for potential liabilities. These sums (c £216k) have been distributed directly to the Company's secured creditor.

The recovery of c £25k of pre-appointment monies from Bank of Scotland pic has also been achieved in the Period

During the Period, the Company was refunded c £24k by Ashurst LLP for monies relating to property sales and lease surrenders which were held in the Company's client account

The Company also received refunds during the Period of c £3k in respect of public liability insurance and c £1k in respect of rates

Liabilities discharged in the Liquidation

The Company paid c £82k to Ashurst LLP during the Period in respect of property sales and lease surrender work performed during the respective Administration and Liquidation processes

During the Period the Company paid c £6k to HM Revenue & Customs in respect of Corporation Tax.

All outstanding liabilities from the Administration, including the Joint Administrators, fees, were to be dealt with in the CVL and this has now been completed.

Details of assets which remain to be realised

The Joint Liquidators note there are no material assets of the Company which remain to be realised

Details of liabilities which remain to be discharged

The Joint Liquidators note there are no material liabilities of the Company which remain to be discharged

Outcome for creditors

Secured creditors

GMAC Commercial Finance Limited ('GMAC') and Bank of Scotland plc ('BoS') provided a revolving credit facility to the Company and the wider Focus group and are the Company's first-ranking secured lenders. The total amounts owing to them as at 5 May 2011 was £32 2m. GMAC and BoS have been repaid in full.

FLP3 Limited ('FLP3'), the Company's second-ranking secured creditor, had total amounts owing to it at the date of appointment of Joint Administrators of £214 7m (before the application of any relevant charges or fees). Distributions of £55 4m have been made to date in the Administration and Liquidation periods, of which £1 4m was distributed during the Period. The total realisations available for distribution to FLP3 were significantly less than the amount owed to them by the Company at the date of appointment of the Joint Administrators.



There was a further class of secured creditors to the Company in the form of mezzanine noteholders, whose security was subordinated to FLP3's secured debt. No funds were available for distribution to the mezzanine debt holders under their security.

Preferential creditors

Preferential creditor claims relating to employee arrears of pay and holiday totalling £1 5m were repaid in full during the Administration

Non-preferential creditors

The Prescribed Part is a proportion of floating charge assets set aside for non-preferential creditors pursuant to section 176A of the Insolvency Act 1986. The Prescribed Part applies to floating charges created on or after 15 September 2003 and applied to this Liquidation.

The Prescribed Part was distributed to the Company's non-preferential creditors on 4 June 2014. The value of the Prescribed Part was the maximum of £600,000 (before associated costs of dealing with the Prescribed Part) and represented a dividend rate of 0.07 pence in the pound

Following expiration of Prescribed Part distribution cheques on 4 December 2014, six months from the date of issue, unclaimed dividends totalling £5,698 34 will now be paid into the Insolvency Services Account (ISA) on 23 January 2015 and can be claimed by contacting The Insolvency Service at Estate Accounts & Insolvency Practitioner Services, Unclaimed Monies Team, PO Box 3690, Birmingham, B2 4UY

In accordance with Rule 11.7 of the Insolvency Rules 1986, I enclose notice that there will be no further dividend to creditors of the Company

Joint Liquidators' remuneration

The Joint Liquidators' remuneration was fixed by the secured creditors and the preferential creditors of the Company, on the basis of time properly incurred by the Joint Liquidators and their team in attending to matters arising in the Liquidation

To 5 January 2015 the Joint Liquidators have incurred total time costs of £965,149 (including costs of dealing with the Prescribed Part). An analysis of time costs and disbursements for the Company is attached at Appendix C to this report. At Appendix D there is a statement of the Joint Liquidators' policy in relation to charging time and disbursements.

Joint Liquidators' statement of disbursements incurred

During the Liquidation we have incurred expenses totalling £9,800 plus VAT. The expenses can be summarised as follows.

Type of expense	Incurred (£)	Paid (£)	Outstanding (£)
Category 1 expenses	695 47	695 47	NIL
Category 2 expenses Postage and printing	9,104 79	9,104 79	NIL
Total	9,800.26	9,800.26	NIL



Category 2 disbursements comprise payments made by the office holders' firm which include elements of shared or overhead costs. Such disbursements are subject to approval from the secured and preferential creditors as if they were remuneration. It is our policy, in line with Statement of Insolvency Practice No. 9, to seek approval for this category of disbursement before they are drawn and this has now been obtained and disbursements now drawn.

Creditors' rights to further information about, and challenge, remuneration and expenses

The statutory provisions relating to remuneration are set out in Rule 4 127 to 4 131 of the Insolvency Act 1986. Further information is given in the Association of Business Recovery Professionals' publication 'A Creditors' Guide to Administrators' Fees', a copy of which may be accessed from the web site of the Insolvency Practitioners Association at http://www.insolvency-practitioners.org.uk (follow 'Regulation and Guidance' then 'Creditors' Guide to Fees'), or is available in hard copy upon request from the Joint Liquidators.

In certain circumstances, creditors are entitled to request further information about our remuneration or expenses, or to apply to court if creditors consider the costs to be excessive. Further information is provided at Appendix E.

Summary of future actions

Once the final meetings have been held and our final return and account has been filed with the Registrar of Companies, we will vacate office and receive our release as all matters are now completed in the Liquidation. Approximately three months after the filing of the final return and account, the Company will be deemed to be dissolved by the Registrar of Companies.



I trust that this report is sufficient for your purposes, if you have any queries in this matter please contact my colleague Rhys Davenport on 0161 333 2902

Yours faithfully

for Pocus (DIY) Limited (in Creditors' Voluntary Liquidation)

Joint Liquidator

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Appendix A – Information about the Company and the Joint Liquidators

Appendix B – Joint Liquidators' abstract of receipts and payments account for the period from 26 October 2012 to 5 January 2015

Appendix C – Joint Liquidators' time costs and disbursements for the period from 26 October 2012 to 5 January 2015

Appendix D - Joint Liquidators' policy on fees and disbursements

Appendix E – Creditors' right to request further information about remuneration or expenses or to challenge a Liquidators remuneration

Proxy Form

Notice to creditors that no further dividend will be declared

Notice of final meeting

S Allport and T A Jack are licensed in the United Kingdom to act as insolvency practitioners by The Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales

We may collect use transfer, store or otherwise process (collectively "Process") information that can be linked to specific individuals ('Personal Data'). We may Process Personal Data in various jurisdictions in accordance with applicable law and professional regulations including (without limitation) the Data Protection Act 1998.



Focus (DIY) Limited (in Creditors' Voluntary Liquidation) ('the Company')

Information about the Company and the Joint Liquidators

Registered office address of the Company

c/o Ernst & Young LLP, 100 Barbriolli Square,

Manchester, M2 3EY

Registered number

01779190

Full names of the Joint Liquidators

Simon Allport and Thomas Andrew Jack

Joint Liquidators' address

Ernst & Young LLP 100 Barbirolli Square

Manchester M2 3EY

Date of appointment of the Joint Liquidators

26 October 2012

Details of any changes of Liquidator

None

Any of the functions to be performed or powers executed by the Joint Liquidators' may be carried out/exercised by any of them acting alone or by any of them acting severally



Focus (DIY) Limited (in Creditors' Voluntary Liquidation)

Joint Liquidators' receipts and payments account for the period from 26 October 2012 to 5 January 2015

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Joint Liquidators' time costs for the period from 26 October 2012 to 5 January 2015

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	Director	515-855	490 815	465 775
	Assistant Director	450 675	430 595	410 - 610
	Senior Executive	350 460	335 - 440	320 420
	Executive	250-340	195 - 325	230 310
	Analyst	140-310	135 295	130 - 280
	Intern	105	25 - 100	20 - 95
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	Executive			255 380
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	Assistant Director	735 1 045	665 945	545 900
	Manager	620-775	565 - 705	420 670
	Executive	370-570	335 520	345 495
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	Intern		30	25



Focus (DIY) Limited (in Creditors' Voluntary Liquidation)

Joint Liquidators' policy on fees and disbursements

Joint Liquidators' charging policy for remuneration

The secured and preferential creditors have determined that the Joint Liquidators' remuneration should be fixed on the basis of time properly spent by the Joint Liquidators and their staff in attending to matters arising in the Liquidation

The Joint Liquidators have engaged a manager and other staff to work on the cases. The work required is delegated to the most appropriate level of staff taking account of the nature of the work and the individual's experience. Additional assistance is provided by accounting and treasury executives dealing with the Company's bank accounts and statutory compliance diaries. Work carried out by all staff is subject to the overall supervision of the Joint Liquidators.

All time spent by staff working directly on case-related matters is charged to a separate time code established for each case. Each member of staff has a specific hourly rate, which is subject to change over time. The average hourly rate for each category of staff over the period is shown below, as are the current hourly rates used. The current hourly rates may be higher than the average rates, if hourly rates have increased over the period covered by this report. Time is recorded in units of six minutes.

Joint Liquidators' charging policy for disbursements

Statement of Insolvency Practice No. 9 (SIP9) published by R3 (The Association of Business Recovery Professionals) divides disbursements into two categories

Category 1 disbursements comprise payments made by the office holders' firm, which comprise specific expenditure relating to the administration of the insolvent's affairs and referable to payment to an independent third party. These disbursements can be paid from the insolvent's assets without approval. In line with SIP 9, it is our policy to disclose such disbursements drawn but not to seek approval for their payment. We are prepared to provide such additional information as required to support the disbursements drawn.

Category 2 disbursements comprise payments made by the office holders' firm which include elements of shared or overhead costs. Such disbursements are subject to approval from the creditors as if they were remuneration. It is our policy, in line with SIP 9, to seek approval for this category of disbursement before they are drawn.



Creditors' rights to request further information about remuneration or disbursements or to challenge a liquidator's remuneration – Rules 4.49E and 4.131 of the Insolvency Rules 1986 (as amended)

4.49E Creditors' request for further information

- 1) If
- a) within the period mentioned in paragraph (2)
 - a secured creditor, or
 - 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 a progress report in accordance with Rule 4 49B(1)(e) or (f) (including by virtue of Rule 4 49C(5)) or in a draft report under Rule 4 49D, 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 matter in a draft report under Rule 4 49D or a progress report required by Rule 4 108 which (in either case) was previously included in a progress report not required by Rule 4 108

- 2) The period referred to in paragraph (1)(a) and (b) is
 - a) 7 business days of receipt of the progress report where it is required by Rule 4 108, and
 - b) 21 days of receipt of the report or draft report in any other case.
- 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
 - the time or cost of preparation of the information would be excessive, or
 - 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
 - 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 creditors who asked for the 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 or, as the case may be, 4 weeks provided for in Rule 4 131(1B) or 4 148C(2) by such further period as the court thinks just
- 6) This Rule does not apply where the liquidator is the official receiver



4.131 Creditors' claim that remuneration is or other expenses are excessive

- 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 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 subparagraph(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 sufficient 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

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 106 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that meetings of the members and creditors of the above named company will be held at the offices of Ernst & Young LLP on 27 March 2015 at 11 00am and 11 30am respectively, for the purpose of laying before each of the meetings an account of the winding up.

A form of proxy for the meeting is enclosed herewith and should be lodged with the Joint Liquidators not later than noon on the business day before the meeting

Pated 23 January 2015

Joint Liquidator

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IN THE MATTER OF

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Notice to creditors that no further dividend will be declared

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Rule 11.7 of the Insolvency Rules 1986, that no further dividend will be declared in respect of non-preferential claims in this matter for the reason that the funds realised have already been distributed pursuant to Section 176A of the Insolvency Act 1986 (the Prescribed Part)

Dated 23 January 2015

S Allport
Joint Liquidator

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Please delete words in brackets if the proxy-holder is only to vote as directed i.e. if he/she has no discretion	I appoint the above person to be my/the* member's proxy-holder at the meeting of members to be held on 27 March 2015 or at any adjournment of that meeting. The proxy-holder is to propose or vote as below (and in respect of any resolution for which no specific instruction is given, may vote or abstain at his/her* discretion).
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