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## Administrator's progress report

|   | Name of Com<br>Finance Sou  |             | Limited                 |           |                   |                                      | Company number<br>03774042 |  |
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| (a) Insert full name(s) and address(es) of administrator(s)                             | I (a) Michael Chamberlain of Chamberlain & Co, Resolution House, 12 Mill Hill, Leeds, LS1 5DQ |             |                         |           |                   |                                      |                            |  |
|   | administrator c   | f the above | e company attach a      | a progre  | ess report for    | the period                           |                            |  |
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|   | (b) 22 September 2015   |             |                         | (1        | (b) 21 March 2016 |                                      |                            |  |
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## FINANCE SOUTH WEST LIMITED (IN ADMINISTRATION)

#### LEEDS DISTRICT REGISTRY No. 1013 of 2014

Report to Creditors pursuant to Section 2.47 of the Insolvency Rules 1986

> Chamberlain & Co 15 April 2016

#### 1 Introduction

Michael Chamberlain was appointed Administrator of Finance South West Limited ("the Company") on 22 September 2014 by the Company's director pursuant to paragraph 22 of Schedule B1 of the Insolvency Act 1986 ("The Act")

Michael Chamberlain is authorised to act as an Insolvency Practitioner by the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales

The EC Regulation on Insolvency Proceedings 2000 will apply in this matter and these proceedings will be the main proceedings as defined by Article 3 of the EC Regulation The Company's registered office and centre of main interests are in the United Kingdom

In accordance with Rule 2 47 of the Insolvency Rules 1986, I now set out my third progress report on the conduct of the administration. This report should be read in conjunction with the Administrator's proposals and my previous progress reports which are available on the same web page as this report. Should any creditor wish to be provided with a copy this report, they should contact this office

The report includes certain information which must be provided to creditors in accordance with Rule 2 47 of the Insolvency Rules 1986 (as amended). This includes statutory information in respect of the Company which is attached at Appendix 1.

#### 2 Assets

#### Shares

The Company had direct interests in Finance South West Business Loans ("Loan") and Finance South West Growth Fund ("Growth") The one remaining equity position remaining in Growth had been attributed a carrying value (cost) of £50,000 Both of these companies were dissolved in October 2014 and therefore no realisations will be forthcoming from this source

#### Brand, Customer List and Tax Losses

At the date of the administration, it was believed that the Company's brand value and its customer list may have held some value. The Company also had significant knowledge on the tendering process for ERDF funds which again it was believed may have had some realisable value. Additionally, there were also some tax losses which may have been available to the Company and which may have been realisable. After some consideration of these potential assets and further investigations into the company's affairs I believe that it is unlikely that any realisations will be made from these sources.

#### Other Assets

As advised in the Administrator's proposals the Company's management contract was outsourced to Yorkshire Fund Managers ("YFM") and that the Company may have a claim against them in respect of ineligible loans made by YFM on behalf of the Company which created the basis for the claim against the Company for £3,993,779 At the date of my last progress report I had been in discussion with Manolete Partners plc ("Manolete"), a specialist funder of insolvency litigation claims, who, in principle, were interested in pursuing a claim on behalf of the Company but required further information before obtaining counsel's opinion on the strength of the claim against YFM Additionally, the Company may be subject to a counter claim by YFM as the Company, it is understood, was represented on the investment committee The matter is also difficult to process as the relevant officers involved at the time have left the respective entities Furthermore, YFM has since changed ownership as has the Company and, due to the age of the matters, it is unclear if all the relevant documentation is still available. It is due to the foregoing difficulties that the Company's officers have not yet been able to furnish Manolete with documents for them to further consider the matter Given the complexity of the potential claim, I believe that pursuance thereof would be time consuming and costly There are insufficient funds within the administration to fund a claim at present. For any action to stand a chance of being launched and successfully progressed, it would need the committed involvement of the key officers of the subrogated chargeholder who would be the recipient of the first £1million of any recoveries. It is currently undecided if it wishes to commit the necessary resource to such a difficult and arguably speculative claim.

#### 3 Investigations

I can confirm that I have complied with my obligations in relation to my investigations into the affairs of the Company and have submitted my report in accordance with the requirements of the Company Directors Disqualification Act 1986. The contents of this report are confidential My investigations have not identified any further potential assets that may have been capable of realisation for the benefit of creditors.

#### 4 Receipts and Payments account

An abstract of the Administrator's receipts and payments for the period 22 September 2014 to 21 March 2016 is attached at Appendix 2

All transactions are shown net of VAT

#### 5 Estimated outcome for creditors

#### 5.1 Secured creditors

The Company granted a debenture in favour of Barclays Bank plc ("Barclays") dated 7 January 2005 which purports to create a fixed and floating charge over all property and assets of the Company The Company is a borrower under the Barclays facilities and whilst not having direct borrowings, is liable under them for associated entity borrowings

The Barclays facilities were acquired in May 2014 by FC Fund Managers Investments I Limited The liability under this facility is at least £1,181,679

No other charges have been registered at Companies House

#### 5.2 Preferential creditors

The Company had no employees and therefore there are no preferential creditors

#### 5.3 Unsecured Creditors

I have received 3 non-preferential claims totalling £4,070,984 08 Claims from preferential and non-preferential creditors have not been admitted to rank for dividend purposes as there are insufficient funds within the administration to make a dividend available to this class of creditors at present

#### 5.4 Distributions to creditors

The prescribed part is a proportion of floating charge assets set aside for unsecured creditors pursuant to Section 176A of the Insolvency Act 1986. The prescribed part applies to floating charges created on or after 15 September 2003.

The floating charge of Barclays is dated after the 15 September 2003. If floating charge realisations after costs exceed £10,000 there may be a distribution to non-preferential creditors, under Section 176A of the Insolvency Act 1986.

#### 6 Administrator's Remuneration

It was proposed and agreed by a meeting of creditors held on 27 November 2014 that the Administrator will be remunerated on a time cost basis in accordance with Rule 2 106(2) (b) of

You will note from the enclosed receipts and payments account that I have drawn no remuneration to date In accordance with the revised Statement of Insolvency Practice 9 which came into force on 1 November 2011, summaries of time costs incurred for the period 22 September 2014 to 21 March 2016 and for the period 22 September 2015 to 21 March 2016 the period since the last report are appended to this report. These costs were approximately £11,316 50 and £1,279 50 at an average hourly rate of £231 and £221 respectively. In common with all professional firms our scale rates increase from time to time over the period of administration of each insolvency case. Full details, including any increases relating to this case are available on application. A schedule of my firm's chargeout rates and charging policy is attached at Appendix 3.

The Administrator's costs in respect of work done prior to my appointment in determining that it was reasonably likely that the purpose of the administration order would be achieved and to enable the completion of Form 2 2B and completion of witness statements. Time costs prior to my appointment amounted to £2,733 50 and these costs were agreed at a meeting of creditors on 27 November 2014

My disbursements total £213 80 and comprise the following

| Disbursement                              | Payee              | Amount (£) |  |
|---|--------------------|------------|--|
| Specific Bond                             | Marsh Limited      | 24 00      |  |
| Search fees                               | Companies House    | 5 00       |  |
| Court Fee                                 | Leeds County Court | 50 00      |  |
| Statutory advertising –<br>London Gazette | TMP (UK) Ltd       | 134 80     |  |

I should advise you that creditors have the right to request that the administrator provides further information about his remuneration and expenses incurred during the administration. The request must be made in writing, within 21 days of receipt of this report, and can be made by a secured creditor or an unsecured creditor with the concurrence of at least 5% in value of unsecured creditors or with the permission of the court. Furthermore, creditors have the right to challenge the administrator's remuneration and expenses by application to the court within 8 weeks of receiving this report.

#### 7 Extension of Administration Order

On 16 September 2015 I provided an update to FC Fund Managers Investment I Limited on the progress of the administration to date and to request that the administration be extended for a further 12 months until 21 September 2016 FC Fund Managers Investment I Limited provided their consent on 16 September 2015 At present no distribution is anticipated to the Company's unsecured creditors and an application to court will be required to extend the duration of the administration after 21 September 2016

#### 8 Conclusion

In accordance with the terms of the administrator's proposals, dependent upon the realisations, the Company will be dissolved under the provisions of Paragraph 84, Schedule B1, of the Insolvency Act 1986 or placed into creditors' voluntary liquidation under provisions of Paragraph 83, Schedule B1, of the Insolvency Act 1986

If you require apy further information, please contact my colleague, David Render

M Chamberlain Administrator

#### APPENDIX 1

The administrator appends below the information required under Rule 2 33 of the Insolvency Rules 1986

**Statutory Information** 

Company Name:

Finance South West Limited

Company Number:

03774042

Registered Office:

c/o Chamberlain & Co, Resolution House, 12 Mill, Hill, Leeds, LS1 5DQ previously 68 Lemon Street, Truro,

Cornwall, TR1 2PN

Objects:

To carry on business as a finance broker

Company Directors:

Nicholas Buckland

Company Secretary:

None

Nominal Share Capital:

None – Company is limited by guarantee

Issued Share Capital.

None

Shareholders

None

Administrator:

Michael Chamberlain

Administrator's Address:

Resolution House

12 Mıll Hıll

Leeds LS1 5DQ

Date of Administration:

22 September 2014

Applicants:

Nicolas Buckland

Debentures & Charges:

Barclays Bank plc - Acquired by FC Fund Managers

Investments I Limited

Nature of Business:

The Company's principal activity was a finance broker

# Finance South West Limited (In Administration) Administrator's Summary of Receipts & Payments

| Statement<br>of Affairs<br>£ |                         | From 22/09/2015<br>To 21/03/2016<br>£ | From 22/09/2014<br>To 21/03/2016<br>£ |
|------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
|                              | SECURED CREDITORS       |                                       |                                       |
| (1,181,678 85)               | Due to Chargeholder (1) | NIL<br>NIL                            | NIL NIL                               |
|                              | COST OF REALISATIONS    |                                       |                                       |
|                              | Specific Bond           | NIL                                   | 24 00                                 |
|                              | Search Fees             | NIL                                   | 5 00                                  |
|                              | Irrecoverable VAT       | NIL                                   | 26 96                                 |
|                              | Statutory Advertising   | NIL                                   | 134 80                                |
|                              | Court Fee               | NIL                                   | 50 00                                 |
|                              |                         | NIL                                   | (240 76)                              |
|                              | PREFERENTIAL CREDITORS  |                                       |                                       |
| NIL                          | Employees - Holiday Pay | NIL                                   | NIL                                   |
|                              | . ,                     | NIL                                   | NIL                                   |
|                              | UNSECURED CREDITORS     |                                       |                                       |
| (3,994,563 35)               | Trade & Expense         | NIL                                   | NIL                                   |
| NIL                          | Employees - Redundancy  | NIL                                   | NIL                                   |
| (77,205 08)                  | Associated Companies    | NIL_                                  | <u>NIL</u>                            |
| , ,                          |                         | NIL                                   | NIL                                   |
|                              |                         |                                       | (240.70)                              |
| (5,253,447.28)               |                         | NIL -                                 | (240 76)                              |
|                              | REPRESENTED BY          |                                       | (0.40.70)                             |
|                              | Office                  |                                       | (240 76)                              |
|                              |                         |                                       | (240 76)                              |

Michael Chamberlain Administrator

#### Chamberlain & Co

TIME & CHARGEOUT SUMMARIES

22/09/2014 to 21/03/2016

### Finance South West Ltd Finance

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#### **HOURS**

Total Fees Claimed

| Classification Of work Function | Partner  | Manager  | Other Senior<br>Professional | Assistants &<br>Support Staff | Total Hours | Time Cost<br>£ | Average<br>Hourly Rate £ |
|---------------------------------|----------|----------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------|----------------|--------------------------|
| Administration & Planning       | 5 30     | 15 70    | 0 00                         | 1 70                          | 22 70       | 5,207 50       | 229 41                   |
| Investigations                  | 0 70     | 7 70     | 0 00                         | 0 00                          | 8 40        | 1,899 00       | 226 07                   |
| Realisation of<br>Assets        | 1 60     | 1 50     | 0 00                         | 0 00                          | 3 10        | 831 50         | 268 23                   |
| Trading                         | 0 00     | 0 30     | 0 00                         | 0 00                          | 0 30        | 74 50          | 248 33                   |
| Creditors                       | 1 20     | 12 70    | 0 00                         | 0 00                          | 13 90       | 3,141 50       | 226 01                   |
| Annulment Of<br>Bankruptcy      | 0 50     | 0 00     | 0 00                         | 0 00                          | 0 50        | 162 50         | 325 00                   |
| Total Time Cost                 | 3,019 50 | 8,218 50 | 0 00                         | 78 50                         |             | 11,316 50      |                          |
| Total Hours                     | 9 30     | 37 90    | 0 00                         | 1 70                          | 48 90       |                |                          |
| Average Rate                    | 324 68   | 216 85   | 0 00                         | 46 18                         |             |                |                          |
|                                 |          |          |                              |                               |             |                |                          |

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22/09/2015 to 21/03/2016

#### HOURS

| Classification Of work Function | Partner | Manager  | Other Senior<br>Professional | Assistants &<br>Support Staff | Total Hours | Time Cost<br>£ | Average<br>Hourly Rate £ |
|---------------------------------|---------|----------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------|----------------|--------------------------|
| Administration & Planning       | 0 00    | 3 00     | 0 00                         | 0 30                          | 3 30        | 734 00         | 222 42                   |
| Investigations                  | 0 00    | 1 10     | 0 00                         | 0 00                          | 1 10        | 240 50         | 218 64                   |
| Realisation of Assets           | 0 00    | 0 40     | 0 00                         | 0 00                          | 0 40        | 86 00          | 215 00                   |
| Creditors                       | 0 00    | 1 00     | 0 00                         | 0 00                          | 1 00        | 219 00         | 219 00                   |
| Trading                         | 0 00    | 0 00     | 0 00                         | 0 00                          | 0 00        | 0 00           | 0 00                     |
| Total Time Cost                 | 0 00    | 1,264 50 | 0 00                         | 15 00                         |             | 1,279 50       |                          |
| Total Hours                     | 0 00    | 5 50     | 0 00                         | 0 30                          | 5 80        |                |                          |
| Average Rate                    | 0 00    | 229 91   | 0 00                         | 50 00                         |             |                |                          |
|                                 |         |          |                              |                               |             |                |                          |

Total Fees Claimed 0 00

## Statement of Administrator's Remuneration Pursuant to Statement of Insolvency Practice No.9

#### **Charging and Disbursement Policy**

#### Administrator's charging policy for fees

The Insolvency Rules 1986 provide that the Administrator's remuneration may be fixed on the basis of time properly spent by the Administrator and his staff in attending to matters arising in the Administration

The Administrator has engaged managers and other staff to work on the Administration. The work required is delegated to the most appropriate level of staff taking account of the nature of the work and the individual's experience. Additional assistance is provided by cashiers dealing with the company's bank accounts and statutory compliance diaries, and other support services and filing clerks. Work carried out by all staff is subject to the overall supervision of the Administrator.

All time spent by staff working directly on case-related matters is charged to a time code established for each case. Each member of staff has a specific hourly rate, which is subject to change over time. The basis of charging is in six minutes units. The hourly rate for each category of staff over the duration of the assignment is shown below.

| Grade                         | £ per<br>hour<br>01/09/14 | £ per<br>hour<br>01/09/15 |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Directors                     | 295-325                   | 295-355                   |
| Managers                      | 205-245                   | 205-255                   |
| Other Senior<br>Professionals | 105-170                   | 105-185                   |
| Assistants and Support Staff  | 30-95                     | 30-100                    |

A copy of the R3 (Association of Business Recovery Professionals) creditors' guide to Administrator's fees may be obtained by contacting David Render at the above address or at <a href="https://www.r3.org.uk">www.r3.org.uk</a>

#### Administrator's charging policy for disbursements

Statement of Insolvency Practice No 9 divides disbursements into two categories

Category 1 disbursements are defined as specific expenditure relating to the administration of the insolvent's affairs and referable to payment to an independent third party. Such disbursements can be paid from the insolvent's assets without approval from the Creditors' Committee or the general body of creditors. In line with Statement of Insolvency Practice No. 9, it is my firm's policy to disclose Category 1 disbursements drawn but not to seek approval for their payment. I am prepared to provide such additional information as may reasonably be required to support the disbursements drawn.

Category 2 disbursements are charges made by the office holder's firm that include elements of shared or overhead costs Statement of Insolvency Practice No 9 provides that such disbursements are subject to approval as if they were remuneration. It is not my firm's current policy to charge Category 2 disbursements. However were this to change, I would seek approval for Category 2 disbursements before they are drawn in line with the Statement.