

The Insolvency Act 1986

**Notice of move from
administration to dissolution****2.35B**

Name of Company

Nichol & Laidlow Limited

Company number

02920119

In the

High Court of Justice, Leeds District Registry

Court case number

9 of 2013

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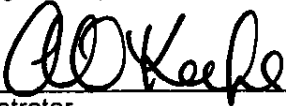
On 7 January 2013

By Barclays Bank Plc

hereby give notice that the provisions of paragraph 84(1) of Schedule B1 to the Insolvency Act 1986
apply

We attach a copy of the final progress report

Signed



Administrator

Dated

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Administrators' Final Progress Report for the period 22 November 2014 to 16 January 2015

Nichol & Laidlow Limited
In Administration

22 January 2015

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1 Why this report has been prepared

- 1 1 As you will be aware, Anne O'Keefe, Simon Wilson and Graham Wild (the Administrators) were appointed on 7 January 2013
- 1 2 In accordance with UK insolvency legislation, an administrator is required to provide a progress report covering the period of six months commencing on the date on which a company entered into administration and every subsequent period of six months or earlier if the administration has been finalised. This progress report covers the period 22 November 2014 to 16 January 2015 (the Period) and should be read in conjunction with previous reports
- 1 3 This report has been prepared in accordance with rule 2.110 of the Insolvency Rules 1986
- 1 4 All matters in the Administration have been finalised and the purpose of this report is to provide a final update on the progress of the Administration, including details of assets realised during the Period, information regarding the Administrators' fees and the outcome for each class of creditor. For details of the exit route please see section 7
- 1 5 Details of the Administrators' fees and costs incurred are detailed at Appendices C to F.
- 1.6 More information relating to the Administration process, Administrators' fees and creditors' rights can be found on Zolfo Cooper's creditor portal (<http://www.zcinfoportal.com>) Log-in details to access this information can be found within the covering letter you have received
- 1 7 If you require a hard copy of this report or have any queries in relation to its contents or the Administration generally, please contact Hannah Smallwood on 0161 838 4552, creditorreports@zolfocooper.eu or write to Zolfo Cooper's office at The Zenith Building, 26 Spring Gardens, Manchester, M2 1AB.

2 Summary of information for creditors

Dividend distributions

Description	Agreed debt £	Actual level of return £
Secured creditor - Barclays Bank plc (the Bank)	851,785	510,146
Secured creditor - Barclays Sales Finance (BSF)	176,000	176,000
Unsecured creditors	706,235	Nil

Notes:

The agreed level of debt owed to the Bank has been taken from correspondence confirming the Company's total debt across its lending facilities. The debt excludes outstanding amounts due under asset finance and hire purchase agreements. For further details, please see section 6.

BSF has been paid in full and the surplus has been used to offset a proportion of the Bank's debt.

The unsecured creditors' liability has been taken from the directors' Statement of Affairs. There were insufficient funds available for unsecured creditors to receive a distribution.

For further information, please refer to section 6 of this report.

3 Administrators' proposals

- 3 1 As a reminder, an administrator of a company must perform their functions with a view to achieving one of the following objectives

Objective 1 rescuing a company as a going concern,

Objective 2 achieving a better result for a company's creditors as a whole than would be likely if the company were wound up (without first being in administration); or

Objective 3 realising property in order to make a distribution to one or more secured or preferential creditors.

- 3 2 In this case the Administrators pursued the second statutory objective. The Administrators completed a sale of the Company's business and assets immediately on appointment, see section 4 for further details

- 3 3 The second objective was achieved through obtaining a significantly higher return for the business and assets of the Company than would have been possible on a break up basis, whilst simultaneously safeguarding the employment of the Company's staff and reducing the level of creditor claims

4 Progress of the Administration

- 4.1 Attached at Appendix B is the Administrators' Receipts and Payments Account for the Period, together with Cumulative Account for the period since appointment. All expenses incurred have been paid.

Prepackaged sale

- 4.2 A sale of the Company's business and assets was agreed prior to the Administrators' appointment and contracts were exchanged immediately after the appointment.
- 4.3 Under the terms of the sale, total consideration of £530,000 was received and a breakdown of the consideration is provided below.

	£
Freehold property	375,000
Plant and machinery	149,998
Stock	5,000
Intellectual property	1
Goodwill	1
	530,000

- 4.4 For full details of the sale, please refer to the Administrators' Statement of Insolvency Practice 16 disclosure, which is available for download on Zolfo Cooper's creditor portal.

Hedging product

- 4.5 As detailed in previous reports, the Company purchased an interest rate hedging product from the Bank. Prior to the Administration, this product was subject to a mis-selling complaint from the Company.
- 4.6 The Bank completed its investigations and upheld the complaint. The Bank provided a redress offer of £65,433 which was accepted by the Administrators. This sum was offset by the Bank against the debt owed under its floating charge. The funds are therefore not reflected on the Receipts and Payments Account at Appendix B.

Insurance claims

- 4.7 As detailed previously, a customer of the Company claimed against the Company's insurers following the contamination of a batch of the Company's product.
- 4.8 Due to the nature of the insurance policy, the insurers could not settle directly with the customer. At the customer's request, the Administrators agreed to remain in office until the insurance claim was finalised, in exchange for a proportion of the settlement.
- 4.9 The insurers agreed the customer's claim and settlement of £108,761 was paid. The customer agreed to contribute £21,752 towards the Administrators' costs of facilitating the

claim. These funds have been received and are reflected in the Receipts and Payments Account at Appendix B.

- 4.10 In addition, the Company submitted a claim to its insurer in relation to lost profit following the contamination. This claim was also agreed and after deducting the policy excess, £1,286 was received.
- 4.11 There are no outstanding matters in relation to these claims.

5 Unrealised assets

- 5.1 All assets have been realised and the Receipts and Payments Account at Appendix B reflects the final position on both realisations achieved and payments discharged during the course of the Administration

6 Outcome for creditors

Secured creditor - Barclays Sales Finance

- 6 1 As detailed in section 2, BSF had an invoice discounting facility for debts totalling £176,000, BSF has been paid in full

Secured creditor - Barclays Bank plc

- 6.2 The Company granted a legal charge to the Bank on 21 December 1994 in respect of the Company's property, a fixed and floating charge on 24 June 2002 and a mortgage in respect of one of the assets excluded from the pre-packaged sale of the Company's business and assets
- 6 3 At the date of the appointment the Bank was owed £851,785 (excluding interest and charges) under its security. The Bank has received £363,833 and £64,335 under its fixed and floating charges respectively. In addition, the Bank has received a £65,433 settlement for the missold interest rate hedging product and £16,545 from the surplus achieved from BSF's collections; these amounts have been offset by the Bank and are not reflected on the Receipts and Payments Account at Appendix B. As detailed in section 2, the Bank has received a total return of £510,146 under its security.

Preferential creditors

- 6 4 On appointment, all employees were transferred to the purchaser as a result of the sale of the business and assets under the Transfer of Undertakings (Protection of Employment) Regulations 2006, therefore there are no preferential claims

Unsecured Creditors' Fund

- 6.5 Where there is a floating charge which was created on or after 15 September 2003, the Administrators are required to create a fund from the Company's net property available for the benefit of unsecured creditors (Unsecured Creditors' Fund), commonly known as the 'Prescribed Part'.
- 6 6 As the Company granted a floating charge to the Bank before 15 September 2003, there is no requirement to create Unsecured Creditors' Fund. As a result, there were insufficient funds available to enable a distribution to unsecured creditors.

7 What happens next

Exit route

Dissolution of the Company

- 7 1 The Company has no property to permit a distribution to its unsecured creditors. The Administrators will therefore file a notice, together with their final progress report, at court and with the Registrar of Companies for dissolution of the Company. The Administrators will send copies of these documents to the Company and its creditors. The appointment will end following the registration of the notice by the Registrar of Companies.

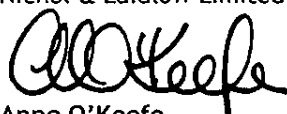
Discharge from liability

- 7 2 As approved by the Bank on 3 January 2013, the Administrators will be discharged from liability under paragraph 98 of schedule B1 of the Insolvency Act 1986 directly after their appointment as Administrators ceases to have effect.

Creditors' rights

- 7 3 Within 21 days of the receipt of the report, the Bank, or an unsecured creditor (with the agreement of at least 5% of the value of the unsecured creditors), may request in writing that the Administrators provide further information about their fees or expenses (other than pre-administration costs) which have been itemised in this progress report.
- 7 4 The Bank, or an unsecured creditor (with the agreement of at least 10% of the value of unsecured creditors), may, within eight weeks of receipt of this progress report, make an application to court on the grounds that the basis fixed for the Administrators' fees is inappropriate, or that the fees or the expenses incurred by the Administrators as set out in this progress report are excessive.

For and on behalf of
Nichol & Laidlow Limited



Anne O'Keefe
Administrator

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Appendix A. Statutory information

Company information

Company information	
Company name	Nichol & Laidlow Limited
Registered number	02920119
Registered office	c/o Zolfo Cooper, The Zenith Building, 26 Spring Gardens, Manchester, M2 1AB
Former registered office	The Bakery, Bridge End Industrial Estate, Anick Road, Hexham, Northumberland, NE46 4DQ
Trading address	The Bakery, Bridge End Industrial Estate, Anick Road, Hexham, Northumberland, NE46 4DQ
Trading name	Nichol & Laidlow
Court details	High Court of Justice, Chancery Division, Leeds District Registry
Court reference	9 of 2013

Appointor's information

Name	Address	Position
Stephen Laidlow and Louise Thomson	c/o Nichol & Laidlow Limited, c/o Zolfo Cooper LLP, The Zenith Building, 26 Spring Gardens, Manchester, M2 1AB	Directors of the Company

Administrators' information

Name	Address	IP number	Name of authorising body
Anne Clare O'Keefe	Zolfo Cooper, The Zenith Building, 26 Spring Gardens, Manchester, M2 1AB	008963	Insolvency Practitioners Association
Simon Wilson	Zolfo Cooper, The Zenith Building, 26 Spring Gardens, Manchester, M2 1AB	008375	Insolvency Practitioners Association
Graham Michael Wild	Zolfo Cooper, Toronto Square, Toronto Street, Leeds, LS1 2HJ	009593	Insolvency Practitioners Association

In accordance with paragraph 100(2) of schedule B1 of the Insolvency Act 1986, all functions of the Administrators are to be exercised by any or all of the Administrators. All references to the Administrators should be read as the Joint Administrators.

Extension of Administration

The Administration was initially extended for a period of six month with consent of the Bank, and has subsequently been extended annually by approval of the court.

**Appendix B. Receipts and Payments Account for the period
22 November 2014 to 16 January 2015 and a
Cumulative Account for the period since appointment**

Statement of Affairs £	Period £	Cumulative £
Fixed charge assets		
Receipts		
375,000 Freehold property	-	375,000
Intellectual property	-	1
Goodwill	-	1
Bank interest	4	28
	<u>4</u>	<u>375,030</u>
Payments		
Pre-administration costs		
Legal fees	-	7,500
The Administrators	-	1,913
Administrators' fees	1,215	1,215
Bank charges	-	2
Insurance of assets	-	567
	<u>(1,215)</u>	<u>(11,197)</u>
Distributions		
The Bank	13,833	363,833
	<u>(13,833)</u>	<u>(363,833)</u>
Balance of fixed charge assets	<u>(15,044)</u>	<u>-</u>

Statement of Affairs		Period	Cumulative
£		£	£
Floating charge assets			
Receipts			
144,850	Plant and machinery	-	149,998
5,000	Stock	-	5,000
	VAT refund	-	195
	Insurance refund	-	25
	Pre-appointment insurance claim	-	1,286
	Contribution to costs	-	21,752
	Rates refund	-	250
	Bank interest	25	182
		<u>25</u>	<u>178,688</u>
Payments			
	Administrators' fees	41,106	79,107
	Category 1 disbursements		
	Specific penalty bond	-	225
	Stationery and postage	2,188	3,549
	Storage costs	81	81
	Telephone charges	1	3
	Statutory advertising	-	85
	Category 2 disbursements:		
	Photocopying and printing	145	239
	Mileage	-	140
	Preparation of Statement of Affairs	-	1,500
	Employee agent fees	-	75
	Pre-administration fees		
	Legal fees	-	13,833
	Legal fees	9,735	15,436
	Corporation tax	45	45
	Bank charges	9	35
		<u>(53,310)</u>	<u>(114,353)</u>
Distributions			
	The Bank	29,335	64,335
		<u>(29,335)</u>	<u>(64,335)</u>
Balance of floating charge assets		<u>(82,620)</u>	<u>-</u>
Total balance			<u>-</u>

Appendix C. Time Analysis and details of time spent

The Administrators' time costs for the Period are £11,705. This represents 51 hours at an average rate of £230 per hour. Detailed below is a Time Analysis for the Period which provides details of the costs incurred by activity and by staff grade.

	Employee grade (hours)				£		
	Partner/ director	Senior associate	Associate/ analyst	Junior analyst/ support	Total hours	Total cost	Average rate per hour
Administration and planning							
Strategy and control	2.8	0.7			3.5	1,400.00	400
Statutory duties	0.1		0.4	2.7	3.2	544.00	170
Case administration		0.1	1.0	0.1	1.2	299.00	249
Accounting and treasury	0.7	0.8	0.9	6.6	9.0	1,677.50	186
Internal documentation	0.1		0.5		0.6	149.00	248
Realisation of assets - debtors							
Internal and external documentation			0.4		0.4	88.00	220
Realisation of assets - floating charge							
Asset accounting and administration	0.2			1.9	2.1	351.00	167
Creditors							
Reporting to creditors	1.2	5.7	8.4	7.9	23.2	5,561.00	240
Secured creditors	0.1	0.6	4.0	0.4	5.1	1,260.00	247
Unsecured creditors				2.5	2.5	375.00	150
Totals	5.2	7.9	15.6	22.1	50.8	11,704.50	230

Principal areas of activity during the period are discussed in further detail below.

- Administration and planning - time has been incurred progressing the case to closure, complying with statutory duties and performing general administrative work. Case related treasury and support time is also recorded here.
- Realisation of assets - floating charge - time recorded within this category includes reconciling floating charge funds and the Receipts and Payment Account. Time has also been incurred discharging floating charge costs.
- Realisation of assets - debtors - time has been spent liaising with the Bank regarding the redress offer and the interest rate hedging product.
- Creditors - time has been incurred preparing statutory reports and reporting to the Bank.

Appendix D. Cumulative Time Analysis for the period since appointment

	Partner/ director	Senior associate	Associate/ analyst	Junior analyst/ support	Total hours	Total cost	Average rate per hour
Administration and planning							
Planning			0.8	1.3	2.1	344.50	164
Strategy and control	4.4	14.8	4.3	4.9	28.4	8,201.00	289
Statutory duties	0.2	2.4	7.1	7.7	17.4	3,540.50	203
Case administration	0.6	3.0	13.5	46.1	63.2	10,005.00	158
Accounting and treasury	1.6	5.5	7.0	40.0	54.1	8,554.00	158
Travel and waiting time				5.0	5.0	875.00	115
Internal documentation	0.2	0.2	1.1	11.6	13.1	1,770.00	135
Investigations							
Director conduct reports	0.5	0.5	0.8	7.7	9.5	1,491.00	157
Internal documentation				1.6	1.6	184.00	115
Realisation of assets - fixed charge							
Asset realisation strategy		0.4		2.3	2.7	395.50	146
Asset identification and valuation			1.5		1.5	345.00	230
Sale of assets			0.9	0.6	1.5	286.50	191
Recovery of assets		0.3			0.3	96.00	320
Asset accounting and administration		0.1		0.1	0.2	49.00	245
Realisation of assets - debtors							
Crown debtors			0.1		0.1	23.00	230
Internal and external documentation	-		0.4	0.4	0.8	134.00	168
Realisation of assets - floating charge							
Asset realisation strategy	-	5.4		1.9	7.3	2,015.00	276
Asset identification and valuation		0.3	3.2	4.8	8.3	1,448.50	175
Sale of assets	0.1	2.0	1.5	0.3	3.9	1,044.50	268
Recovery of assets		18.6	7.1	0.2	25.9	7,874.00	304
Dealing with third party assets				6.1	6.1	712.50	117
Asset accounting and administration	0.4	0.2	0.5	6.3	7.4	1,166.00	158
Creditors							
Creditor claims		-	0.3	0.1	0.4	81.50	204
Creditor litigation			0.6		0.6	150.00	250
Internal documentation		-		1.5	1.5	172.50	115
Creditor strategy		11.6	-	-	11.6	3,661.00	316
Reporting to creditors	10.4	26.9	43.1	17.3	97.7	25,364.00	260
Secured creditors	1.3	9.7	7.5	1.6	20.1	5,673.00	282
Unsecured creditors	0.1	3.2	2.5	32.0	37.8	5,544.50	147
Employees	1.0		1.6	4.3	6.9	1,242.50	180
Totals	20.8	105.1	105.4	205.7	437.0	92,143.50	211

Appendix E. Administrators' fees, disbursements and pre-administration costs

Fees

Approval of the Administrators' fees and category 2 disbursements has been sought in accordance with rule 2.106 of the Insolvency Rules 1986. On 3 January 2013, the Bank approved that the basis of the Administrators' fees be fixed by reference to the time properly spent by the Administrators and their staff on matters arising in the Administration.

Total fees of £80,322 has been drawn during the course of the Administration.

Disbursements

Category 1 disbursements of £3,943 have been drawn. Category 2 disbursements of £379 have also been drawn in relation to the below

- Photocopying - charged at the rate of 10 pence per sheet for notifications and reports to creditors and other copying
- Printing - charged at the rate of 10 pence per sheet for black and white printing and 15 pence per sheet for colour
- Business mileage for staff travel - charged at the rate of 45 pence per mile

Pre-administration costs

The pre-administration costs were disclosed in the Administrators' statement of proposals dated 29 January 2013. Approval for the costs was received from the Bank on 30 January 2013.

Name of recipient	Brief description of services provided	Total amount approved £
GVA Grimley LLP	A valuation of plant, machinery, fixtures, fittings and stock	1,800
Administrators	Reviewing the short term cash flow, monitoring the daily cash position, insolvency planning for the Company whilst in administration and planning the pre-packaged sale of the business and assets	14,998
Pinsent Masons LLP	Assisting the negotiation of the sale and preparation of the sale contract	21,333
		38,131

The fees owed to GVA Grimley LLP were paid by the Bank following the realisation of the Company's plant and machinery.

The Company paid the sum of £13,085 in respect of the Administrators costs prior to the Administration and the remaining balance of £1,913 has been paid as an expense of the Administration

The sum of £21,333 has been paid to Pinsent Masons LLP as an expense of the Administration. The last report detailed a payment of £21,333 of fixed charge pre-appointment legal fees. On review, it has been established that the allocation of this payment was incorrect and £13,833 of the payment is now reflected as a floating charge payment.

Appendix F. Additional information in relation to the Administrators' fees pursuant to Statement of Insolvency Practice 9

Policy

Detailed below is Zolfo Cooper's policy in relation to:

- staff allocation and the use of sub-contractors;
- professional advisors, and
- disbursements

Staff allocation and the use of sub-contractors

The Administrators' general approach to resourcing their assignments is to allocate staff with the skills and experience to meet the specific requirements of the case.

The case team will usually consist of a partner, an associate director or a senior associate, an associate and an analyst. The exact case team will depend on the anticipated size and complexity of the assignment and the experience requirements of the assignment. On larger, more complex cases, several staff at all grades may be allocated to meet the demands of the case. The Administrators' charge-out rate schedule overleaf provides details of all grades of staff.

With regard to support staff, time spent by their treasury department in relation to tasks such as recording transactions and dealing with bank accounts is charged but secretarial time is only recovered if a large block of time is incurred, eg report compilation and distribution.

The following services have been provided on this assignment by external sub-contractors

Service type	Service provider	Basis of fee arrangement	Cost to date £
Employee claims advice	PAYCO ERA Limited	Time costs	75

Professional advisors

On this assignment the Administrators have used the professional advisors listed below. The Administrators have also indicated the basis of their fee arrangement with them, which is subject to review on a regular basis

Name of professional advisor	Basis of fee arrangement
Pinsent Masons LLP (legal advice)	Hourly rate and disbursements
Willis Limited (insurance)	Risk based premium
GVA Grimley LLP (valuation and disposal advice)	Percentage of realisations

The Administrators' choice was based on their perception of the professional advisors experience and ability to perform this type of work, the complexity and nature of the assignment and the basis of their fee arrangement with them.

Disbursements

Category 1 disbursements do not require approval by creditors. Category 1 disbursements may include external supplies of incidental services specifically identifiable to the case eg postage, case advertising, invoiced travel and external printing, room hire and document storage. Any properly reimbursed expenses incurred by the Administrators and their staff will also be chargeable

Category 2 disbursements do require approval prior to being paid and will be drawn in accordance with the approval given

Charge-out rates

A schedule of Zolfo Cooper charge-out rates for this assignment effective from 1 April 2014 is detailed below. Time is charged by partners and case staff in units of six minutes

Description £	Rates from 1 April 2014
Partner 1	445
Partner 2	415
Director	390
Associate director	340
Senior associate	280
Associate	250
Analyst	220
Junior analyst	150
Senior treasury associate	170
Treasury associate	110
Treasury analyst	85
Support	79