The Insolvency Act 1986

# Statement of administrator's proposals

Name of Company

A & J Exhibitions Limited

Company number

03578745

In the

High Court of Justice

(full name of court)

Court case number 15477 of 2009

(a) Insert full name(s) and address(es) of administrator(s) We (a)

D Wilson & P Atkinson

Vantis Business Recovery Services

43/45 Butts Green Road

Hornchurch Essex RM11 2JX

\*Delete as applicable

attach a copy of \*my/our proposals in respect of the administration of the above company.

A copy of these proposals was sent to all known creditors on

(b) 14 August 2009

Signed

Joint / Administrator(s)

Dated

14 August 2009

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NO. 15477 OF 2009

### IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE

#### IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986

#### **AND**

# A & J EXHIBITIONS LIMITED (IN ADMINISTRATION)

**COMPANY NO: 03578745** 

The Joint Administrators statement of proposals in accordance with paragraph 49 (1) Schedule B1 Insolvency Act 1986 ("the Schedule").

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Dated: 14 August 2009

# A & J Exhibitions Limited — In Administration ("the Company") High Court of Justice No. 15477 of 2009

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#### 1. Introduction

- Darren Wilson MABRP MIPA and Paul Atkinson MABRP MIPA of Vantis Business Recovery Services ("VBRS") were appointed Joint Administrators of A & J Exhibitions Limited (hereinafter referred to as "AJE" or "the Company") in the High Court of Justice (No. 15477 of 2009) on 30 June 2009.
- 1.2 Paul Atkinson is a director of VBRS, and Darren Wilson is an Associate Director, and neither they nor any members of their staff have had any previous professional relationship with the Company or any of its directors or officers.
- 1.3 The Company entered into Administration upon the filing of the prescribed notice of appointment in the High Court of Justice by the directors on 30 June 2009. The Administration will inure for an initial period of 12 months.
- 1.4 The Joint Administrators have agreed to exercise all functions of the Administrator under Schedule B1 of the Insolvency Act 1986 jointly and severally.
- 1.5 It is considered that the EC Regulation on Insolvency Proceedings applies to these proceedings, which are main proceedings as defined in Article 3 of the EC Regulations (1346/2000).
- 1.6 The Company was placed into Administration in order to achieve one or more of the prescribed hierarchical statutory purposes, namely: -
  - (a) rescuing the company as a going concern; or
  - (b) if (a) is not reasonably practicable, achieving a better result for the company's creditors as a whole than would be likely if the company was wound up (without first being in administration); or
  - (c) if (a) and (b) are not reasonably practicable, realising property in order to make a distribution to one or more secured or preferential creditors.
- 1.7 This document sets out information to assist creditors generally, providing a background to the Administration, together with an estimated forecast of the outcome for creditors.

#### 2. Statutory Details

- 2.1 The registered office of the Company is 43-45 Butts Green Road, Hornchurch, Essex RM11 2JX. The registered office was previously Leytonstone House, Leytonstone, London, E11 1HR.
- **2.2** Key Statutory Information is summarised at Appendix 1.

#### 3. Background to Administration and Company History

- 3.1 The Company was incorporated by Tony Allery ("TA") on 10 June 1998 and commenced trading shortly thereafter. Ben Norton ("BN") was appointed director on 11 March 2002 and resigned on 18 May 2009. Please refer to Appendix 1 for all other statutory information.
- 3.2 AJE was set up as car transporters, using 3 car carriers as well as single vehicle deliveries on behalf of corporate clients and dealers. By 2001, the Company moved further into specialist deliveries and purchased 5 enclosed articulated transporters, enabling the Company to increase the number of customers it was able to service.

- 3.3 By 2003, the Company had increased its fleet and acquired a number of larger car transporters in order to meet the requirements of some of their larger clients. During 2003, the Company moved to a new site in Purfleet, Essex, where there was a purpose built workshop and warehouse facility. Here they were able to work alongside an associated company, Ingetrans Limited, who provided repairs and servicing to AJE's vehicles.
- The Company continued to grow and expand its client base, employing over 60 staff at its peak. Unfortunately, the credit crunch in 2007/2008 lead to a dramatic decline in car delivery across the UK which directly affected AJE's business, especially as many of their customers were advertising and marketing companies.
- 3.5 In an attempt to survive the financial difficulties that it was experiencing as a result of the down turn in work, AJE was able to secure a delivery contract with a major auction company, on the condition that the Company dramatically reduced its rates.
- 3.6 In addition, the Company reduced its overheads by lowering staff levels and, in mid 2009, it moved to cheaper trading premises in Wix, Colchester.
- 3.7 Unfortunately, following an audit of its first quarterly accounts in May 2009, the director noticed several large discrepancies. An independent accountant was appointed to establish where the errors had occurred with the Company's financial accounting.
- 3.8 Despite the cost cutting exercises carried out by the Company, the combined effect of the above mentioned circumstances caused A & J Exhibitions's financial problems to escalate. With demands from HM Revenue & Customs and creditors increasing on a daily basis, realising the Company could not meet its liabilities as they fell due, the directors sought advice from the Company's accountants and solicitors and, subsequently, VBRS.
- 3.9 Having considered their options, the directors decided that it would not be beneficial to continue trading and that the most appropriate course of action was to place the Company into Administration.

#### 4. Conduct of the Administration to Date

#### **Trading & Operations**

**4.1** The Company ceased trading immediately upon entering into administration.

#### **Debtors**

- 4.2 The Company has a book debt ledger amounting to £316,156, however of this sum, £171,111 is due from the parent Company, Verso Automotive Limited, who are also a creditor of the Company. It is therefore uncertain how much of this sum will be recovered.
- 4.3 In addition, amounts of £9,090 and £7,981 are due from associated companies, Ingetrans Limited and Diamond Components Limited respectively, both of which were placed into Liquidation on 29 July 2009, with Darren Wilson and Paul Atkinson being appointed Joint Liquidators. These debts are therefore also considered irrecoverable.

- 4.4 The Company instructed a solicitor to commence legal proceedings against a number of the debtors prior to the Administration, and the Administrators have agreed for the acting solicitor to continue the Court action against these debtors on the Company's behalf, due to his in depth knowledge of the situation.
- **4.5** The remainder of the ledger amounting to £117,111 has been passed to solicitors to pursue accordingly.

#### **Assets**

- 4.6 The Company had a number of vehicles which were subject to operating leases and have since been returned to the relevant finance companies. There were also a number of vehicles/trailers which were subject to finance agreements with Lombard North Central plc. These have been valued by chattel agents who have confirmed that there is no equity available in these vehicles, and arrangements have therefore been made for these to be returned to Lombard accordingly.
- 4.7 The sum of £2,000 has been received in respect of the sale of the goodwill of the Company, consisting of the name, website and telephone numbers. In addition, the sum of £1,000 plus VAT has been received for the sale of the Company's minimal office furniture and equipment, all of which were valued by independent chattel agents.
- **4.8** The sum of £3,570 is currently being held in a bank account with Svenska Handlesbanken AB, and this will be remitted to the Administration in due course.

#### **Employees**

**4.9** The Company employed 33 staff, including the director, all of whom had their contracts of employment terminated prior to the administration.

#### 5. Other Actions Taken during the Course of the Administration

- 5.1 All statutory formalities were completed, with the appropriate filings made at Companies House and the High Court. The appointment of Joint Administrators was also advertised in the London Gazette and a newspaper circulating in the Purfleet, Essex area.
- **5.2** All known creditors were duly notified of the appointment of the Joint Administrators. Enquiries from creditors continue to be addressed on a day-to-day basis.
- **5.3** Steps have been taken by the Joint Administrators to secure the Company's books, papers and other records.

#### 6. Achieving the Purpose of the Administration

- **6.1** As advised under paragraph 1.6 above, the Administrator of a company must perform his functions with the hierarchical objective of:
  - (a) Rescuing the company as a going concern; or
  - (b), if (a) is not reasonably practicable, achieving a better result for the company's creditors than would be likely if the company was wound up (without first being in administration); or

- (c), if (a) and (b) are not reasonably practicable, realising property in order to make a distribution to one or more secured or preferential creditors.
- 6.2 Following a comprehensive review, and for the reasons stated earlier in this report, the Joint Administrators concluded that there was no prospect of rescuing the Company in its entirety, as a going concern.
- 6.3 The Joint Administrators also formed the view that the potential for the business being restructured and/or proposing a Company Voluntary Arrangement was unachievable. The Joint Administrators will therefore continue to pursue the second and third objectives in descending order of priority.
- 6.4 The Joint Administrators consider that the second statutory purpose has been achieved on the basis that, had the Company been placed into liquidation, many of the debtors would prove far more difficult to collect.
- 6.5 The Joint Administrators will continue to pursue the third statutory purpose with the intention of making a distribution to preferential creditors if there are sufficient realisations to allow them to do so.

#### 7. Receipts & Payments Account

- **7.1** A Receipts & Payments Account for the period of the Administration to 14 August 2009 is attached at Appendix 2 which, we trust, is self-explanatory.
- 7.2 The Joint Administrators' fees have not been drawn to date.

#### 8. Financial Position of the Company

**8.1** Attached at Appendix 3 are extracts from the Company's draft accounts for the year ending 31 December 2008 and full accounts for the year ended 31 December 2007. Regrettably, no management accounts or financial statements are available for the subsequent period.

#### 9. Joint Administrators' Estimated Statement of Affairs ("ESoA")

- 9.1 At the date of this report, an ESoA as at the date of Administration was awaited from the directors. The Administrators have therefore agreed to extend the deadline for the submission of the ESoA. This is expected to be received during the course of August 2009. In the meantime, we attach at Appendix 4, a draft ESoA prepared by the Joint Administrators, which is based upon information extracted from the Company's records and information received by the Administrators since they have been in office.
- 9.2 This is provided purely for illustrative purposes at this stage and is likely to be subject to substantial variation in due course. The ESoA does not include a provision for the costs and expenses of the Administration.

#### 10. Dividend Prospects

Based upon the Joint Administrators ESoA (Appendix 4), it would appear that there may be sufficient realisations in this matter to make a distribution to Preferential creditors. However, this will largely depend on book debt realisations, some of which have already been disputed and are now subject to legal proceedings. Creditors will note, however, that the ESoA does not make a provision for the costs and expenses of the administration.

10.2 It appears that the will be insufficient realisations to make a distribution to non-preferential creditors. It should be noted, however, that the Joint Administrators' investigations are continuing and, as mentioned elsewhere in this Proposal, dividend prospects will ultimately be determined by the level of realisations. It is anticipated that the Joint Administrators will be in a position to give a more accurate indication of the timing or level of any potential dividend in their first progress report.

#### 11. Liabilities

- 11.1 As mentioned earlier, the preferential liabilities comprise of employee claims for arrears of pay and holiday pay which have been estimated at £44,455.
- According to the Company's books and records and claims received to date, non-preferential creditors' claims are estimated at £1,154,452, with trade and expense creditors amounting to £695,027. We attach at Appendix 5, a list of creditors and the class of their particular claim. These amounts have not been verified and are subject to change following receipt of the directors' estimate statement of the Company's affairs and receipt of creditors' claims.

#### 12. Joint Administrators' Proposals

- **12.1** Given the insolvency of the Company, the options available to the Joint Administrators for the exit from Administration are as follows: -
  - Creditors' Voluntary Liquidation ("CVL")
  - Compulsory Winding Up ("CWU")
  - The Dissolution of the Company ("Dissolution")
- At the present time it is too early to predict what exit route will be most appropriate, so it is important for all exit routes to remain available to the Joint Administrators in order to avoid the unnecessary expense of convening further meetings in the future. Based on current information, however, the likelihood is that the Company will be placed into CVL. Accordingly, the Joint Administrators make the following proposals for achieving the purpose of the Administration:
  - i. The Joint Administrators will continue to manage and finance the Company's business, affairs and property from asset realisations in such manner as they consider expedient with a view to achieving 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).
  - ii. The Joint Administrators may investigate and, if appropriate, pursue any claims that the Company may have under the Companies Acts 1985-2006 or the IA86. In addition, the Joint Administrators shall do all such other things and generally exercise all their powers as Joint Administrators as they in their absolute discretion consider desirable in order to achieve one of the purposes of the Administration or to protect and preserve the assets of the Company to maximise their realisations or for any other purpose incidental to these proposals.
  - iii. If the Joint Administrators determine that funds should become available for unsecured creditors, the Joint Administrators may at their absolute discretion establish in principle the claims of the unsecured creditors for adjudication by a subsequent Liquidator and that the costs of so doing be met as a cost of the Administration, as part of the Joint Administrators remuneration.

- iv. A creditors committee will be established pursuant to Paragraph 57 of Schedule B1 of the IA86, if sufficient creditors are willing to act upon it. The Joint Administrators propose to seek the election of a creditors' committee and to consult with it from time to time. Where the Joint Administrators consider it appropriate, they will seek sanction from the committee to a proposed action rather than convening a meeting of creditors.
- v. The Joint Administrators will consult with the creditors' committee concerning the necessary steps to extend the Administration beyond the statutory duration of one year if an extension is considered advantageous. If a creditors' committee is not established, the Joint Administrators shall either apply to the Court or seek consent from the appropriate classes of creditors for an extension.
- vi. The Joint Administrators may use any or a combination of the "exit route" strategies in Paragraphs 76 to 80 and 83 to 84 of Schedule B1 of the IA86 in order to bring the Administration to an end, but in this particular instance the Joint Administrators consider that options vi (a-c) listed below are likely to be the most cost effective and practical in the present circumstances, though will wish to retain options vi (d), in case of need:
  - a) Once the asset disposals are complete, or substantially so, the Joint Administrators may place the Company in Creditors' Voluntary Liquidation. In these circumstances, it is proposed that D Wilson & P Atkinson of VBRS be appointed as Joint Liquidators and any act required or authorised to be done by either or both of them. In accordance with Paragraph 83 (7) Schedule B1 IA86 and Rule 2.117(3) Insolvency Rules 1986, creditors may nominate alternative liquidators, provided that nominations are made after the receipt of these proposals and before they are approved. A CVL is the most likely route to be taken by the Joint Administrators.

#### OR

- b) Once the asset realisations are complete, the Joint Administrators may apply to Court to allow the Joint Administrators to distribute surplus funds, if any, to non-preferential unsecured creditors. In such circumstances, the Administration will be brought to an end either:
  - i. automatically at the end of one year after the Joint Administrators appointment pursuant to Paragraph 76(1) Schedule B1 IA86 or
  - ii. by notice to the Registrar of Companies on completion of the Administration under Paragraphs 80 or 84 Schedule B1, IA86.

#### OR

c) If it transpires that there are insufficient funds available to make a distribution in respect of non-preferential claims, then once all of the assets have been realised and the Joint Administrators have concluded all work within the Administration, the Joint Administrators will file notice under Paragraph 84 (1) Schedule B1 IA86 with the Registrar of Companies, following which the Company will be dissolved three months thereafter.

OR

- d) Should the Administrators consider it appropriate, to file a petition for the winding up on the Company prior to the expiry of the Administration, in order to place the Company into Compulsory Liquidation.
- vii) The Joint Administrators shall be discharged from liability pursuant to Paragraph 98, Schedule B1 IA86 in respect of any action of theirs as Joint Administrators either at a time appointed by the creditors' committee, or, if there is no creditors' committee, then automatically 14 days after the Joint Administrators cease to act as Joint Administrators of the Company. In any event, the Joint Administrators shall be at liberty to apply to Court for their discharge from liability.
- viii) It is proposed under Rule 2.106 of the Insolvency Rules 1986 that the Joint Administrators fees will be fixed by reference to the time properly given by them and the various grades of their staff according to VBRS' usual charge out rates for work of this nature and that Category 2 disbursements (as defined by Statement of Insolvency Practice 9) be charged in accordance with VBRS policy. Such fees are to be drawn generally on account at the Joint Administrators' discretion. Please note that hourly charge out rates are varied from time to time.

The time costs of VBRS as at 14 August 2009 total £24,966 and, in accordance with Statement of Insolvency Practice 9, are summarised at Appendix 6. A creditors' guide to Administrators fees is attached at Appendix 7 and as previously advised, none of these fees have been drawn to date.

Further details regarding Category 2 disbursements are attached at Appendix 9. Creditors should note that some disbursements including photocopying etc. may include a small element of profit.

#### 13. Directors Conduct

As part of their statutory duties, the Joint Administrators must submit a report to the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills on the conduct of the directors under the Company Directors Disqualification Act 1986. Should you have any information concerning matters to which reference should be made in that report, then we should be obliged if you would write to us formally setting out any facts which you believe should be considered for inclusion.

#### 14. Conclusion & Recommendation

- **14.1** The Joint Administrators therefore recommend that creditors should consider and vote upon the following matters at the initial meeting of creditors:
  - a) that the Joint Administrators proposals dated 14 August 2009 for achieving the purpose of the Administration be approved,
  - b) the formation of a creditors' committee,
  - c) if no creditors' committee is formed, the basis and level of the Administrators' fees and Category 2 disbursements.

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**14.2** The initial creditors meeting will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday 3 September 2009 at 66 Wigmore Street, London, W1U 2SB. Formal notice of the meeting is attached, together with the appropriate form of proxy.

I trust the above is satisfactory. Should you have any queries in the meantime, however, please do not hesitate to contact Julie Gearing at the above office.

D Wilson MABRP MIPA Joint Administrator

Dated: 14 August 2009

D Wilson & P Atkinson of Vantis Business Recovery Services appointed Joint Administrators of A & J Exhibitions Ltd on 30 June 2009.

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

D Wilson and P Atkinson are licensed to act as Insolvency practitioners by the Insolvency Practitioners Association.

#### STATUTORY INFORMATION

#### **Administration Appointment**

Court in which proceedings brought:

High Court of Justice

Court Reference No:

15477 of 2009

Names of Joint Administrators:

Darren Wilson

Vantis Business Recovery Services

43/45 Butts Green Road

Hornchurch Essex RM11 2JX

Paul Atkinson

Vantis Business Recovery Services

43/45 Butts Green Road

Hornchurch Essex RM11 2JX

Date of Appointment:

30 June 2009

Appointer:

Directors

Powers:

The Joint Administrators act jointly and severally

**Company Information:** 

Date of Incorporation:

10 June 1998

Company Number:

03578745

Nature of Business:

Freight Transport

Trading Address:

The Haulage Yard Clacton Road

Wix

CO11 2RU

(Formerly Beacon Hill Industrial Estate, Botany Way,

Purfleet, Essex, RM19 1SR

Registered Office:

43/45 Butts Green Road

Hornchurch, Essex RM11 2JX

Formerly:-

Beacon Hill Industrial Estate

Botany Way Purfleet

Essex, RM19 1SR

#### STATUTORY INFORMATION CONTINUED

Directors:

Antony Allery

Ben Norton (Resigned 18/05/2009)

Hallmark Registrars Ltd (Resigned 10/06/1998)

Company Secretary:

Ben Norton

Hallmark Secretaries Ltd (Resigned 10/06/1998)

Paul Shell (Resigned 03/04/2002)

Share Capital: Authorised

200 Ord £1 shares

Issued & Fully Paid:

200 Ord £1 shares

Shareholders:

Verso Automotive Limited Verso Automotive Limited 100 Ordinary "A" 100 Ordinary

200 Ordinary

**Previous Names:** 

None

It is considered that the EC Regulation on Insolvency Proceedings applies to these proceedings, which are main proceedings as defined in Article 3 of the EC Regulations (136/2000).

# Receipts & Payments account for the period 30 June 2009 to 14 August 2009

Receipts	£
Office Furniture & Equipment Book Debts Tax Refund Goodwill Toll Refund VAT Payable	1,000 1,684 85 2,000 451 150
	£5,370
Payments	Nil
	Nil
Balance in Hand	£5,370

## Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2008

		Accounts /12/2008		Accounts /12/2007
	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets				
Tangible Assets		12,859		17,787
		12,859		17,787
Current assets				
Debtors Cash at Bank	800,653 335,978		1,417,310 45,346	
	1,136,631		1,462,656	
Current Liabilities				
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	(426,629)		(533,718)	
Net Current Assets		710,002		908,938
Total Assets less Current Liabilities		722,861		926,725
Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year		(106,511)		(191,813)
Provisions for liabilities and charges – Deferred to	axation	(1,658)		
Net Assets		614,692		734,912
Capital and Reserves Called up share capital Profit & Loss Account		200 614,492		200 734,712
Shareholder Funds		£614,692		£734,912

#### Profit & Loss Accounts as at 31 December 2008

	Draft Accounts for the Year ended 31/12/08 £	Full Accounts for the Year ended 31/12/07 £
Turnover	3,181,458	2,494,631
Cost of Sales	(2,813,952)	(2,169,632)
Gross Profit	367,506	324,999
Administrative Expenses	(571,257)	(458,996)
Other Operating Income	156,400	157,408
Operating (loss)/profit	(47,351)	23,411
Interest Payable	(18,561)	(23,913)
Loss on ordinary activities before taxation	(65,912)	(502)
Tax on loss on ordinary activities	(2,792)	(777)
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Loss For the Year	(68,704)	(1,279)

## Joint Administrator's Estimated Statement of Affairs as at 30 June 2009

	Book Value (£)	Estimated to Realise (£)
Charged Assets <sup>2</sup>		
Mercedes Actros Tractor Unit & Kassbohrer Car Trailer Less: Lombard North Central plc	49,500 (33,642)	9,000 (33,642)
Deficit to Lombard North Central plc c/d	15,858	(24,642)
Kassbohrer Enclosed Semi Trailer Less: Lombard North Central plc	66,557 (40,165)	12,000 (40,165)
Deficit to Lombard North Central plc c/d	26,382	(28,165)
Kassbohrer Car Trailer Less: Lombard North Central plc	49,500 (35,964)	12,000 (35,964)
Deficit to Lombard North Central plc c/d	13,536	(23,964)
Volvo FM12 4x2 Platform Sleeper Cab Less: Lombard North Central plc	66,686 (31,747)	15,000 (31,747)
Deficit to Lombard North Central plc c/d	34,939	(16,747)
Uncharged Assets		
Goodwill Office Furniture & Computer Equipment Book Debts Cash at Bank	2,000 12,859 316,156 3,570	2,000 1,000 119,727 3,570
Estimated Surplus Available for Preferential Creditors	334,585	126,297
Preferential Creditors		
Employee Liabilities – Arrears & Holiday Pay <sup>3</sup>		(44,455)
Estimated Surplus Available After Preferential Creditors		81,842

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	Book Value (£)	Estimated to Realise (£)
Estimated Surplus Available After Preferential Creditors b/d		81,842
Non-preferential Creditors Trade & Expense Creditors Employees (Wages, Statutory Notice and Redundancy Pay) <sup>3</sup> HM Revenue & Customs (VAT) HM Revenue & Customs (CIS,PAYE & NIC Tax) Estimated shortfall to Lombard North Central plc b/d	695,027 54,514 311,393 Unknown 93,518	(1,154,452)
Estimated Deficiency of Assets as Regards Creditors		(1,072,610)
Authorised: 200 Ordinary Shares of £1 Each Issued and Fully Paid: 200 Ordinary Shares of £1 Each		200
Estimated Deficiency as regards Members		(1,072,810)

#### **Notes**

1. The statement affairs has been prepared by the Joint Administrators based on information extracted from the Company's books and records and information they have received since they have been in office. The figures contained in this document are strictly for illustrative purposes and may be subject to substantial variation.

Charged assets consist of 4 assets which are subject to hire purchase agreements with Lombard North Central pic. These have been valued by independent chattel agents and have no equity, therefore arrangements have been made for these assets to be returned to Lombard accordingly.

3. Preferential and non-preferential employee claims are estimated at £44,455 and £54,514 respectively, however these may be subject to change following the receipt of the claim from the Redundancy Payments Office.

## A J Exhibitions Limited - In Administration Trade and Expense Creditors

Key	Name	Amount
CA00	Adams Selfstore	£3,400.00
CA01	Admiral's Yard Self Storage	£3,450.00
CA02	Addco Commercial Components	£34.39
CA03	Ambrosetti (UK) Limited	£930.04
CA04	Anglia Towing Equipment	£514.63
CA05	Anglian Water	£4,205.54
CA06	Ansa Logistics Limited	£4,479.66
CA07	ATS Euromaster Limited	£385.02
CA08	Alliance & Leicester	£1.00
CB00	Barnes Roffe LLP	£10,545.50
CB01	British Car Auctions Limited	£1,913.03
CB02	BMW Group	£650.00
CB03	British Energy Direct Limited	£16,006.66
CB04	British Telecom	£3,450.00
CB05	Michael Brown	£1.00
CB06	Royal Bank of Scotland	£6,522.01
CC01	Carlson Vehicle Transfer Limited	£4,039.38
CC02	CF Asset Finance Limited	£126.60
CC03	Cobelfret Ferries NV	£260.00
CC05	Crow Auto Services Limited	£781.43
CC06	Car Transport Association	£3,954.72
CC07	Consorzio DKV Euro Service	£2,524.27
CD00	Daisy Communications Limited	£56.22
CD01	Danwood Working Solutions	£93.35
CD02	Datasharp Network Services	£242.97
CD03	Derek Taylor Engineering Limited	£4,833.11
CD04	DKV Euro Service GmbH & Co KG	£104,757.33
CD05	Dragon Truck & Van Limited - in ADM	£1,650.01
CD06	Dragon Rescue Limited	£1,552.50
CD07	Drive Force UK Limited	£92,442.75
CD08	DSGi Business	£345.19
CE00	Easy Skip	£7,608.55
CE01	ECM (Vehicle Delivery Service) Ltd	£496.50
CE02	EMR Inspections Limited	£1,866.28
CE03	Essex & Suffolk Water	£4,107.26
CE04	Essex Industrial Doors Ltd	£2,587.50
CF00	Falkirk Car Carriers Limited	£1,880.00
CF01	Freight Transport Association	£117.24
CF02	Frontline Vehicle Security Limited	£92.00
CG00	Glevum Tranport Limited	£29,978.63
CG01	Glas Weld Systems (Essex & East London)	£307.63
CG02	Grays Office Supplies	£326.60
CG03	David Griffiths	£816.50
CH00	Svenska Handelsbanken AB	£287.50
CH01	Harbour Shipping Limited	£1,475.45
CH02	Harris Commercial Repairs Limited	£7,871.94
CH03	HNF Consultancy Limited	£642.10
CH04	HSBC Bank Plc Card Service	£84.00
CH07	Horwich Farrelly Solicitors	£164.25
C100	Incarnation Limited	£3,634.06
CI01	Informed IT Solutions	£862.50

	Trade and Expense Creditors	
C102	Ingetrans Limited	£166,618.01
CJ00	J & S C Brough	£124.58
CJ01	Jet Logistics Limited	£641.13
CJ02	John F Hunt Plant Hire Limited	£2,323.00
CJ03	John Weston & Co	£2,436.30
CK00	Keith Sheppard	£224.55
CK01	Keyline Builders Merchants Limited	£1,281.37
CK02	Kemsley LLP	£27,228.64
CL00	Lantern Recovery Specialists Plc	£28,136.29
CL01	L A Acccident Repair Centre	£509.68
CL02	Le Crossing Co Limited	£235.00
CL03	Lenham Storage (Southern) Limited	£115.00
CL04	Lloyds TSB Autolease	£848.64
CL05	Lombard North Central plc	£2,253.00
CM00	MAN Bristol	£186.88
CM01	Maple Fleet Services	£92.00
CM02	Masterlease Limited	£549.39
CM03	McGrails Car Transport Limited	£46.00
CM04	MC Truck & Bus Limited	£887.34
CM05	Mercedes Benz Limited	£3,000.49
CM06	Muller Gysin AG Basel	£150.00
CM07	Manheim Inspection Services	£891.07
CN00	Nightow! Limited	£550.66
CO00	02	£20,362.74
CO01	Othman Al Omeir	£1.00
CO02	Oval Insurance Broking Limited	£550.01
CO03	Overture Services	£1,328.68
CP00	Parker Hannifin Limited	£616.99
CP01	PayPoint.net Online Payments	£63.95
CP02	PC World	£345.19
CP03	Pinnacle Automotive Limited	£1,495.00
CP04	P & O Ferries Holdings Limited	£8,213.66
CP05	Purfleet Commercials Limited	£1,908.98
CP06	Purfleet Truck Wash	£1,495.00
CP07	Pellys LLP	£2,047.55
CP08	Peter Smith Sports Cars Limited	£1.00
CR00	R & J Auto Valeting	£60.00
CR01	RBF Services Limited	£569.25
CR02	Recovery North West Limited	£115.00
CR03	Road Tech Computer Systems Ltd	£377.20
CR04	RRG ARC Pendlebury	£46.00
CR05	Sylvie Ranchoux	£403.39
CS00	Sage UK Limited .	£54.05
CS01	Sanaway Limited	£143.87
CS02	S & B Commercials	£616.84
CS03	Scania (Great Britain) Limited	£1,099.06
C\$04	Severn River Crossing Plc	£40.60
CS05	Silverman Sherliker LLP	£4,813.85
CS06	Storacar	Nil
CT00	Tacho Analysis Limited	£677.05
CT01	Tennants Distribution Limited	£527.85
CT02	Transport for London	£40.33
CT03	J Tyrrell	£235.00

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	Trade and Expense Creditors	
CT04	Thurrock Council	£6,298.36
CT05	Tendring District Council	£6,270.00
CU00	UKVM Limited	£2,024.00
CU01	UK Border Agency	£4,000.00
CV00	Verso Automotive Limited	£29,175.00
CV01	Viamare Limited	£1,391.15
CV02	Viking Direct	£370.94
CV03	Visual Impact Signs & Graphics	£1,627.38
CW00	Watling Tyres	£16,737.32
CW01	Wiles Contractors Limited	£143.75
CY00	Yahoo UK Limited	£56.23

£695,027.04

A & J Exhibitions Limited - In Administration Time Cost Analysis for the period 30 June 2009 to 14 August 2009

			Hours		Total		Average
Classificaton of Work Function	Partner	Manager	Other Senior Professionals	Assistants & Support Staff	Hours	Total Cost £	Total Cost £ Hourly Rate
Administration and Planning	2.50	10.80	26.60	38.50	78.40	11,515.50	146.88
Investigation	1	0.20	06.0	0.20	1.30	245.00	188.46
Realisation of Assets	)	7.30	16.00	•	23.30	5,220.00	224.03
Trading	,	,	1	,	t	1	•
Creditors	1	2.10	40.10	1.00	43.20	7,985.00	184.84
Total Hours	2.50	20.40	83.60	39.70	146.20	•	170.76
Total Fees	950.00	6,458.00	15,070.00	2,487.50	•	24,965.50	

# Appendix 7 A Creditor's Guide to Administrators' Fees England and Wales

#### 1. Introduction

1.1 When a company goes into administration the costs of the proceedings are paid out of its assets. The creditors, who hope eventually to recover some of their debts out of the assets, therefore have a direct interest in the level of costs, and in particular the remuneration of the insolvency practitioner appointed to act as administrator. The insolvency legislation recognises this interest by providing mechanisms for creditors to determine the basis of the administrator's fees. This guide is intended to help creditors be aware of their rights under the legislation to approve and monitor fees and explains the basis on which fees are fixed.

#### 2. The nature of administration

- 2.1 Administration is a procedure which places a company under the control of an insolvency practitioner and the protection of the court in order to achieve the following purpose:
  - The Administrator of a Company must perform his functions with the hierarchical objective of:-
    - (a) rescuing the company as a going concern, or
    - (b) achieving 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), or
    - (c) realising property in order to make a distribution to one or more secured or preferential creditors.

Administration may be followed by a company voluntary arrangement or liquidation.

#### 3. The Creditors Committee

3.1 The creditors have the right to appoint a committee with a minimum of 3 and a maximum of 5 members. One of the functions of the committee is to determine the basis of the administrator's remuneration. The committee is established at the meeting of creditors which the administrator is required to hold within 10 weeks of the administration order to consider his proposals. The administrator must call the first meeting of the committee within 3 months of its establishment, and subsequent meetings must be held either at specified dates agreed by the committee, or when a member of the committee asks for one, or when the administrator decides he needs to hold one. The committee has power to summon the administrator to attend before it and provide such information as it may require.

#### 4. Fixing the Administrator's Fee

- 4.1 The basis for fixing the administrator's remuneration is set out in Rule 2.47 of the Insolvency Rules 1986, which states that it shall be fixed either:
  - as a percentage of the value of the property which the administrator has to deal with
  - by reference to the time properly given by the administrator and his staff in attending to matters arising in the administration.

- 4.2 It is for the creditor's committee (if there is one) to determine on which of these bases the remuneration is to be fixed, and if it is fixed as a percentage, to fix the percentage to be applied. Rule 2.47 says that in arriving at its decision the committee shall have regard to the following matters:-
  - the complexity (or otherwise) of the case
  - any responsibility of an exceptional kind or degree which falls on the administrator
  - the effectiveness with which the administrator appears to be carrying out, or to have carried out, his duties
  - the value and nature of the property with which the administrator has to deal
- 4.3 If there is no creditors' committee, or the committee does not make the requisite determination, the administrators remuneration may be fixed by a resolution of a meeting of creditors having regard to the same matters as the committee would. If the remuneration is not fixed in any of these ways it will be fixed by the court on application by the administrator.

#### 5. What information should be provided by the administrator?

- 5.1 When seeking agreement to his fees the administrator should provide sufficient supporting information to enable the committee or the creditors to form a judgment as to whether the proposed fee is reasonable having regard to all the circumstances of the case. The administrator should always make available an up to date receipts and payments account. Where the fee is to be charged on a time basis the administrator should be prepared to disclose the amount of time spent on the case and the charge-out value of the time spent, together with such additional information as may reasonably be required having regard to the size and complexity of the case. Where the fee is charged on a percentage basis the administrator should provide details of any work which has been or is intended to be contracted out which would normally be undertaken directly by an administrator or his staff.
- 5.2 The payment of expenses and disbursements is not subject to approval by the committee or the creditors. However, where an administrator makes, or proposed to make, a separate charge by way of expenses and disbursements to recover the cost of facilities provided by his own firm, he should disclose those charges to the committee or the creditors when seeking approval of his fees, together with an explanation of how those charges are made up and the basis on which they are arrived at.

#### 6. What if a creditor is dissatisfied?

6.1 If a creditor believes that the administrator's remuneration is too high he may, if at least 25 per cent in value of the creditors (including himself) agree, apply to the court for an order that it be reduced. If the court does not dismiss the application (which it may if it considers that insufficient cause is shown) the applicant must give the administrator a copy of the application and supporting evidence at least 14 days before the hearing. Unless the court orders otherwise, the costs must be paid by the applicant and not as an expense of the administration.

#### 7. What if the administrator is dissatisfied?

7.1 If the administrator considers that the remuneration fixed by the creditors' committee is insufficient he may request that it be increased by resolution of the creditors. If he considers that the remuneration fixed by the committee or the creditors is insufficient, he may apply to the court for it to be increased. If he decided to apply to the court he must give at least 14 days notice to the members of the creditors committee and the

committee may nominate one or more of its members to appear or be represented on the application. If there is no committee, the administrator's notice of his application must be sent to such of the company's creditors as the court may direct, and they may nominate one or more of their number to appear or be represented. The court may order the costs to be paid as an expense of the administration.

#### 8. Other matters relating to fees

8.1 Where there are joint administrators it is for them to agree between themselves how the remuneration payable should be apportioned. Any dispute arising between them may be referred to the court, the creditors' committee or a meeting of creditors. If the administrator is a solicitor and employs his own firm to act on behalf of the company profit costs may not be paid unless authorised by the creditors' committee, the creditors or the court.

#### 9. Charge-Out Rates

9.1 In the event that the administrator is authorised to charge fees on a time costs basis, the following rates will apply:

a)	Managing Director	£400 per hour
b)	Director	£380 per hour
c)	Client Partner	£340 per hour
d)	Associate Director	£320 per hour
e)	Senior Manager	£300 per hour
f)	Manager	£250 per hour
g)	Assistant Manager	£200 per hour
h)	Creditor Services	£220 per hour
i)	Senior Administrator	£180 per hour
j)	Administrator	£125 per hour
k)	Trainee Administrator	£95 per hour
I)	Administrative Assistant	£70 per hour

9.2 Creditors should note that the above rates are correct as at 1 May 2009. Vantis Business Recovery Services reserve the right to increase the rates as may be required from time to time. Creditors are entitled to request a copy of the current charge out rates which will be provided free of charge.

#### **Disbursements Paid to Vantis Business Recovery Services or Associates**

Disbursements charged will include: -

Letters

60p per letter

Photocopying

25p per letter

Faxes

£1 per sheet

Mileage

40p per mile

Telephone

£50 per annum

The following costs will be reimbursed to Vantis Business Recovery Services at cost : -

Specific Penalty Bond

Statutory Advertising

Secretary of State Fees

Company Searches

Storage

Any Other Costs Incurred