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Company name in full	Liability Solutions Limited	bold black capitals.
2	Liquidator's name	
Full forename(s)	Peter	
Surname	Hart	
3	Liquidator's address	
Building name/number	1 Westferry Circus	
Street	Canary Wharf	
Post town	London	
County/Region		
Postcode	E 1 4 4 H D	
Country		
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# Liability Solutions Limited (In Liquidation) Liquidator's Summary of Receipts & Payments

Statement of Affairs		From 15/02/2017 To 14/02/2018	From 15/02/2017 To 14/02/2018
£		£	£
	ASSET REALISATIONS		
Uncertain	Office Equipment	NIL	NIL
Uncertain	Intercompany Loan Account - LSG	NIL	NIL
NIL	Other Receivables	NIL	NIL
Uncertain	VAT Refund	NIL	NIL
NIL	Cash and cash equivalents	NIL	NIL
		NIL	NIL
	PREFERENTIAL CREDITORS		
(2,779.16)	Employee Arrears/Hol Pay	NIL	NIL
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	UNSECURED CREDITORS	_	
247,718.91)	Trade & Expense Creditors	NIL	NIL
(4.320.34)	Employees	NIL	NIL
135,648.91)	CVA Creditors	NIL	NIL
(1,470 00)	HMRevenue & Customs (VAT)	NIL	NIL
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391,937.32)		NIL	NIL
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ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT

LIABILITY SOLUTIONS LIMITED - IN CREDITORS' VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION

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#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

A summary of key information in this report is detailed below.

#### **Assets**

Asset	Estimated realise p Statement Affairs	to er of	Realisations to date	Anticipated future realisations	Total anticipated realisations
Office Equipment	Uncertain		1,750	1,250	3,000
Intercompany Loan Account	Uncertain			Nil	Nil
Other Receivables	Nil		-	Nil	Nil
VAT refund	Uncertain		•	Nil	Nil
Cash and cash equivalents	Nil		-	Nil	Nil

#### Expenses

Expense		per and	Expense incurred to date	Anticipated further expense to closure	Total anticipated expense
Liquidator's fees					
Agents' fees					

**Dividend prospects** 

Creditor class	Distribution / dividend paid to date	Anticipated distribution / dividend, based upon the above
Preferential creditors	-	Nil
Unsecured creditors	-	Nil

#### Summary of key issues outstanding

- Continue to chase for payment for the sale of business assets.
- Review the position to see if a dividend is available to any class of creditor.
- Closure formalities.

## Closure

Based on current information, it is anticipated that the liquidation will be concluded within the next 12 months.

#### **ADMINISTRATION AND PLANNING**

#### Statutory information

Statutory information may be found at Appendix I.

The Liquidator is required to meet a considerable number of statutory and regulatory obligations. Whilst many of these tasks do not have a direct benefit in enhancing realisations for the insolvent estate, they assist in the efficient and compliant progressing of the administration of the case, which ensures that work is carried out to high professional standards. A detailed list of these tasks may be found in Appendix IV.

#### Reporting

The Liquidator has met his statutory and regulatory duties to report to creditors, as listed below. In consideration of the need for transparency and engagement with creditors, care has been taken to ensure that reports and other communications with creditors have provided useful details of the strategies pursued and the outcomes anticipated.

During the Review Period, the following key documents have been issued:

- The report presented to the S98 meeting of creditors; and
- This progress report.

#### Other administration tasks

During the Review Period, the following material tasks in this category were carried out:

Case reviews etc.

#### **ENQUIRIES AND INVESTIGATIONS**

During the Review Period, the Liquidator carried out an initial review of the Company's affairs in the period prior to appointment. This included seeking information and explanations from the directors by means of questionnaires; making enquiries of the Company's accountants; reviewing information received from creditors; and collecting and examining the Company's bank statements, accounts and other records.

The directors provided the books and records and a completed questionnaire as well as a Statement of Affairs.

The information gleaned from this process enabled the Liquidator to meet their statutory duty to submit a confidential report on the conduct of the directors (past and present) to the insolvency Service.

This work was also carried out with the objective of making an initial assessment of whether there were any matters that may lead to any recoveries for the benefit of creditors. This would typically include any potential claims which may be brought against parties either connected to or who have past dealings with the Company.

This initial assessment has been completed and the Liquidator did not identify any further assets or actions which might lead to a recovery for creditors.

Although this work did not generate any financial benefit to creditors, it was necessary to meet the statutory duties as well as conduct appropriate enquiries and investigations into potential rights of actions to enhance realisations.

#### **REALISATION OF ASSETS**

Detailed below is key information about asset realisation and strategy, however, more details about the work undertaken may be found at Appendix IV. The (Joint) Liquidator(s) formulated and worked through a realisation strategy that sought to maximise realisations net of costs. The financial benefit of those efforts is described further below.

#### Transactions with connected parties

Since appointment, a sale to a connected party has occurred.

The Liquidator instructed Charterfields Surveyors who are professional independent agents with adequate professional indemnity insurance, to dispose of the Company's assets using the most advantageous method available.

The director expressed an interest in purchasing the Company's office equipment.

Therefore, the director was invited to contact Charterfields direct to progress his interest. Charterfields weighed up the advantages of a swift sale, which would avoid the ongoing costs of storing and marketing the assets, against the potential of attracting a better offer albeit that this would involve incurring more costs. Charterfields concluded that the director's offer was very likely to represent the best net realisation for the assets and they recommended to the Liquidator that the offer be accepted.

Consequently, the Company's office equipment was sold to the director's new company for £3,000 (plus VAT). To date, £2,100 (currently held by Chartefields) has been received, and Charterfields continue to chase payment of the remaining £1,500.

#### Intercompany Loan Account

The Statement of Affairs detailed an intercompany loan account from the Company's sole shareholder, Liabilities Solutions Group Limited (a Malta registered company), totaling £375,227. I am in the process of determining the validity of this debt and if my findings confirm the debt is due, I will request payment.

#### Other Receivables

This asset related to the various expenses paid in advance according to the draft management accounts as at the liquidation. Unfortunately, this has no realisable value to the Liquidation.

#### **VAT Refund**

The company had a VAT receivable position of £2,552.66 at the time of Liquidation, however, this balance was subject to Crown set-off and so no funds are expected.

#### **CREDITORS**

Irrespective of whether sufficient realisations are achieved to pay a dividend to creditors, the Liquidator has had to carry out key tasks which are detailed in the list at Appendix III. The following sections explain the anticipated outcomes to creditors and any distributions paid.

#### Secured creditors

The Company has not granted any charges over its assets.

#### Preferential creditors

#### **Employee claims**

The Company had one employee who was made redundant on 15 February 2017. The relevant information for employees to submit claims has been made to the Redundancy Payments Office and information and help has been given to employees to enable them to submit their claims online.

Employees were shown to be owed £2,779.16. The Redundancy Payments Office have not yet submitted a claim in the Liquidation.

#### **Unsecured creditors**

The trade and expense creditors as per the statement of affairs totalled £247,719. Please be advised that proofs of debt are still being received and therefore the total value of unsecured claims is not known at present.

#### Dividend prospects

The dividend prospects are not yet certain but a dividend to any class of creditor is not anticipated based on current information.

Where a floating charge is created after 15 September 2003 a prescribed part of the company's net property shall be made available to unsecured creditors.

The Company has not granted a floating charge to any creditor after 15 September 2003 and consequently there will be no prescribed part in this Liquidation.

#### **FEES AND EXPENSES**

#### **Pre-Appointment Costs**

#### Paid by Company/directors or Third party prior to appointment

A fixed fee of £5,000 was agreed and paid by director prior to the winding-up resolution.

#### The Liquidator's fees

It is the firm's practice to ensure that work is conducted by the appropriate staff member at the appropriate level of experience. Junior members of staff deal with the day to day administration on cases and a partner then oversees the work undertaken. Where the issues are complex and litigious, the work will be closely supervised or undertaken by a partner.

The basis of the Liquidator's fees was approved by creditors on 30 March 2017 in accordance with the following (decision / resolution):

"That the basis of the Liquidator's remuneration be fixed by reference to the time costs incurred by the Liquidator and his staff in attending to matters arising during the course of the Liquidation. The Liquidator's estimated time costs of £19,900 are detailed in the attached fee estimate, in accordance with the provisions of Rule 4.127 of the Insolvency Rules 1986, as amended."

The time costs for the period 15 February 2017 to 14 February 2018 total £8,917.50, representing 41.70 hours at an average hourly rate of £213.85. To date all the costs remain unpaid. The time costs for the period are detailed at Appendix IV.

A comparison between the original estimate and time costs to date is given at Appendix V.

Having regard for the costs that are likely to be incurred in bringing this Liquidation to a close, the Liquidator considers that:

the original fees estimate is unlikely to be exceeded.

#### Disbursements

Category 1 disbursements relate to expenses that are directly attributable to the case and do not require specific creditor approval before they can be recovered from Liquidation funds. As at 14 February 2018 the following Category 1 disbursements have been incurred:

	Total Incurred	Incurred in Review Period
	£	£
Bonding	13.00	13.00
Storage costs	403.31	403.31
Advertising costs	395,00	395.00
Insurance	1,390.00	1,390.00
	2,201.31	2,201.31

The category 2 disbursements for the Review Period total £70.56. The basis of calculation of this category of disbursement was disclosed to creditors prior to their approval, which was given on 15 February 2017.

Information about this insolvency process may be found on the R3 website at <a href="http://www.creditorinsolvencyguide.co.uk/">http://www.creditorinsolvencyguide.co.uk/</a>. A copy of 'A Creditors' Guide to Fees' together with the firm's charge-out rate and disbursement policy may be found at <a href="https://www.geoffreymartin.co.uk/sites/default/files/guide">https://www.geoffreymartin.co.uk/sites/default/files/guide</a> to liquidators fees - april 2017.pdf. A hard copy of both the Creditors' Guide and the firm's charge-out rate and disbursement policy may be obtained on request.

#### Other professional costs

#### Agents and valuers

Charterfields Surveyors were instructed as agents and valuers in relation to the sale of the office equipment. Their costs have been agreed on the basis of their standard sales commission rate, plus disbursements and VAT. As the full funds have not yet been received from the sale of the office equipment, the costs for Chartefields are not yet known.

#### **CREDITORS' RIGHTS**

An unsecured creditor may, with the permission of the court or with the concurrence of 5% in value of the unsecured creditors (including the creditor in question) request further details of the Liquidator's remuneration and expenses, within 21 days of receipt of this report. Any secured creditor may request the same details in the same time limit.

An unsecured creditor may, with the permission of the court or with the concurrence of 10% in value of the creditors (including the creditor in question), apply to court to challenge the amount and/or basis of the Liquidator's fees and the amount of any proposed expenses or expenses already

incurred, within 8 weeks of receipt of this report. Any secured creditor may make a similar application to court within the same time limit.

#### CONCLUSION

The administration of the case will be continuing to finalise the following outstanding matters that are preventing this case from being closed:

- Continue to chase for payment for the sale of business assets.
- Review the position to see if a dividend is available to any class of creditor.
- Closure formalities.

If you require any further information, please contact this office.

Signed\_

Peter Hart

Liquidator

09 April 2018

#### Appendix I

#### **Statutory Information**

**Company Name** 

Liability Solutions Limited

Company Number

03886009

Registered Office

Geoffrey Martin & Co, 1 Westferry Circus, Canary Wharf, London, E14

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Former Registered Office

6 Stratton Street, London W1J 8LD

Office holder

Peter Hart

Office holder's address

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Date of appointment

15 February 2017

## Appendix II

Receipts and Payments account for the period 15/02/2017 to 14/02/2018

# Liability Solutions Limited (In Liquidation)

# Liquidator's Summary of Receipts and Payments To 14 February 2018

RECEIPTS	Statement of Affairs (£)	Total (£)
Office Equipment	Uncertain	0.00
Intercompany Loan Account - LSG	Uncertain	0.00
Other Receivables	NIL	0.00
VAT Refund	Uncertain	0.00
Cash and cash equivalents	NiL	0.00
		0.00
PAYMENTS		
Employee Arrears/Hol Pay	(2,779.16)	0.00
Trade & Expense Creditors	(247,718.91)	0.00
Employees	(4,320.34)	0.00
CVA Creditors	(135,648.91)	0.00
HMRevenue & Customs (VAT)	(1,470.00)	0.00
		0.00
Net Receipts/(Payments)		0.00

MADE UP AS FOLLOWS

0.00

Peter Hart Liquidator

#### Appendix III

Detailed list of work undertaken for Liability Solutions Limited in Creditors' Voluntary Liquidation for the review period 15/02/2017 to 14/02/2018

Below is detailed information about the tasks undertaken by the Liquidator.

Seneral Description	Includes
itatutory and Seneral Administration	
Statutory/advertising	Filing of documents to meet statutory requirements including annual receipts and payments accounts Annual corporation tax returns Quarterly VAT returns Advertising in accordance with statutory requirements Bonding the case for the value of the assets
Document maintenance/file review/checklist	Filing of documents Periodic file reviews documenting strategy Periodic reviews of the application of ethical, anti-money laundering and anti-bribery safeguards Maintenance of statutory and case progression task lists/diaries Lindating checklists
Bank account administration	Preparing correspondence opening and closing accounts Requesting bank statements Bank account reconciliations Correspondence with bank regarding specific transfers Maintenance of the estate cash book Banking remittances and issuing cheques/BACS payments
Planning / Review	Discussions regarding strategies to be pursued Meetings with team members and independent advisers to consider practical, technical and legal aspects of the case
Books and records / storage	Dealing with records in storage Sending job files to storage
Pension scheme	Identifying whether there is a pension scheme
Reports	Circulating initial report to creditors upon appointment Preparing annual progress report, investigation and general reports to creditors Disclosure of sales to connected parties
Creditors' decisions	Preparation of decision procedure notices, proxies/voting forms and advertisements  Notice of decision procedure to all known creditors  College and proving fund proving funds to conclude decisions
	For virtual or physical meetings: preparation of meeting file, including agenda, certificate of postage, attendance register, list of creditors, reports to creditors, advertisement of meeting and draft minutes of meeting
Investigations	meeting.
SIP 2 Review	Collection and making an inventory of company books and records Correspondence to request information on the company's dealings, making further enquiries of third parties Reviewing questionnaires submitted by creditors and directors Reconstruction of financial affairs of the company Reviewing company's books and records
 	Preparation of deficiency statement Review of specific transactions and liaising with directors regarding certain transactions
Statutory reporting on conduct of director(s)	Preparing statutory investigation reports Liaising with insolvency Service Submission of report with the insolvency Service
Realisation of Assets Plant and Equipment	Liaising with valuers, auctioneers and interested parties Reviewing asset listings
Debtors	Collecting supporting documentation
Accounting for	Reviewing company's budgets and financial statements
trading	Preparing budgets Preparing weekly financial reports
, , ,	Finalising trading profit or loss Trading strategy review VAT returns

General Description	includes
Creditors and Distributions	
Creditor Communication	Receive and follow up creditor enquiries via telephone Review and prepare correspondence to creditors and their representatives via facsimile, email and post Assisting employees to pursue claims via the RPO
Dealing with proofs of debt ("POD")	Receipting and filing POD when not related to a dividend Corresponding with RPO regarding POD when not related to a dividend
Processing proofs of debt	Preparation of correspondence to potential creditors inviting submission of POD Receipt of POD Adjudicating POD Request further information from claimants regarding POD Preparation of correspondence to claimant advising outcome of adjudication Seeking solicitors' advice on the validity of secured creditors' claims and other complex claims

## Appendix IV

Time cost information for period 15/02/2017 to 14/02/2018

# SIP 9 - Time & Cost Summary Period: 15/02/17..14/02/18

## Time Summary

		Hours		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		-	
Classification of work function	Арроіntment Taker	Manager	Other Senior Professionals	Assistants & Support Staff	Total Hours	Time Cost (£)	Average hourly rate (£)
Administration & planning	2.50	0 00	11.30	2,30	16,10	3,827.50	237.73
Investigations	0.00	0 60	2.70	0.00	2.70	607.50	225 00
Realisations of assets	0 00	0.00	2.60	0 00	2 60	\$85 00	225 00
Trading	0.00	0 00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Creditors	0.00	0 00	17.20	0.20	17 40	3,245.00	186.49
Case specific matters	0.00	0.00	2.90	0.00	2.90	652.50	225.00
Total Hours	2.50	0.00	36 70	2.50	41.70	8,917.50	213 85
Total Fees Claimed						0 00	

## Appendix V

Time costs summary for period, cumulative & comparison with estimate for Liability Solutions Limited - In Creditors Voluntary Liquidation

	0	riginal fees estin	nate	Actual time costs incurred during the Review Period			
Work category	Number of hours	Blended hourly rate £ per hour	Total fees £	Number of hours	Average hourly rate £ per hour	Total time costs £	
Administration (Including statutory reporting)	23.00	224.46	5,162.50	16.10	237.73	3,827.50	
Realisation of assets	14.00	314.29	4,400.00	2.60	225,00	585.00	
Creditors (claims and distribution)	36.50	215.41	7,862.50	17.40	186.49	3,245.00	
Investigations	9.00	275.00	2,475.00	2.70	225.00	607.50	
Case Specific Matters	-	-	-	2.90	225.00	652.50	