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Liquidator's Annual Progress Report to Creditors & Members

Ability Associates Limited - in Liquidation

08 July 2020

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1 Introduction and Statutory Information

- 1.1 I, Alan Simon of AABRS Limited, Langley House, Park Road, London, N2 8EY, was appointed as Liquidator of Ability Associates Limited (the **Company**) on 12 June 2017.
- 1.2 This progress report covers the period from 12 June 2019 to 11 June 2020 (**the Period**) and is to be read in conjunction with my previously issued progress reports.
- 1.3 The Company operated residential care homes for adults with learning difficulties and challenging behaviour at the following trading addresses:
 - Dalwood Farm, Hindon Road, Dinton, Salisbury, Wiltshire SP3 5EY
 - 77 The Street, Kilmington, Warminster, BA12 8RW
 - 90 Ruskin Drive, Warminster, BA12 8SA.
- 1.4 The registered office of the Company has been changed to Langley House, Park Road, East Finchley, London, N2 8EY and its registered number is 03915252.
- 1.5 Information about the way that we will use, and store personal data on insolvency appointments can be found at https://www.aabrs.com/privacy-policy. If you are unable to download this, please contact us and a hard copy will be provided.

2 Receipts and Payments

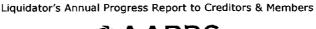
- 2.1 At Appendix B is my Receipts and Payments Account for the Period together with a cumulative Receipts and Payments Account for the period from the date of my appointment as Liquidator to the end of the Period.
- 2.1 In Section 3 below, you will find an update on the progress made during the Period in realising the Company's assets and dealing with its affairs.

3 Progress of the Liquidation

- 3.1 This section of the report provides creditors with an update on the progress made in the liquidation during the Period.
- 3.2 At Appendix B is my Receipts and Payments Account for the Period together with a cumulative Receipts and Payments Account for the period from the date of my appointment as Liquidator to the end of the Period.
- 3.3 Attached at Appendix C is a time analysis outlining the time spent by the Liquidator and his staff during the period of this report together with a cumulative time analysis covering the period since my appointment as Liquidator.
- 3.4 Further information about the basis of remuneration agreed in this case and the Liquidator's fees estimate can be found in section 5 of this report, together with any relevant information about revisions to this estimate, where applicable.

Administration (including statutory compliance & reporting)

3.5 An office holder must comply with certain statutory obligations under the



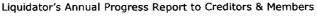


Insolvency Act 1986 and other related legislation. Details about the work I anticipated to be done in this area was outlined to creditors in my initial fees estimate.

- 3.6 Where the costs of statutory compliance work or reporting to creditors exceeds the initial estimate, it will usually be because the duration of the case has taken longer than anticipated, possibly due to protracted asset realisations, which have in turn placed a further statutory reporting requirement on the Liquidator.
- 3.7 Some of the work undertaken by an insolvency practitioner may not necessarily provide a financial benefit to creditors but is required on every case by statute. Examples of this work include investigations required by Statement of Insolvency Practice 2 and the Company Directors Disqualification Act 1986 or dealing with the claims of the former employees via the National Insurance Fund.
- 3.8 Below are details of the work I have undertaken during the reporting period:-
 - Preparing and issuing an annual progress report to members and creditors;
 - (ii) Lodging a periodic return with the Registrar of Companies for the liquidation;
 - (iii) Complying with statutory duties in respect of the Liquidator's specific penalty bond;
 - (iv) Updating case files on my firm's insolvency software;
 - (v) Storing the Company's books and records;
 - (vi) Periodic case progression reviews;
 - (vii) Maintaining the liquidation estate cashbook and bank account;
 - (viii) Dealing with all post-appointment corporation tax compliance;
 - (ix) Instructing E-Accounting Solutions Limited, a third party offering accountancy and bookkeeping services, to assist with investigations in analysing bank statements and preparing cessation accounts;
 - (x) Circulating the Company's creditors with a proposal for a revised fee estimate as a decision to be made via electronic voting;
 - (xi) Instructing a Barrister to assist the Liquidator in making an application to Court for fee approval.
- 3.9 Based on the current position of the case, the work remaining to be completed is the following:-
 - (i) Issuance of the Liquidator's final account to creditors once all matters have been concluded.

Realisation of Assets

3.10 It is considered the work the Liquidator and his staff have undertaken to date may bring a financial benefit to creditors. This may be a distribution to secured





creditors of the Company only (from which a Prescribed Part fund may be derived for the benefit of unsecured creditors) or may, depending on realisations and the extent of any 3^{rd} party security, result in a distribution to the preferential and unsecured creditors of the Company.

3.11 No realisations were achieved during the Period.

Unrealised Assets

3.12 The assets included within the directors' statement of affairs have been dealt with and there are no known assets yet to be realised.

Creditors (claims and distributions)

- 3.13 Further information on the anticipated outcome for creditors in this case can be found at section 4 of this report. A Liquidator is not only required to deal with correspondence and claims from unsecured creditors (which may include retention of title claims), but also those of any secured and preferential creditors of the Company. This may involve separate reporting to any secured creditor and dealing with distributions from asset realisations caught under their security, most typically a debenture.
- 3.14 Claims from preferential creditors typically involve employee claims and payments made on behalf of the Company by the Redundancy Payments Service following dismissal.
- 3.15 The above work may not necessarily bring any financial benefit to creditors generally, however a Liquidator is required by statute to undertake this work. Similarly, if a distribution is to be paid to any class of creditor, work will be required to agree those claims and process the dividend payments to each relevant class of creditor. The more creditors a company has, the more time and cost will be involved by the Liquidator in dealing with those claims.
- 3.16 I consider the following matters worth noting in my report to creditors at this stage:
 - There is no secured creditor;
 - It was anticipated within the directors' statement of affairs that there would be preferential claims totalling £20,898.89;
 - I have provided support and assistance in lodging claims with the Redundancy Payments Office to seventeen employees from which has emanated preferential claims totalling £16,975.41;
 - It was anticipated within the directors' statement of affairs that there would be twenty-seven unsecured creditor claims in this case totalling £154,946;
 - I have received unsecured claims totalling £97,355.17 from nine creditors; I have yet to receive claims from twenty creditors whose debts are estimated to total £99,942.66 as per directors' statement of affairs;
 - No claims have been agreed at this stage.





Investigations

- 3.17 You may recall from my first progress report to creditors that some of the work the Liquidator is required to undertake is to comply with legislation such as the Company Directors' Disqualification Act 1986 (CDDA 1986) and Statement of Insolvency Practice 2 Investigations by Office Holders in Administration and Insolvent Liquidations. This work may not necessarily bring any financial benefit to creditors, unless these investigations reveal potential asset recoveries that the Liquidator can pursue for the benefit of creditors.
- 3.18 My report on the conduct of the directors of the Company to the Department for Business Innovation & Skills under the CDDA 1986 was submitted during the first year of the liquidation and is confidential.
- 3.19 E-Accounting Solutions Limited was instructed to assist with investigations in analysing bank statements and preparing cessation accounts as a possible claim for terminal loss relief had been identified during my initial assessment.
- 3.20 The accounts revealed that no claim for terminal loss relief is available and accordingly, I am bringing this matter to its conclusion.

Matters Yet to be Dealt With

- 3.21 Based on the current position of the case, the matters yet to be dealt with are as follows:-
 - (i) Issuance of the Liquidator's final account to creditors once all matters have been concluded.

4 Creditors

Secured Creditors

4.1 There is no secured creditor regsitered at Companies House.

Qualifying Floating Charge Holder (QFC)

4.2 The Company did not grant any floating charges to a secured creditor. Accordingly, there is no requirement to create a fund out of a company's net floating charge property for unsecured creditors (known as the Prescribed Part).

Preferential Creditors

4.3 A summary of preferential claims received is detailed below:

Preferential claim		Statement of Affairs Claim £	Dividend paid p in the £1
Redundancy Payments Office (RPO)	16,925.56	20,898.89	Nil
Employee claims (Total number of claims = 17)	49.85	see above	Nil

4.4 I would confirm that it is anticipated there will be insufficient funds realised after defraying the expenses of the liquidation to pay a dividend to preferential creditors.





Unsecured Creditors

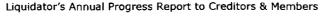
- 4.5 I have received claims totalling £97,355.17 from nine creditors. I have yet to receive claims from twenty-one creditors whose debts are estimated to total £99,942.66 as per directors' statement of affairs.
- 4.6 No claims have been agreed and will only be adjudicated should a dividend become payable.
- 4.7 I confirm it is anticipated there will be insufficient funds realised after defraying the expenses of the liquidation and providing for a dividend to preferential creditors to pay a dividend to unsecured creditors.

5 Liquidator's Remuneration

- 5.1 Creditors initially approved that the basis of the Liquidator's remuneration be fixed by reference to the time properly spent by him and his staff in managing the Liquidation.
- 5.2 Creditors also agreed that the Liqudiator is authorised to draw category 2 disbursements in accordance with AABRS Limited's published tariff.
- 5.3 My fees estimate was provided to creditors when the basis of my remuneration was initially approved and was based on information available to me at that time.
- 5.4 A copy of my approved fee estimate is reproduced below:

Category of work	Estimated Number of Hours	Average blended charge out rate £	Estimated cost £
Administration (inc statutory compliance & reporting)	32.00	235.58	7,538.58
Creditors (claims & distributions)	47.50	282.40	13,414.16
Investigations	8.00	227.41	1,819.29
Realisation of assets	27.00	242.46	6,546.55
Total estimated fees			£29,318.58

- 5.5 My time costs for the current Period are £6,265.50. This represents 24.60 hours at an average rate of £254.70 per hour. Attached as Appendix C is a Time Analysis which provides details of the activity costs incurred by staff grade during the Period in respect of the costs fixed by reference to time properly spent by me in managing the liquidation.
- 5.6 During the Period, £3,862.30 (£3,218.58 plus VAT) has been drawn on account.
- 5.7 Also attached as Appendix C is a cumulative Time Analysis for the period from 12 June 2017 to 11 June 2020 which provides details of my time costs since my appointment. The cumulative time costs incurred to date are £32,415. This represents 125.30 hours at an average rate of £258.70 per hour.





- 5.8 During the period 12 June 2017 to 11 June 2020, £35,182.50 (£29,318.58 plus VAT) has been drawn on account.
- 5.9 On 09 August 2019, I circulated the Company's creditors with a proposal that the basis of the Liquidator's remuneration, as initially agreed, be revised. That proposal was to be considered as a decision to be made via electronic voting. No votes were received in respect of this and accordingly, a decision was not made.
- 5.10 Subsequently, a Barrister has been instructed to assist the Liquidator in making an application to Court for fee approval.
- 5.11 A copy of 'A Creditors' Guide to Liquidators' Fees' is available on request or can be downloaded from www.aabrs.com/resources/creditors-guides.
- 5.12 Attached as Appendix A is additional information in relation to the Liquidator's fees, expenses and disbursements, including where relevant, information on the use of subcontractors and professional advisers.

6 Creditors' Rights

- 6.1 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.
- 6.2 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 the circumstances, the basis fixed for the Liquidator's remuneration is inappropriate and/or the remuneration charged or the expenses incurred by the Liquidator, as set out in this progress report, are excessive.

7 Next Report

- 7.1 I am required to provide a further report on the progress of the liquidation within two months of the next anniversary of the liquidation, unless I have concluded matters prior to this, in which case I will make my final account available to all creditors.
- 7.2 If you have any queries in relation to the contents of this report, I can be contacted by telephone on 020 8444 2000 or by email at info@aabrs.com.

Yours faithfully,

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Alan Simon Liquidator

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Appendix A

Additional Information in Relation to the Liquidator's Fees, Expenses & Disbursements

8 Staff Allocation and the Use of Sub-Contractors

- 8.1 The general approach to resourcing our assignments is to allocate staff with the skills and experience to meet the specific requirements of the case.
- 8.2 The constitution of the case team will usually consist of a Director, a Manager, and an Administrator or Assistant. The exact constitution of the case team will depend on the anticipated size and complexity of the assignment and the experience requirements of the assignment.
- 8.3 On this case, we are proposing to use the services of the following subcontractors:

Service (s)	Provider	Basis of fee arrangement	Cost to date
Accountancy and bookkeeping services	E-Accounting Solutions Limited	Hourly rate	£105.60

8.4 Accountancy and bookkeeping services have been used to assist with investigations in analysing bank statements and preparing cessation accounts. These have been used to assist me in ascertaining whether there are potential further recoveries to be made to the insolvent estate. This work was contracted to E-Accounting Solutions Limited who is an unconnected third party. This is specialised work and I consider there will be a direct benefit to creditors by way of a reduced cost when compared to the time taken by my staff to complete the work.

9 Professional Advisors

9.1 On this assignment, we have used the professional advisors listed below. We have also indicated alongside, the basis of our fee arrangement with them, which is subject to review on a regular basis.

Name of Professional Advisor	Basis of Fee Arrangement
Williams & Partners Ltd	Valuation fee plus a percentage of
(valuation and disposal advice)	realisations
Hardwicke (Barrister)	Set fee

9.2 Our choice was based on our perception of their experience and ability to perform this type of work, the complexity and nature of the assignment and the basis of our fee arrangement with them.

10 Liquidator's Expenses & Disbursements

10.1 The estimate of expenses (including disbursements) which were anticipated at the outset of the liquidation was provided to creditors when the basis of my fees were approved, a copy of which is set out below:





Expenses	Estimated cost
Agents' costs for dealing with the sale of the tangible assets	2,529.00
Agents' costs for dealing with the production of accounts (if required)	180.00
Statutory advertising	247.32
Specific penalty bond	186.00
Category 2 disbursements	
Storage of the Company's books and records	150.00

Current position of Liquidator's expenses

10.2 An analysis of the expenses paid to the date of this report, together with those incurred but not paid at the date of this report is provided below:

Expenses	Paid in prior period £	Paid in the Period £	Incurred but not paid to date £	Total anticipated cost £
Specific penalty bond (1)	223.20	0.00	0.00	223.20
Agents fees - Williams & Partners Ltd	2,529.00	0.00	0.00	2,529.00
Accountants fees – E-Accounting Solutions Limited	0.00	105.60	0.00	105.60
Legal fees – Hardwicke	0.00	960.00	600.00	1,560.00
Statutory advertising	164.88	0.00	0.00	164.88
Category 2 disbursements				
Storage costs	120.00	0.00	60.00	240.00

- (1) The current bond covers realisations into the estate up to a value of £50,000.
- 10.3 All payments are shown as inclusive of VAT as the Company is not VAT registered.
- 10.4 Category 1 disbursements do not require approval by creditors. The type of disbursements that may be charged as a Category 1 disbursement to a case generally comprise of external supplies of incidental services specifically identifiable to the case, such as postage, case advertising, invoiced travel and external printing, room hire and document storage. Also chargeable will be any properly reimbursed expenses incurred by personnel in connection with the case. These disbursements are included in the tables of expenses above.
- 10.5 Category 2 disbursements do require approval from creditors. These are costs which are directly referable to the appointment in question but are not payments which are made to an independent third party and may include shared or allocated costs that can be allocated to the appointment on a proper and reasonable basis such as internal room hire, document storage or business mileage. Details of Category 2 disbursements charged by this firm (where appropriate) were provided at the time the Liquidator's fees were approved by creditors. Any Category 2 disbursements incurred are specifically highlighted in the tables of expenses above.

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11 Charge-Out Rates

- 11.1 AABRS Limited's current charge-out rates effective from 01 September 2019 are detailed below. Please note this firm records its time in minimum units of 6 minutes.
- 11.2 Our rates were reviewed on 01 September 2019. Details of our previous rates are available at www.aabrs.com/resources/charge-out-rate/
- 11.3 A schedule of charge out rates as at 01 September 2019 are shown below:-

	(Per hour)
Director	£750.00
Manager	£315.00 - £550.00
Other Senior Professional	£275.00 - £310.00
Assistants & Support Staff	£175.00 - £260.00

Appendix B

Ability Associates Limited (In Liquidation) Liquidator's Summary of Receipts & Payments

From 12/06/2017 To 11/06/2020 £	From 12/06/2019 To 11/06/2020 £		Statement of Affairs £
		ASSET REALISATIONS	
NIL	NIL	Plant & Machinery	NIL
NIL	NIL	Equipment	NIL
4,550.00	NIL	Proceeds of Sale of Motor Vehicle	4,550.00
751.79	NIL	Petty Cash held in AABRS client account	752.49
NIL	NIL	Book Debts	Uncertain
17,617.48	NIL	Cash at Bank	0.100114
21,921.93	NIL	Cash held in AABRS Client account	14,721.93
42.39	14.10	Bank Interest Gross	11,721.00
113.76	NIL	Sundry Refunds	
44,997.35	14.10	Sullary Netalias	
44,337.33	14.10	COST OF REALISATIONS	
223.20	NIL		
35,1 82.3 0	3,862.30	Specific Bond	
2,529.00	3,002.30 NIL	Liquidators Fees	
2,529.00 416.40	105.60	Agents/Valuers Fees	
		Accountants Fees	
960.00	960.00	Legal Fees	
120.00	NIL	Storage Costs	
164.88	NIL	Statutory Advertising	
(39,595.78)	(4,927.90)		
		PREFERENTIAL CREDITORS	
NIL	NIL	Employees	20,898.89)
NIL	NIL		
		UNSECURED CREDITORS	
NIL	NIL	Trade & Expense Creditors	(13,950.00)
NIL	NIL	Employees	(98,613.00)
NIL	NIL	Director - Andrew Nosko	(8,883.00)
NIL	NIL	Lloyds Bank Plc	(7,500.00)
NIL	NIL	HM Revenue & Customs (PAYE)	(10,000.00)
NIL	NIL	HM Revenue & Customs (Corporation	(16,000.00)
NIL	NIL	, ,	,
		DISTRIBUTIONS	
NIL	NIL	Ordinary A Shares	(100.00)
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Note:

The Company is not VAT registered.

Appendix C - Time Entry - SIP9 Time & Cost Summary + Cumulative

A0880 - Ability Associates Limited Project Code: POST From: 12/06/2019 To: 11/06/2020

Classification of Work Function	Partner	Manager	Other Senior Professionals	Assistants & Support Staff	Total Hours	Time Cost (£)	Average Hourly Rate (£)	Total Hours Cum (POST Onty)	Total Hours Cum Total Time Coats Cum (POST Only)
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Administration & Planning	1.00	1.80	1.50	0.80	5.10	1,672.50	327.94	38.70	10,483.00
Case Specific Matters	0.00	0.00	0.00	00:00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Creditors	0.30	3.60	11.50	00:00	15.40	3,542.00	230.00	40.20	9,650.50
Investigations	0.00	0:30	1.40	0.00	1.70	551.00	324.12	16.90	4,817.00
Realisations of Assets	0:00	0.40	0.80	1.20	2.40	200.00	208.33	28.80	7,359.50
Trading	0.00	0.00	00:00	0.00	0.00	00:00	0.00	0.70	105.00
Total Hours / Costs	1.30	6.10	15.20	2.00	24.60	6,265.50	254.70	125.30	32,415.00
Total Fees Claimed						29,318.58			
Total Disbursements Claimed						286.00			