## The Insolvency Act 1986

## Administrator's progress report

	Name of Company		Company number
	Panel Technology Limit	ted	02952654
	In the High Court of Justice	(full name of court)	Court case number 806 of 2013
(a) Insert full name(s) and address(es) of administrator(s)	I/We (a) Geoffrey Paul Rowley FRP Advisory LLP 10 Furnival Street London EC4A 1AB		Paul David Allen FRP Advisory LLP 10 Furnival Street London, EC4A 1AB
	administrator(s) of the	above company attach a prog	gress report for the period
	From		Го
(b) Insert date	(b) 5 February 2013		(b) 4 August 2013
	Signed	Joint / Administrator(#)	
	Dated	20/08/20	013

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# Panel Technology Limited (In Administration)

## Receipts & Payments Account For the period 5 February 2013 to 4 August 2013

Statement of Affairs		Floating Charge	Total	Trade	Non Trade	Total
£	Receipts	£	£	£	£	£
	Product Sales	1,401,671 63	1,401,671 63	1 401,671 63	0 00	1,401,671 63
	Other Sales	16,252 50	16,252 50	16 252 50	0 00	16,252 50
	Miscellaneous income	11 51	11 51	11 51	0 00	11 51
211 562 00	Book debts	0 00	0 00	0 00	0 00	0 00
470,000 00	Plant & machinery	14,000 00	14,000 00	0 00	14 000 00	14 000 00
20,000 00	Fixtures & Fittings	600 00	600 00	0 00	600 00	600 00
4,000 00	Computer Equipment	0 00	0 00	0 00	0 00	0 00
250,000 00	Stock	2,500 00	2,500 00	0 00	2,500 00	2,500 00
	Sundry refunds	118 49	118 49	0 00	118 49	118 49
	Bank interest gross	459 40	459 40	459 40	0 00	459 40
955,562 00	-	1,435,613 53	1,435,613 53	1,418,395 04	17,218 49	1,435,613 53
	Payments					
50 <b>59</b> 4 00	Preferential creditors	0 00	0 00	0 00	0 00	0 00
1,594,632 00	Secured chargeholder	0 00	0 00	0 00	0 00	0 00
	Raw Materials	362,169 92	362,169 92	362,169 92	0 00	362,169 92
	Painting & Treatment	22,736 90	22,736 90	22 736 90	0 00	22,736 90
	Wages	233,135 40	233,135 40	233,135 40	0 00	233,135 40
	Gas, Chemicals, oils	20,681 35	20,681 35	20,681 35	0 00	20,681 35
	Rent	22,500 00	22,500 00	22 500 00	0 00	22,500 00
	Rates	14,209 08	14,209 08	14,209 08	0 00	14,209 08
	Heat & light	5,787 03	5,787 03	5,787 03	0 00	5,787 03
	Travel	70 00	70 00	70 <b>00</b>	0 00	70 00
	Telephone	1,639 13	1,639 13	1,639 13	0 00	1,639 13
	Carriage	1,924 41	1,924 41	1,924 41	0 00	1,924 41
	Insurance	14,042 41	14 042 41	14,042 41	0 00	14,042 41
	Lease & HP	60,457 02	60,457 02	60,457 02	0 00	60,457 02
	Repairs & maintenance	16,708 65	16 708 65	16,708 65	0 00	16,708 65
	Security	1,807 53	1,807 53	1 807 53	0 00	1 807 53 11,686 96
	IT costs	11,686 96	11,686 96	11,686 96	0 00	60 00
	Stationery	60 00	60 00	60 00	0 00	1,015 81
	Staff expenses	1,015 81	1,015 81	1,015 81	0 00	413 50
	Payroll costs	413 50	413 50	413 50	0 00 0 00	10.381 47
	Finance charge	10,381 47	10,381 47	10,381 47	0 00	20 492 92
	Administrators disbursements	20,492 92	20,492 92	20,492 92	0 00	181 50
	Road fund license	181 50	181 50	181 50	5,918 40	5,918 40
	Agent/ Valuers fee	5,918 40	5,918 40	0 00 0 00	59,639 53	59,639 53
	Legal fees	59,639 53	59 639 53	0 00	388 35	388 35
	Storage costs	388 35	388 35	0 00	195 00	195 00
	Re-direction of mail	195 00	195 00	0 00	175 00	175 00
	Statutory advertising	175 00	175 00	1 590 00	0 00	1,590 00
	Other property expenses	1,590 00	1,590 00	1 202 50	0 00	1,202 50
	Bank charges	1,202 50	1,202 50	1 202 30		
1,645,226 00	-	891,209 77	891,209 77	824,893 49	66,316 28	891,209 77
(689,664 00)	Balance	544,403 76	<u>544,403 76</u>	<u>593,501 55</u>	(49,097.79)	544,403 76
	MADE UP AS FOLLOWS					
	Current Account	544,674 35	544,674 35	544,849 35	(175 00)	544,674 35
	Trade debtors	1,171 90	1,171 90	1,171 90	0 00	1 171 90
	VAT Control a/c	(1,442 49)	(1,442 49)	(1,442 49)	0 00	(1,442 49)
	- -	544,403 76	544,403 76	544,578 76	(175 00)	544,403 76



Panel Technology Holdings Limited (in Administration)
Time charged for the period 05 February 2013 to 04 August 2013

iotal Hours	Partries Professional	Hoeding	A TOTAL HOUR	Total Coat E	
Administration and Planning	3.45	0 2 0	3 65	800 00	219 18
	0.50	0.20	0 40	85 00	212 50
General Administration	3.25		3 25	715 00	220 00
Investigation	3 50		3 50	770 00	220 00
	0.75		0 75	165 00	220 00
COO CLUSTER	27.5		2 75	605 00	220 00
	8 20		8 20	1,804 00	220 00
Statutory Compliance	8 20		8 20	1 804 00	220 00
Tables	130		1 30	552 50	425 00
Trading foresteed Montestee			1 30	552 50	425 00
Total Hours	1 30 15 15	0.20	16 65	3,926 50	235 83
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Disbursements for the period	5 Februar
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Company Search	00 9
Postage	6 85
Bonding	20 00
Computer Consumables	173 24
Grand Total	206 09

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Grade
Partner
Manager
Other Professional

FRP Charge out rates

Mileage is charged at the HMRC rate prevailing at the time the cost was incurred

Panel Technology Limited (In Administration)

Time charged for the penod 05 February 2013 to 04 August 2013

	Partner		Critical Professional				
Administration and Planning	0 20	17.35	113 15	51 15	181 85	44,232.75	243 24
Travel		8 00	32.50		40 50	12 492 50	308 46
Case Control and Review	0 20	2 20	8 00		10 40	3 045 00	292 79
Case Accounting - General			58 75	51 15	109 90	23 206 25	211 16
General Administration		5.35	12 90		18 25	4 657 00	255 18
losirance			0.75		0.75	165 00	220 00
Strategy			0.25		0.25	25 00	220 00
Fee and WIP		1 80			1 80	612 00	340 00
Asset Realisation	17 90	97.40	175		117 05	42,381 50	362 08
Asset Realisation		88 75	1 25		00 06	30 450 00	338 33
Freehold/Leasehold Property		7 65	0.50		8 15	2 711 00	332 64
Chatel Assets	0 20				0 20	82 00	425 00
Debt Collection	16 90	18			17 90	8 760 50	489 41
Legalesset Realisation	0 20				0 20	247 50	495 00
Sale of Business	030				030	127 50	425 00
Creditors	16 60	23 70	43 30	18 00	101 60	28,921 00	284 66
Unsecured Creditors		030	20 55		20 85	4 578 00	219 57
Secured Creditors	16 10	2 00	175		19 85	9 034 50	455 14
Employees	0.50	19 30	15.75	18 00	53 55	13 439 50	250 97
Preferential Creditors			2 50		2 50	220 00	220 00
COISES (/dH			001		100	220 00	220 00
ROT		2 10			2 10	714 00	340 00
Unsecured Creditors - TAXVAT			175		175	385 00	220 00
Coceetion	11 20	13.15	23 60	24 00	101 95	36,305 75	356 11
Investmento work - Other	10 70	13 15	20 00	54 00	97 85	35 266 25	360 41
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egal - Investigations	080				0 20	247 50	495 00
Statutory Compliance	2 50	10 05	22 55		35 10	9,991 75	284 67
Post Appt TAXVAT			10 75		10.75	2 887 50	268 60
Statutory Compliance - General	0 50		6 55		7 05	1 688 50	239 50
Statutory Reporting/ Meetings	90	8 55	5.25		14 80	4 410 75	298 02
Appointment Formalities	2	150			2 50	1 005 00	402 00
Trading	36 60	434 45	689 45		1,160 50	349,991 25	301 59
Trading forecasting/ Monitoring	36 60	329 80	622 00		988 40	299 5/1 25	303 09
Trade-sales/ Purchase		104 65	67.45		01 771	20,424,00	252 31
Total House	85 00	596 10	893.80	123 15	CD 869.L	211,624,00	76 100

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Disbursements for the period	05 February 2013 to 04 August 2013
	0

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At 275-495 225-455 85-275 70-320

FRP Charge out rates
Grade
Partner
Manager
Other Professional
Support

	Value £
Car/Mileage Recharge	96 869 9
Company Search	9 00 9
Delivery	72 60
Hotels	3 699 37
Meeting	47 40
Postage	321 08
Subsistance	802 47
Sundnes/General	520 89
Taxis	267 00
Travel	8 072 35
Storage	12 07

# PANEL TECHNOLOGY LIMITED (IN ADMINISTRATION) STATEMENT OF EXPENSES FOR THE 6 MONTH PERIOD ENDED 4 AUGUST 2013

Expenses	Total paid to date of progress report period per R and P	Costs committed not yet paid at reporting date £	Total Expenses for the 6 months ended 04/08/2013 £
Materials	362,170	5,000	367,170
Painting / finishing	22,737		22,737
Direct Wages	233,135		233,135
Gas / chemicals / oil	20,681		20,681
Rents	22,500	1	22,500
Rates	14,209	1	14,209
Premises - Heat & Light	5,787	50,000	55,787
Travel	70		70
Telephone	1,639	i	1,639
Carriage	1,924	ļ	1,924
Insurance	14,042		14,042
Lease/HP Payments	60,457		60,457
Repairs & Maintenance	16,709	l	16,709
Security	1,808		1,808
Stationery	60	1	60
IT Costs	11,687	i	11,687
Staff expenses	1,016	1	1,016
Payroll costs	414		414
Finance Charge	10,381		10,381
Administrators' pre-appointment costs	0	15,484	15,484
Administrators' fees	0	511,824	511,824
Administrators' Disbursements	20,493	802	21,295
Road Fund License	182		182
Agents/Valuers Fees	5,918		5,918
Legal Fees	59,640	6,069	65,709 388
Storage Costs	388	1	
Re-Direction of Mail	195		195 175
Statutory Advertising	175	j	
Other Property Expenses	1,590	1	1,590
Bank Charges - Floating	1,203		1,203 0
	891,210	589,180	1,480,389

PANEL TECHNOLOGY HOLDINGS LIMITED (IN ADMINISTRATION) STATEMENT OF EXPENSES FOR THE 6 MONTH PERIOD ENDED 4 AUGUST 2013

Expenses	Total paid to date of progress report period per R and P	Costs committed not yet paid at reporting date	Total Expenses for the 6 months ended 04/08/2013 £
Administrators' remunerations Administrators' disbursements	00	3,927 206	3,927 206
	0	4,133	4,133



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To All Creditors

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date. 21 August 2013

Please ask for Matthew Kesek

Dear Sirs

PANEL TECHNOLOGY LIMITED (IN ADMINISTRATION) ("THE COMPANY/PANEL") AND

PANEL TECHNOLOGY HOLDINGS LIMITED (IN ADMINISTRATION) ("PTHL") (TOGETHER "THE COMPANIES")

Further to my appointment as Joint Administrator of the above Companies on 5 February 2013, I provide my progress report on the administrations for the period 5 February 2013 to 4 August 2013 ("the period") in accordance with Rules 2 47 of the Insolvency Rules 1986

#### I attach

 Appendix A - Statutory information regarding the Companies and the appointment of the Administrators

Appendix B - Forms 2 24B, formal notices of the progress report

Appendix C - Receipts and payments account

Appendix D - Details of my firms' time costs and disbursements

Appendix E - Statement of expenses

#### 1. The Administrators' Proposals

- Paul Allen and I, both of FRP Advisory LLP ("FRP") were appointed Joint Administrators of the Companies on 5 February 2013 by Aldermore Invoice Finance ("Aldermore") The appointment was consented to by Lloyds TSB Bank Plc ("LTSB") as prior charge holder
- 1 2 The objective(s) of the administration were
  - a) To rescue the Company as a going concern, failing which
  - b) To achieve a better result for the Company's creditors as a whole than would be likely if the Company were wound up (without first being in administration), failing which
  - To realise property in order to make a distribution to one or more secured or preferential creditors
- The Joint Administrators confirm that objectives a) and b) of the administration as detailed above have not been achieved due to the Company's liabilities and because a disposal of the business and assets as a going concern could not be achieved. Therefore objective c) will be achieved.

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- The appointment of the Joint Administrators included a declaration that any act required or authorised under any enactment to be done by the administrators may be done by one or more of them or one or more of the persons for the time being holding that office in succession to any of them
- 1 5 Statutory information about the Companies and the Administrators are attached as Appendix A.
- 1 6 There has been no extension to the automatic period of the administration to date

#### 2. Progress of the Administration

- I attach as Appendix C, the Administrators' receipts and payment account for the period along with a separate trading account for the Company There have been no receipts of payments in respect of PTHL and therefore no account is attached
- As previously reported, immediately upon appointment, the Joint Administrators undertook a review of the business and staffing requirements. The preferred strategy was to continue to trade the business although this was only possible with the cooperation of the key customers, the suppliers and on-going commitment by the staff
- The key customers, Aston Martin Lagonda ("AML") and Sertec were immediately contacted to understand the outstanding debt owed to the Company, the provision of future orders and to agree revised payments terms which would support continued trading
- Sertec supported the proposed administration trading process and provided a number of concessions in terms to facilitate continued trading along with confirmed orders to cover a 10 week period AML, which additionally receives product for Lotus and Magna Heavy Stampings/SAG produced by the Company, also agreed to the Joint Administrators revised terms of trading and provided an order schedule to the end of April 2013 Following further discussions with Sertec and AML, trading was extended to the end of May 2013 to allow production of additional stock lines
- At the outset it was agreed that the business and assets of the Company would be marketed with the view to securing continued production from the site and avoiding the need for the customers to relocate production elsewhere
- The Company's supplier base was contacted to ensure their on-going support and recommence supply lines. In the majority of cases, this support was forthcoming without dilution of terms
- A review of the company's overhead was undertaken to ensure the cost base was aligned to the proposed trading period without loss of functionality and from this process it was necessary to make 14 of the 43 staff redundant on 7 February 2013
- The alternative to continuing to trade the business was an immediate shutdown with all staff being made redundant. However, this would not have given the Joint Administrators an opportunity to find a buyer and would have potentially resulted in lower asset realisations, higher claims and a consequent reduction in the outcome for creditors.

### **Trading Period**

For the reasons set out above, the Joint Administrators' continued to trade on a 'business as usual' basis with the customer base from the Hinckley premises Production schedules were revised in order to mitigate the risk of customer stock outs

- 2 10 All known creditors of the Company were advised of the appointment by letter, email or telephone and approximately 50 arrangements were agreed to ensure on-going supply of products and services to facilitate continued trading. Creditors were also invited to submit proof of debts or progress retention of title claims as appropriate.
- Four suppliers submitted retention of title claims to mitigate their position. The claims agreed were minimal as the Company had low levels of stock at appointment.
- Separate arrangements were entered into with the various lease and finance companies. Motor vehicles, deemed surplus to requirements were returned to reduce overheads. Close Brothers ("Close") provided funding against the major plant and machinery utilised by the Company and had an outstanding balance of around £500k. It is thought unlikely that there will be any funds available to the administration after the sale of the plant and machinery and the settlement of the amount due to Close. The sale of the plant and machinery was undertaken independently by Close and their nominated agents.
- 2 13 Trading ceased on 31 May 2013 All professional undertakings provided during the administration trading period were withdrawn and all leased vehicles and equipment were returned or left in situ to be dealt with by Close, as outlined above
- 2 14 Sales of £1 4m were achieved during the administration trading period. After the payment of all suppliers and professional costs associated with the process, a break-even result will be achieved.

#### Sale of the business and assets

- Upon appointment, discussions were held with Directors to ascertain the Company's key competitors along with any parties who may be interested in acquiring the business and assets. In addition, an advert was placed on IPBid com, a specialist site for the insolvency industry and on the FRP website detailing the Company as for sale.
- 2 15 The Joint Administrators appointed Edward Symmons LLP as valuation agents to provide guidance on asset values in both a going concern and gone concern basis
- A schedule was maintained of all parties expressing an interest in the business, with a number of enquiries received either through the FRP website or by telephone. In total, 38 parties expressed an interest in purchasing the business and / or assets of the Company.
- 2 17 All parties who expressed an interest in the business were sent a non-disclosure agreement ("NDA") to sign and return. Once received, potential bidders were provided with further information providing details of the Company.
- Eleven parties attended site to undertake advanced due diligence and to speak to the key customers, Sertec and AML, regarding future ability to manufacture their respective products Unfortunately, it was not possible to match the purchaser's expectations with those of the customers and as a result, a sale as a going concern, with the customer base intact, was not possible

#### Other Assets

- According to the Company's records and Director's statement of affairs, there is an intercompany debtor balance of £510,156 owed from Panel Technology Holdings Limited. This balance is not deemed recoverable given PTHL only material asset is an investment in the Company
- From the Director's statement of affairs there will be a significant shortfall to the secured creditor on the pre appointment debtor ledger. All sales achieved during the trading period have been paid for in full

#### 3. Investigations

- Part of my duties include carrying out proportionate investigations into what assets the company has, including any potential claims against directors or other parties, and what recoveries could be made. I have reviewed the company's books and records and accounting information, requested further information from the directors, and invited creditors to provide information on any concerns they have concerning the way in which the company's business has been conducted. The investigation process is on-going.
- A statutory report under the provisions of the Company Directors Disqualification Act 1986 was submitted to the Secretary of State for Business Innovation and Skills on the conduct of the directors. The content of this report is confidential

#### 4. Outcome for Secured Creditors

- At the date of appointment, Aldermore was owed c £700k by the Company It is envisaged that Aldermore will suffer a significant shortfall in this case subject to any mitigation achieved through legal action or recovery under the guarantees / warranties provided by the Directors
- The Company also had a Business Loan Agreement for working capital from LTSB in the sum of £850k repayable over 6 years and secured by a debenture dated 31 August 2007 along with a charge over life policies and guarantees provided by the Directors LTSB will suffer a significant shortfall subject to any mitigation achieved
- A further charge holder, Black Country Re-investment Scheme ("BCRS"), was owed £50k at the date of appointment. There will not be a return to BCRS from the Company estate.

### 5. Outcome for Preferential Creditors

- The statement of affairs of Panel shows preferential creditors of £50k, being employees for arrears of pay and holiday pay. On present information, it is unlikely there will be any dividend available to preferential creditors.
- 5 2 There are no preferential creditor claims in PTHL

#### 6 Outcome for Unsecured Creditors

Based on current information and subject to the final costs of the administration, a dividend will not become available to unsecured creditors in this matter

#### 7. Administrators' Pre-Appointment Costs

7 1 The Joint Administrators' pre-appointment costs of £15,483 85 plus VAT were approved by the secured and preferential Creditors although these have not yet been paid

## 8. Administrators' Remuneration, Disbursements and Expenses

Turning to my own costs in this matter, my remuneration as Joint Administrator is based on computerised records of all time spent on the administration of this case. Matters dealt with during the assignment are dealt with by different members of staff depending on the level of complexity and experience required. Time is charged to the case in maximum of 6 minute units. Charge-out rates are based on individual expertise, qualification and grade. The costs of the firm's support staff are not directly charged to the estate unless dealing with directly identifiable case specific matters. Charge out rates are reviewed at least annually, details of FRP charge out rates are included at Appendix D. A breakdown of my time costs and disbursements incurred during the period of this report (and also since appointment), in accordance with Statement of Insolvency Practice 9, is set out at Appendix D.

- The secured and preferential creditors agreed that my remuneration should be calculated on a time cost basis. I have not drawn any fees to date
- The Joint Administrators' disbursements are a recharge of actual costs incurred by the Joint Administrators on behalf of the Company. Mileage payments made for expenses relating to the use of private vehicles for business travel, which is directly attributable to the insolvency estate, are paid by FRP at the HMRC approved mileage rate prevailing at the time the mileage was incurred. Details of disbursements incurred during the period of this report are set out in Appendix D.
- I attach at Appendix E a statement of expenses that have been incurred during the period covered by this report.
- Creditors have a right to request further information from the Administrators under Rule 2 48A of the Insolvency Rules 1986 and further have a right to challenge the Administrators' remuneration and other expenses which are first disclosed in this report, under Rule 2 109 of the Insolvency Rules 1986 (For ease of reference these are the expenses incurred in the reporting period as set out in Appendix E only) Further details of these rights can be found in the Creditors' Guide to Fees which you can access using the following link http://www.frpadvisory.com/fees-guide html and select the one for administrations. Alternatively a hard copy of the relevant guide will be sent to you on request. Please note there is a time limit for requesting information being 21 days following the receipt of this progress report. There is a time limit of 8 weeks following the receipt of this report for a Court application that the remuneration or expenses are excessive.

If you have any queries about this report or the progress of the administration, please do not hesitate to contact Matt Kesek at this office

Dated 21 August 2013

Geoff Rowley

**Joint Administrator** 

Licensed in the United Kingdom by the Insolvency Practitioners Association

The Joint Administrators act as agents of the Company and without personal liability.

The affairs, business and property of the Company are being managed by Geoffrey Paul Rowley and Paul David Allen who were appointed Joint Administrators on 5 February 2013.

## Panel Technology Limited (in Administration) Statutory Information

#### **ADMINISTRATION DETAILS:**

Date of notice of intention to appoint Administrators presented to Court

5 February 2013

Names of Joint Administrators

Geoffrey Paul Rowley and Paul David Allen

Address of Joint Administrators:

FRP Advisory LLP, 10 Furnival Street,

London EC4A 1AB

The appointment of the Joint Administrators included a declaration that any act required or authorised under any enactment to be done by the administrators may be done by one or more of them or one or more of the persons for the time being holding that office in succession to any of them

Date of appointment of Administrators

5 February 2013

Court in which administration proceedings were brought

The High Court of Justice

Court reference number

806 of 2013

Application for administration order made by

Aldermore Invoice Finance, a division of

Aldermore Bank Plc

The EC Regulation on Insolvency Proceedings will apply in this matter and accordingly the Administration will constitute main proceedings

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