# Liquidator's Progress Report

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

To the Registrar of Companies

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Company Number

03553481

Name of Company

Xunely Limited

I/We

David John Standish, Arlington Business Park, Theale, Reading, Berkshire, RG7 4SD

Robert Andrew Croxen, Arlington Business Park, Theale, Reading, Berkshire, RG7 4SD

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

The Progress Report covers the period from 08/01/2014 to 07/01/2015

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Signed .

Date 5 March 2015

KPMG LLP Arlington Business Park Theale Reading Berkshire RG7 4SD

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## Statement of Receipts and Payments under section 192 of the Insolvency Act 1986

Name of Company Xunely Limited

Company Registered Number 03553481

State whether members' or

creditors' voluntary winding up Creditors

Date of commencement of winding up 08 January 2013

Date to which this statement is

brought down 07 January 2015

Name and Address of Liquidator

David John Standish Robert Andrew Croxen
Arlington Business Park Arlington Business Park

Theale Theale
Reading Reading
Berkshire Berkshire
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#### **NOTES**

You should read these notes carefully before completing the forms. The notes do not form part of the return to be sent to the registrar of companies

#### Form and Contents of Statement

(1) Every statement must contain a detailed account of all the liquidator's realisations and disbursements in respect of the company. The statement of realisations should contain a record of all receipts derived from assets existing at the date of the winding up resolution and subsequently realised, including balance at bank, book debts and calls collected, property sold etc., and the account of disbursements should contain all payments of costs, charges and expenses, or to creditors or contributories. Receipts derived from deposit accounts and money market deposits are to be included in the 'balance at bank'. Only actual investments are to be included in the 'amounts invested' section in the analysis of balance on page 5 of the form. Where property has been realised, the gross proceeds of sale must be entered under realisations and the necessary payments incidental to sales must be entered as disbursements. A payment into the Insolvency Services Account is not a disbursement and should not be shown as such, nor are payments into a bank, building society or any other financial institution. However, the interest received on any investment should be shown in the realisations. Each receipt and payment must be entered in the account in such a manner as sufficiently to explain its nature. The receipts and payments must severally be added up at the foot of each sheet and the totals carried forward from one account to another without any intermediate balance, so that the gross totals represent the total amounts received and paid by the liquidator respectively.

#### **Trading Account**

(2) When the liquidator carries on a business, a trading account must be forwarded as a distinct account, and the total of receipts and payments on the trading account must alone be set out in this statement

#### Dividends

- (3) When dividends, instalments of compositions, etc. are paid to creditors or a return of surplus assets is made to contributories, the total amount of each dividend, etc. actually paid, must be entered in the statement of disbursements as one sum, and the liquidator must forward separate accounts showing in lists the amount of the claim of each creditor, and the amount of dividend, etc payable to each creditor or contributory.
- (4) When unclaimed dividends, etc. are paid into the Insolvency Services Account, the total amount so paid in should be entered in the statement of disbursements as one sum. The items to be paid in relation to unclaimed dividends should first be included in the realisations side of the account.
- (5) Credit should not be taken in the statement of disbursements for any amount in respect of liquidator's remuneration unless it has been duly allowed by resolutions of the liquidation committee or of the creditors or of the company in general meeting, or by order of the court as the case may require, or is otherwise allowable under the provisions of the Insolvency Rules

58,718 61

# Liquidator's statement of account under section 192 of the Insolvency Act 1986

Date	Of whom received	Nature of assets realised	Amount
		Brought Forward	45,255 35
20/01/2014 20/01/2014 31/03/2014 30/06/2014 30/09/2014 31/12/2014	La Senza Ltd La Senza Ltd RBS NatWest Nat West Nat West	VAT refunds (pre-liq ) Floating ch VAT control Bank interest, gross	45,255 35 6,272 34 7,167 97 3 04 5 86 5 86 8 19

Carned Forward

Disbursements					
Date	To whom paid	Nature of disbursements	Amount		
		Brought Forward	43,022 49		
		Carried Forward	43,022 4		

#### Analysis of balance

Total realisations Total disbursements		£ 58,718 61 43,022 49
	Balance £	15,696 12
This balance is made up as follows  1 Cash in hands of liquidator  2 Balance at bank  3 Amount in Insolvency Services Account		0 00 15,696 12 0 00
4 Amounts invested by liquidator Less The cost of investments realised Balance 5 Accrued Items	£ 0.00 0 00	0 00 0 00
Total Balance as shown above		15,696 12

NOTE - Full details of stocks purchased for investment and any realisation of them should be given in a separate statement

The Liquidator should also state -

(1) The amount of the estimated assets and liabilities at the date of the commencement of the winding up £

Assets (after deducting amounts charged to secured creditors including the holders of floating charges)

Liabilities - Fixed charge creditors

50,579 60

Liabilities - Fixed charge creditors

0 00

Floating charge holders

0 00

Preferential creditors

0 00

Unsecured creditors

13,680,399 00

(2) The total amount of the capital paid up at the date of the commencement of the winding up -

Paid up in cash 1,000 00 Issued as paid up otherwise than for cash 0 00

(3) The general description and estimated value of any outstanding assets (if there is insufficient space here, attach a separate sheet)

Receipt of dividends in respect of intercompany debts

(4) Why the winding up cannot yet be concluded

Settlement of costs of liquidation and Statutory obligations

(5) The period within which the winding up is expected to be completed

One Year



## **Xunely Limited - in Liquidation**

Second progress report for the period from 7 January 2014 to 8 January 2015 Pursuant to Rule 4 49(C) of the Insolvency Rules 1986 (as amended)

> KPMG LLP 2 March 2015

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## **Notice: About this Report**

This progress report has been prepared by David Standish and Rob Croxen, the liquidators of this company, solely to comply with their statutory duty under the Insolvency Act and Rules 1986 to provide members and creditors with an update on the progress of the liquidation of the estate, and for no other purpose

This report is not suitable to be relied upon by any other person, or for any other purpose, or in any other context including any investment decision in relation to the debt of or any financial interest in this company. Any person that chooses to rely on this report for any purpose or in any context other than under the Insolvency Act and Rules 1986 (as amended) does so at their own risk. Any estimated outcomes for creditors included in this report are illustrative only and cannot be relied upon as guidance as to the actual outcomes for individual creditors.

David John Standish is authorised to act as an insolvency practitioner by the Insolvency Practitioners Association

Robert Andrew Croxen is authorised to act as an insolvency practitioner by the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England & Wales

The appointments of the Joint Liquidators are personal to them and, to the fullest extent permitted by law, KPMG LLP does not assume any responsibility and will not accept any liability to any person in respect of this Report or the conduct of the liquidation



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## Glossary

Company/Xuncly Xunely Limited – in Liquidation

Contessa (Ladieswear) Limited – in Liquidation

Directors James Cocker, Robert Darwent, Mary Minnick

and Nicholas Mather

Group/Companies Contessa, LS Europe, LSL, Xunely

HMRC Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs

Liquidators David Standish and Robert Croxen

LS Europe La Senza Europe Limited – in Liquidation

LSL La Senza Limited – in Liquidation

LS12 Lion/Silk Investments 2 Limited - Dissolved

Secured Creditor/Secured Lender Lion Silk Funding LUX 2 S A R L

The references in this report to Sections or Rules are to the Insolvency Act 1986 and the Insolvency Rules 1986 (both as amended)



#### 1 Introduction

David Standish and Rob Croxen were appointed Joint Liquidators of the Company on 8 January 2013

This is our second annual progress report to creditors for the period 8 January 2014 to 7 January 2015

Company information as required under Rule 4 49(C) is attached as Appendix 1

Our receipts and payments account for the period is attached as Appendix 2, with a summary of expenses incurred in this period attached as Appendix 4 All figures are shown net of VAT

### 2 Progress of the liquidation

#### 2.1 Asset realisations

#### 2.1.1 Pre-appointment VAT

We submitted a VAT return during the administration £6,272 was received from HMRC in the period in respect of this return

#### 2.1.2 Intercompany book debts

The Company has an estimated unsecured claim of £6.4 million in the liquidation of Contessa. The timing and quantum of a dividend are dependent on the outcome of the Contessa liquidation, which in turn is dependent on the outcome of the LSL liquidation.

#### 2.1.3 Other realisations

In this period £23 has been received in bank interest

#### 2.2 Costs of realisations

Payments made in this period are set out in the attached receipts and payments account (see Appendix 2) The figures on this account are shown net of VAT

The schedule of expenses attached as Appendix 4 details the costs incurred, paid or unpaid, specifically relating to this reporting period. The figures in this statement are also shown net of VAT

Please note that under Rule 4 49(E), creditors are advised, that within 21 days of receipt of this report a creditor may request additional information about our remuneration and expenses as set out in this report. A request must be in writing, and may be made either, by a secured creditor, or by an unsecured creditor with the concurrence of at least 5% in value of unsecured creditors (including himself) or the permission of the court

In addition, under Rule 4 131, any secured creditor, or any unsecured creditor with either the concurrence of at least 10% in value of creditors, or with the permission of the court may apply to the court, to challenge the remuneration charged, the basis of remuneration or the expenses incurred by us. Any such application must be made no later than eight weeks



after receipt of the first report which reports the charging of the remuneration or the incurring of expenses in question

The full text of Rules 4 49(E) and 4 131 can be provided on request by writing to Kelly Haines at KPMG LLP, Arlington Business Park, Theale, Reading, RG7 4SD

#### 2 2 1 Liquidators' remuneration

The statutory provisions relating to remuneration are set out in Rule 4 127 Further information can be found in the Association of Business Recovery Professional's publication "A creditors' guide to Liquidators fees," a copy of which can be found at

http://www.r3 org.uk/media/documents/publications/professional/Guide\_to\_Liquidators\_Fe\_es\_Nov2011 pdf

However, if you are unable to access this guide and would like a copy please contact Kelly Haines on 0118 373 1401

As the Company was previously in administration and the basis of our remuneration was fixed, under Rule 2 106, on a time cost basis, our remuneration will continue to be fixed on this basis. An analysis of our time costs for the period of this report is attached, together with a schedule of our hourly charge out rates (see Appendix 3). This shows that we have incurred time costs of £11,528 representing 41 hours at an average hourly rate of £280. The above includes tax, VAT and pensions advice from KPMG's in house specialists. However, no remuneration has been drawn as yet

#### 3 Liabilities

#### 3.1 Secured creditor

The Secured Lenders for the Group provided senior debt facilities to LSI2 and held fixed and floating charge security over LSI2's assets, which was cross guaranteed by all the Companies in the Group During the administration, our solicitors confirmed that the Secured Lenders' security is valid

The Secured Lenders submitted claims totalling £9 1 million. This was settled in full by the Companies in the Group as guarantors, although Xunely itself did not make a contribution.

Since each of the Companies were jointly and severally liable for the senior debt, the paying co-guarantors are entitled to claim against Xunely in respect of distributions they made to the Secured Lenders in excess of their equitable share of the senior debt. These claims are likely to benefit from subrogation of the Secured Lender's secured status. However, there are not expected to be any net realisations available for the benefit of the subrogated secured contribution claims.

#### 3.2 Preferential creditors

Claims in respect of certain arrears of wages and holiday pay rank preferentially. The Group's 2,300 staff were all employed by LSL and therefore there is no preferential claim in this liquidation.



#### 3.3 Unsecured creditors

In their statement of affairs, the Directors estimated that the Company has estimated unsecured intercompany liabilities of £9.9 million (after appropriate set-off of intercompany debtors)

There are not expected to be any net realisations available to unsecured creditors of Xunely

#### 4 Other matters

#### 4.1 Investigations

We have a duty to investigate whether potential causes of action exist against third parties which would increase recoveries for creditors. Following an initial review of the Company's affairs we consider that there are no such causes of action in this matter.

We also have a duty to investigate the conduct of directors, and submit a report to Department of Business Innovation and Skills on the conduct of those directors or shadow directors who were in office in the three years prior to the liquidation. We have complied with this obligation. The contents of the report are confidential and cannot be disclosed.

### 5 Future strategy

#### 5.1 Ongoing matters

The following matters are ongoing which are preventing this liquidation being closed These are as follows

- Receipt of dividends in respect of intercompany debts due from Contessa,
- If applicable, payment of any available net realisations to the subrogated secured contribution claimants,
- Settlement of the costs of liquidation, including our remuneration and disbursements,
- Complying with ongoing obligations in respect of VAT and corporation tax, and
- Dealing with statutory reporting and compliance obligations

As soon as these matters have been completed, we will issue a final progress report and call final meetings of members and creditors to bring the liquidation to an end and obtain their release from office. The Company will then be dissolved approximately three months thereafter



## 5.2 Future reporting

We will report again on the progress of the liquidation within two months of 8 January 2016 or prior to its conclusion if earlier

If you wish to discuss the contents of this report, or any other aspect of the liquidation, please contact Kelly Haines on 0118 373 1401

David Standish

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Joint Liquidator



## Appendix 1 - Company information

Name	Xunely Limited
Registered Company number	03553481
Previous registered office	Unit 5, Swallowfield Way, Hayes, Middlesex UB3 1DQ
Present registered office	c/o KPMG LLP, Arlington Business Park, Theale, Reading, Berkshire RG7 4SD
Joint Liquidators	David John Standish and Robert Andrew Croxen
Joint Liquidators' address	KPMG LLP, Arlington Business Park, Theale, Reading, Berkshire RG7 4SD
Date of appointment	8 January 2013
Appointed	In accordance with Paragraph 83



## Appendix 2

Liquidators' receipts and payments account for the period 8 January 2014 to 7 January 2015.

## Xunely Limited (In Liquidation) Liquidators' Abstract of Receipts & Payments

From 08/01/2013 To 07/01/2015	From 08/01/2014 To 07/01/2015		Statement of Affairs
		ASSET REALISATIONS	
170 04	NIL	Inter company book debts	
34,254 00	NIL	Group Tax Relief Costs	
6,272 34	6,272.34	VAT refunds (pre-liq.)	
7 06	NIL	Cash at bank	
10,788,65	NIL	Funds from Administrators	50,579 60
51,492,09	6,272,34		
		OTHER REALISATIONS	
22 95	22 95	Bank interest, gross	
	NIL	Bank interest, net	
20 93 43 88	22 95		
		COST OF REALISATIONS	
35,839 85	NIL	Administrators fees	
(35,839,85)	NIL		
		UNSECURED CREDITORS	
NIL	NIL	Interco debt- Lion Silk Investments 2	(11,272,823 00)
NIL	NIL	Interco debt - La Senza Limited	(2,406,576 00)
NIL	NIL	Interco debt - La Senza Europe Limited	(1,000 00)
NIL	NIL	•	., ,
		DISTRIBUTIONS	
NIL	NIL	Ordinary shareholders	(1,000.00)
NIL	NIL	·	., .
15,696.12	6,295.29		(13,630,819.40)
		REPRESENTED BY	
7,167.97		VAT receivable	
15,696.12		Current account	
(7,167 97)		Floating ch. VAT control	
15,696.12			



## Appendix 3

## Analysis of Liquidators' time costs for the period from 8 January 2014 to 7 January 2015 and schedule of hourly charge out rates

	Restructuring 8 January 2013 to 30 Sept 2013 £/hr	Restructuring 1 October 2013 to present £/hr	Restructuring 1 October 2014 to present £/hr
Partner/director	£485 - £565	£485 - £565	£535 - £595
Management	£365 - £450	£385 - £475	£405 - £485
Administrators	£185 - £250	£195 - £265	£205 - £280
Support	£115	£120	£125

#### KPMG Restructuring policy for the recovery of disbursements

Where funds permit the officeholder will look to recover both category 1 and category 2 disbursements from the estate For the avoidance of doubt, such expenses are defined within SIP 9 as follows

Category 1 disbursements These are costs where there is specific expenditure directly referable both to the appointment in question and a payment to an independent third party These may include, for example, advertising, room hire, storage, postage, telephone charges, travel expenses, and equivalent costs reimbursed to the officeholder or his or her staff

Category 2 disbursements These are costs that are directly referable to the appointment in question but not a payment to an independent third party. They may include shared or allocated costs that can be allocated to the appointment on a proper and reasonable basis, for example, business mileage.

Use of privately-owned vehicle or car cash alternative – 45p per mile,

- Use of company car 60p per mile,
- Use of partner's car 60p per mile,

For all of the above car types, when carrying KPMG passengers an additional 5p per mile per passenger will also be charged where appropriate.

Any disbursements paid from the estate are disclosed within the attached summary of disbursements



#### Xunely Limited - in Liquidation

#### Liquidators' time costs from 8 January 2014 to 7 January 2015

	Partner / Director	Manager	Administrator	Support	Total hours	Time cost	Average hourly rate
Administration & planning							
Cashiering							
General (Cashiering)			1 90		1 90	£371 50	£195 53
Reconciliations (& IPS accounting reviews)		0 50	2 40		2 90	£665 50	£229 48
General							
Books and records			0 60		0 60	£117 00	£195 00
Fees and WIP			0 40		0 40	£78 00	£195 00
Statutory and compliance							
Bonding and bordereau			0 10		0 10	£20 50	£205 00
Checklist & reviews	0 60	0 50	2 40		3 50	£1 048 50	£299 57
Strategy documents			0 25		0 25	£66 25	£265 00
Tax							
Post appointment corporation tax		0 20	3 30		3 50	£757 50	£216 43
Post appointment VAT		4 50	1 70		6 20	£2 117 50	£341 53
Creditors							
Creditors and claims							
Agreement of claims			0 10		0 10	£19 50	£195 00
Agreement of unsecured claims			0 90		0 90	£175 50	£195 00
General correspondence			0 20		0 20	£39 00	£195 00
Statutory reports		8 80	11 80		20 60	£6 052 00	£293 79
Total in period				_	41 15	£11 528 25	£280 15

Time is charged by reference to actual work carried out on the liquidation, using a minimum time unit of six minutes

All staff who have worked on the liquidation, including cashiers and secretarial staff, have charged time directly to the assignment and are included in the analysis of time spent. The cost of staff employed in central, administration functions is not charged directly to the liquidation but is reflected in the general level of chargeout rates.

# <u>Disbursements</u> <u>Category 1</u> None

£0 00

Category 2 None

£0 00

Total

£0 00

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## Appendix 4

#### Schedule of expenses for the period 8 January 2014 to 7 January 2015

Paid £	Accrued £	Total for period	
	11,528	11,528	
	11,528	11,528	
		£ £ 11,528	

#### **Notes**

Creditors are advised that the basis of our remuneration has been agreed by the creditors on a time cost basis. Attached at Appendix 3 is an analysis of our time costs incurred in this reporting period.

Any additional information regarding our remuneration and/or other expenses charged for the period is available from us upon request by any secured creditor or any unsecured creditor(s) with at least 5% in value of the unsecured debt in accordance with Rule 4 49E. This request must be made within 21 days of receipt of the report

In addition, creditors are reminded that the quantum can be challenged by any secured creditor or any unsecured creditor(s) with at least 10% in value (including that creditor's claim) of the unsecured debt by making an application to Court in accordance with Rule 4 131 within eight weeks of receipt of this report

The full text of these rules can be provided upon request