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**A&A Scaffolding (Bury) Ltd
In Compulsory Liquidation**

**In the Manchester District Registry
No. 1473 of 2011**

**Liquidator's annual progress report to members and creditors
for the period ending 14 March 2015**



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1 Introduction

This report provides an update on the progress of the liquidation for the entire period that I have been in office

The company was placed into liquidation on 2 February 2011 following the presentation of a petition for the compulsory winding up of the company and Theodoulus Papanicola of Bond Partners LLP was appointed Liquidator

Following the demise of Bond Partners LLP and the withdrawal of Mr Papanicola's insolvency licence, Ninos Koumettou of Alexander Lawson Jacobs was appointed Liquidator on 23 December 2011, pursuant to an Order of the Court

An application was subsequently made by Mr Papanicola's regulatory body, the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants, following a discovery that Mr Papanicola had failed to disclose to the Court, information relevant to his application, which led to the Court's Order of 23 December 2011 being set aside and as a consequence, I, Stephen Hunt of Griffins and Kevin Hellard of Grant Thornton UK LLP were appointed Joint Liquidators by a High Court Order dated 15 May 2012

It should be noted that the ACCA accepted that there was nothing to suggest that Mr Koumettou acted in any way other than a professional and competent practitioner, but that it was appropriate for him to resign from office to avoid any perception that he was not the appropriate person to investigate Mr Papanicola's conduct

Kevin Hellard gave his permission to be removed as Liquidator by an Order of the High Court dated 14 March 2013

Additional information as required pursuant to Rule 4 49B of the Insolvency Rules 1986 is attached at Appendix A

2 Receipts and payments accounts

An account of the former office holders' receipts and payments for the period 2 February 2011 to 14 May 2012 is at Appendix B, together with a cumulative account for the entire period of the liquidation and a comparison with the director's Statement of Affairs

An account of my receipts and payments for the period 15 May 2012 to 14 March 2015 is at Appendix C, together with a cumulative account for the entire period of the liquidation and a comparison with the director's Statement of Affairs

The receipts and payments accounts contain information from prior to my appointment and as such I am unable to verify these figures

3 Realisation of assets

The estimated Statement of Affairs prepared by the Official Receiver ("OR") indicated that the company had no assets



Although on closer inspection of the OR's interview with the director, Mr Hagan, it was found that the company's assets had been sold to an associated company for £55,000 plus VAT prior to the company entering liquidation

It would appear that the assets were not valued by an independent agent nor were the sale proceeds received in to the company bank account. I have requested further information from the director, but to date, have only received a copy of the sales invoice dated 1 July 2010. This lists the assets as being 4 vehicles, office equipment and scaffold materials

I have now instructed solicitors

This matter is on-going and I will provide an update in my next report

4 Investigations

A claim has been submitted against the insurance bond of the former office holder. This matter is on-going and further funds may be recovered, together with a contribution towards my fees

5 Creditors

Secured creditors

HSBC Bank holds a fixed and floating charge over the company's assets

At the date of liquidation, the indebtedness was estimated at £35,000 and has not yet been agreed. To date no sums have been paid in respect of this charge

Preferential creditors

No preferential claims have been received in the liquidation to date and none are expected

Unsecured creditors

The unsecured claims received to date amount to £351,525.16

If you have not already submitted your claim in the liquidation then please do so now. I would, however, comment that I am currently unable to confirm whether unsecured creditors will receive a dividend

6 Former Liquidator's remuneration

Neither the OR nor Mr Papanicola sought a resolution to approve the basis by which the Liquidator would be remunerated. The OR has drawn disbursements of £1,235

Please be advised that I have yet to receive details of Mr Papanicola's time analysis reports or details of Bond Partners charge out rates



7 Former Liquidator's expenses

I have detailed below the expenses incurred and paid by the former Liquidator in the period of his appointment. Any expenses that are outstanding will not be paid until the current Liquidator's fees and expenses have been paid in full.

Disbursements have been incurred in accordance with the Statement of Insolvency Practice 9, these disbursements are defined by two categories. Category 1 disbursements relate to direct expenses and Category 2 disbursements relate to indirect expenses.

The table below sets out the disbursements incurred and paid by the former Liquidator in the period of his appointment.

	Expenses incurred £	Expenses paid £	Expenses outstanding £
Category 1 disbursements			
Statutory advertising	72.16	72.16	
Specific bond	45.00	45.00	

Agents/Solicitors

	Nature of expense incurred	Amount incurred to date £	Paid to date £	Amount outstanding £
Supplier/service provider				
Unknown	Unknown	123.55	123.55	

8 Liquidators' remuneration

The time recorded by my staff and I for the entire period of my appointment totals £22,465.82, which represents 72.67 hours at an average charge out rate of £309.16 per hour.

The time recorded by Mr Hellard and his staff for the entire period of his appointment totals £252.25, which represents 1.15 hours at an average charge out rate of £219.35 per hour.

The time spent on this case relates to the following matters:

- Attending to correspondences and telephone calls with creditors
- Recording and acknowledging creditors' claims
- Investigating the affairs of the company and the conduct of the former Liquidator
- Preparation and submission of statutory reports
- Obtaining bonding and completing bond reviews to enable the Liquidator to continue to act
- Updating the Insolvency Practitioners System
- Review and statutory compliance which includes submissions to Companies House



- Liaising with valuation agents and solicitors

Attached at Appendices D and E are the time analysis reports of Mr Hellard and I, which provide details of the activity costs incurred by staff grade to date, together with details of charge out rates

Due to no resolution being obtained by the former office holder I will revert to the Official Receiver's standard rates to draw my fees. To date neither Kevin Hellard nor I have drawn fees for acting as Liquidators' of the company

Further information regarding remuneration can be found in "A Creditors' Guide to Liquidators' Remuneration", which is available for download at <http://www.griffins.net/technical/>. A hard copy can be provided upon request

9 Liquidators' expenses

Disbursements have been incurred in accordance with the Statement of Insolvency Practice 9, these disbursements are defined by two categories. Category 1 disbursements relate to direct expenses and Category 2 disbursements relate to indirect expenses. Please note that it is Griffins' policy not to charge Category 2 disbursements

The table below sets out the disbursements incurred and paid in the period of this report

	Expenses incurred £	Expenses paid £	Expenses outstanding £
Category 1 Disbursements			
Specific bond	10 00		10 00
Land Registry searches	17 00		17 00

10 Creditors' rights

Within 21 days of the receipt of this report, a secured creditor, or an unsecured creditor (with the concurrence of at least 5% in value of the unsecured creditors) may request in writing that the Liquidator provide further information about his remuneration or expenses which have been itemised in this progress report

Any secured creditor, or an unsecured creditor (with the concurrence of at least 10% in value of the unsecured creditors) may within 8 weeks of receipt of this progress report make an application to Court on the grounds that, in all circumstances, the basis fixed for the Liquidator's remuneration, the remuneration charged or the expenses incurred by the Liquidator as set out in this progress report are excessive



11 Next report

I will report again following the next anniversary of the liquidation, or sooner if the administration of the liquidation is complete

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, stylized loop followed by a horizontal line extending to the right.

Stephen Hunt
Liquidator



**A&A Scaffolding (Bury) Ltd
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Statutory information



Company information

Company name	A&A Scaffolding (Bury) Ltd
Trading name	n/a
Company registration number	03628811
Nature of business	Scaffolding Erectors
Registered office	Tavistock House South, Tavistock Square, London WC1H 9LG
Previous registered office	Unit 5 Pimhole Business Park Pimhole Road BURY Lancashire BL9 7ET
Trading address	Unit 5 Pimhole Business Park Pimhole Road BURY Lancashire BL9 7ET
Court name	Manchester District Registry
Court reference	No 1473 of 2011
Petitioning creditor	Theodoulos Papanicola

Liquidator' details

Name	Stephen Hunt
IP number	9183
Name of firm	Griffins
Firm's address	Tavistock House South, Tavistock Square, London WC1H 9LG
Date of appointment	15 May 2012

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Name	Kevin John Hellard
IP number	8833
Name of firm	Grant Thornton UK LLP
Firm's address	30 Finsbury Square, London, EC2P 2YU
Date of appointment	15 May 2012

Former Liquidator's details

Name	Theodoulos Papanicola
IP number	5496
Name of firm	Bond Partners LLP

Firm's address	Suite 2, 1 st Floor, Turnpike Gate House, Birmingham Road, Alcester B49 5JG
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Date of appointment	2 February 2011
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Former Liquidator's details

Name	Ninos Koumettou
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IP number	2240
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Name of firm	Alexander Lawson Jacobs
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Firm's address	1 King Avenue, Winchmore Hill, London N21 3NA
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Date of appointment	23 December 2011
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**A&A Scaffolding (Bury) Ltd
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Former Liquidator's receipts and payments account for the period 2 February 2011 to 14 May 2012, together with a cumulative account for the entire period of the liquidation



A&A Scaffolding (Bury) Ltd
(In Liquidation)
Former Liquidator's Abstract of Receipts & Payments

Statement of Affairs		From 02/02/2011 To 14/05/2012	From 02/02/2011 To 14/05/2012
ASSET REALISATIONS			
NIL	Book Debts	NIL	NIL
	VAT Refund	1,172 50	1,172 50
	I S A Interest (Net)	0 04	0 04
	Sundry Refunds	381 16	381 16
		<u>1,553 70</u>	<u>1,553 70</u>
COST OF REALISATIONS			
	O R Disbursements	1,235 00	1,235 00
	DTI Cheque Fees	1 15	1 15
	Specific Bond	45 00	45 00
	Legal Fees	123 55	123 55
	Statutory Advertising	72 16	72 16
	Bank Charges	90 00	90 00
		<u>(1,566 86)</u>	<u>(1,566 86)</u>
UNSECURED CREDITORS			
(25,621 97)	Trade & Expense Creditors	NIL	NIL
(183,599 12)	HMRC PAYE	NIL	NIL
(77,686 25)	HMRC VAT	NIL	NIL
		<u>NIL</u>	<u>NIL</u>
<u>(286,907.34)</u>		<u>(13.16)</u>	<u>(13.16)</u>
REPRESENTED BY			
	VAT Receivable		4 00
	Insolvency Service Account		(17 16)
			<u>(13.16)</u>




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Liquidator's' receipts and payments account for the period 15 May 2012 to 14 March
2015, together with a cumulative account for the period of the liquidation



A&A Scaffolding (Bury) Ltd
(In Liquidation)
Liquidators' Abstract of Receipts & Payments

Statement of Affairs		From 15/05/2012 To 14/03/2015	From 02/02/2011 To 14/03/2015
ASSET REALISATIONS			
NIL	Book Debts	NIL	NIL
	VAT Refund	NIL	1,172 50
	I S A Interest (Net)	NIL	0 04
	Sundry Refunds	NIL	381 16
		<u>NIL</u>	<u>1,553 70</u>
COST OF REALISATIONS			
	O R Disbursements	NIL	1,235 00
	DTI Cheque Fees	NIL	1 15
	Specific Bond	NIL	45 00
	Legal Fees	NIL	123 55
	Statutory Advertising	NIL	72 16
	Bank Charges	238 00	328 00
		<u>(238 00)</u>	<u>(1,804 86)</u>
UNSECURED CREDITORS			
(25,621 97)	Trade & Expense Creditors	NIL	NIL
(183,599 12)	HMRC PAYE	NIL	NIL
(77,686 25)	HMRC VAT	NIL	NIL
		<u>NIL</u>	<u>NIL</u>
<u>(286,907.34)</u>		<u>(238 00)</u>	<u>(251.16)</u>
REPRESENTED BY			
	VAT Receivable		4 00
	Insolvency Service Account		(255 16)
			<u>(251 16)</u>



Stephen Hunt
Liquidator



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Stephen Hunt's time analysis for the period 15 May 2012 to 14 March 2015 being the entire period of his appointment, together with details of charge out rates, provided in accordance with the Statement of Insolvency Practice 9



Time Entry - Detailed SIP9 Time & Cost Summary

AASCA01 - A&A Scaffolding (Bury) Ltd
From 15/05/2012 To 14/03/2015

Classification of Work Function	Partner	Manager	Other Senior Professionals	Assistants & Support Staff	Administrators	Total Hours	Time Cost (£)	Average Hourly Rate (£)
ADMIN Administration Work	0.08	0.58	0.00	0.00	13.08	13.75	4,305.82	313.15
DIARY Case Diary	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3.17	3.17	951.66	300.52
CASG Cashiering Functions	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.33	1.50	1.83	332.92	181.59
REVIEWS Case Reviews	0.33	1.08	3.92	0.00	15.42	20.75	6,605.40	318.33
STAT Statutory	0.08	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.75	0.83	270.42	324.50
TAX Tax	0.17	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.67	1.83	594.16	324.09
Administration & Planning	0.67	1.67	3.92	0.33	35.58	42.17	13,060.38	309.73
CREDITORS Creditors	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.17	0.17	50.00	300.00
Creditors	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.17	0.17	50.00	300.00
INV Investigation	0.00	0.25	3.17	0.00	21.92	25.33	7,790.44	307.52
ANTE Antecedent Transactions	0.00	0.25	0.83	0.00	0.00	1.08	374.17	345.39
BOND1 Bond Claim - Proving or Recovery of money	0.00	0.00	0.75	0.00	0.00	0.75	247.50	330.00
BOND2 Bond Claim Parallel Costs	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2.42	2.42	678.75	280.86
Investigations	0.00	0.50	4.75	0.00	24.33	29.58	9,090.86	307.30
LEGL Legal Issues	0.00	0.17	0.00	0.00	0.50	0.67	217.50	326.25
Legal & Litigation	0.00	0.17	0.00	0.00	0.50	0.67	217.50	326.25
PROPERTY Property	0.08	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.08	47.08	564.96
Realisations of Assets	0.08	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.08	47.08	564.96
Total Hours	0.75	2.33	8.67	0.33	60.58	72.67	22,465.82	309.16
Total Fees Claimed							0.00	

GRIFFINS POLICY ON CHARGEOUT RATES AND DISBURSEMENTS

SCHEDULE OF STANDARD CHARGEOUT RATES IN RESPECT OF GRIFFINS PARTNERS AND STAFF AS AT 1 OCTOBER 2013 AS AMENDED 1 MAY 2014.

In accordance with Statement of Insolvency Practice 9 "Remuneration of Insolvency Office Holders" the following hourly charge-out rates will be applied when fixing the Officeholders Remuneration

Grade of staff	Hourly Rate
Partners	£450 - £565
Managers	£300 - £450
Senior Investigators	£325 - £425
Administrators/Investigators	£200 - £360
Junior Administrators/Junior Investigators	£150 - £250
Support Staff	£70 - £220

The above rates are reviewed annually on 1 October

It is not our policy to charge for support staff (secretarial, filing, reception) unless such staff are working on an individual matter for more than 7 hours in which case the rate for an Administrator may be applied

Time is charged in minimum units of 5 minutes for all staff

DISBURSEMENTS

This note applies where a licensed insolvency practitioner in the firm is acting as an office holder of an insolvent estate and seeks creditor approval to make a separate charge by way of expenses or disbursements to recover the cost of facilities provided by the firm. Best practice guidance¹ requires that such charges should be disclosed to those who are responsible for approving his remuneration, together with an explanation of how those charges are made up and the basis on which they are arrived at

DEFINITIONS

Practice guidance¹ classifies expenses into two broad categories

- *Category 1 expenses (approval not required)* – specific expenditure that is directly related to a particular insolvency case, where the cost of the expense incurred is referable against an independent external suppliers' invoice or published tariff of charges, mileage is charged at the appropriate H M Revenue & Customs rate
- *Category 2 expenses* – Griffins' policy is not to charge for Category 2 disbursements

CHARGING POLICY

- *Category 1 expenses (approval not required)* – all such items are re-charged to the case as they are incurred

1 - Statement of Insolvency Practice 9 (England and Wales)

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Partners	£450 - £565
Managers	£325 - £450
Investigators	£285 - £380
Administrators	£150 - £310
Support / Cashier Managers	£220 - £275
Support / Cashier Staff	£ 70 - £180

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- *Category 2 expenses* These are costs that are directly referable to the appointment in question but not to a payment to an independent third party. They may include shared or allocated costs that can be allocated to an appointment on a proper and reasonable basis

CHARGING POLICY

- *Category 1 expenses (approval not required)* – all such items are re-charged to the case as they are incurred
- *Category 2 expenses (approval required)* – resolutions to be sought from creditors if these category of expenses arise

1 - Statement of Insolvency Practice 9 (England and Wales)

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Job(s) : WUC

Transaction period 15/05/2012 to 14/03/2013

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Standard	Partner		Manager		Executive		Administrator		Total	
	Hrs	£	Hrs	£	Hrs	£	Hrs	£	Hrs	£ Avg. Hrlly Rate
Administration and Planning			.05	18.75	.60	147.00	.50	86.50	1.15	252.25 219.35
Creditors										
Hiatus period										
Investigations										
Realisation of Assets										
Trading										
Total			.05	18.75	.60	147.00	.50	86.50	1.15	252.25 219.35

Total fees billed to date (Time) : £