

Liquidator's Annual Progress Report

31 October 2016

### Puriti Limited - in Compulsory Liquidation ("the Company")

### Liquidator's Annual Progress Report to Members and Creditors

### For the year ending 6 September 2016

Statutory Information

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Carter Backer Winter LLP 66 Prescot Street London E1 8NN

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#### 1. STATUTORY INFORMATION

Company name

**Puriti Limited** 

Registered office

66 Prescot Street

London

**E1 8NN** 

Former registered office

Nancorras Farm St Mawes Cornwall TR2 5AD

Registered number

03956339

Date of Winding up Petition

3 February 2011

Petitioning Creditor

**HM Revenue & Customs** 

Date of Winding up Oder

23 March 2011

Court Reference

Truro County Court No 303 of 2011

Liquidator's date of appointment

7 September 2011

Liquidator's name

Melissa Lorraine Jackson

Liquidator's address

66 Prescot Street

London

**E1 8NN** 

Please note, I joined CBW on 31 March 2014 as a Director of Corporate Recovery & Insolvency As a consequence, this matter is now being administered from CBW's offices

This report should be read in conjunction with my previous reports of 20 October 2015, 5 November 2014, 4 November 2013 and 5 November 2012

### 2. RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

My Receipts & Payments Account for the period from 7 September 2015 to 6 September 2016 is attached at Appendix 1

### 3. ASSETS

### Overdrawn Director's Loan Account

I would advise you that in view of the advice received from Counsel, on 23 March 2016 I have applied to court to commence legal proceedings against the directors in order to recover the sums due to the Company. As a result, in order to avoid any potential substantial legal costs, it was proposed to resolve the matter in a form of mediation.

Consequently mediation took place on 11 October 2016 and after hours of negotiations the offer of £90,000 (subject to conditions) was accepted by me as a final settlement of the claim



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### 4. LIABILITIES

### Secured Liabilities

As previously advised, the Company's mortgage register held by the Registrar of Companies showed that the Company had been granted a debenture by NatWest Bank Plc incorporating a fixed and floating charge. However, at the time of the winding up, this debt was not due

#### Preferential Creditors

There are no preferential creditors in this Liquidation

### **Crown Creditors**

The Company's Statement of Affairs indicated that £144,185 was owed to HM Revenue & Customs in respect of VAT and £33,214 in respect of Corporation Tax Claims of £102,732 and £36,792 have been received respectively

### **Unsecured Creditors**

The Company's Statement of Affairs indicated that there were 3 other unsecured creditors with an estimated total liability of £265,559. The claim of £260,141 was received from 1 creditor to date

### 5. LIQUIDATOR'S ACTIONS SINCE APPOINTMENT

Following my appointment my strategy was to recover the outstanding director's loan due to the Company I have investigated the circumstances surrounding the merger of the Company and its associated company and corresponded with the directors and their legal advisors in order to recover the outstanding sums due to the Company I have obtained Counsel's advice in respect of the potential claims which may be brought by me in order to recover the outstanding sums due to the Company

During this reporting period, I have issued legal proceedings against the directors and subsequently attended mediation in order to reach the settlement agreement

### 6. INVESTIGATION INTO THE AFFAIRS OF THE COMPANY

I undertook and initial investigation into the Company's affairs to establish whether there were any potential asset recoveries or conduct matters that justified further investigation, taking account of the public interest, potential recoveries, the funds likely to be available to fund an investigation, and the costs involved

There were no matters that justified further investigation other than the director's overdrawn loan account as detailed above

### 7. LIQUIDATOR'S REMUNERATION

My remuneration was previously authorised by creditors at a meeting held on 31 October 2011 to be drawn on a time cost basis

My time costs to 6 September 2016 amount to £109,562, of which £41,962 was charged in the period between 7 September 2015 and 6 September 2016

As mentioned in my previous report, I joined CBW on 31 March 2014 as a Director of Corporate Recovery & Insolvency My time costs for the period from 7 September 2011 to 31 March 2014 amount to £41,812

No remuneration has been drawn to date. A schedule of my time costs incurred is attached as Appendix 2.

A description of the routine work undertaken in the liquidation to date is as follows



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### 1 Administration and Planning

- Preparing the documentation and dealing with the formalities of appointment
- Statutory notifications and advertising
- · Preparing documentation required
- Dealing with all routine correspondence
- Maintaining electronic records and case information
- Review and storage
- Case bordereau
- Case planning and administration
- Preparing reports to members and creditors
- Convening and holding meetings of members and creditors
- Review and storage of books and records
- · Corresponding with solicitors regarding disclosure documents

### 2 Cashiering

- Maintaining and managing the liquidator's cashbook and bank account
- Ensuring statutory lodgements and tax lodgement obligations are met

### 3 Creditors

- Dealing with creditor correspondence and telephone conversations
- · Preparing reports to creditors
- Maintaining electronic creditor records
- Reviewing proofs of debt received from creditors

### 4 <u>Investigations</u>

- Conduct investigations into suspicious transactions
- Review books and records to identify any transactions or actions a liquidator may take against a third party in order to recover funds for the benefit of creditors
- Collating information in relation to witness statement

### 5 Realisation of Assets

- Liaising with solicitors in respect of the recovery of the outstanding director's loan account
- Preparing court application
- · Preparing list of documents for mediation

A copy of 'A Creditors' Guide to Liquidators' Fees' published by the Association of Business Recovery Professionals is available at www cbw coluk/creditor-guides. Please note that there are different versions for cases that commenced before or after 6 April 2010 and in this case you should refer to the post-April 2010 version. A hard copy is available on request.

### 8. LIQUIDATOR'S EXPENSES

In addition to the expenses listed on the attached Receipts & Payments Account, I have incurred expenses totalling £293 to 6 September 2016, of which £39 was incurred in the period between 7 September 2015 and 6 September 2016

The following agents or professional advisors have been utilised in this matter

Professional Advisor

Nature of Work

Fee Arrangement

Turner Parkinson

Solicitors

Time costs

As advised in my previous report, Turner Parkinson are instructed in respect of the overdrawn director's loan account and are acting on a conditional fee arrangement

The choice of professionals was based on my perception of their experience and ability to perform this type of work, the complexity and nature of the assignment and the basis of my fee arrangement with



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them The fees charged have been reviewed and I am satisfied that they are reasonable in the circumstances of this case

#### 9. FURTHER INFORMATION

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.

### 10. DIVIDEND PROSPECTS

Regrettably, based on the information available, I anticipate that after the settlement of the liquidation costs there will be no funds available to make a distribution to creditors

#### 11. SUMMARY

The Liquidation will remain open until the settlement funds received in full. I expect that this matter will be finalised within 12 months

Should you have any queries regarding this matter please contact Irma Sabonyte on 020 7309 3824

Melissa Jackson

Liquidator



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# APPENDIX 1

**Liquidator's Receipts and Payments Account** 

# Puriti Limited (In Liquidation)

## LIQUIDATOR'S RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

	Statement of affairs £	From 07/09/2015 To 06/09/2016 £	From 07/09/2011 To 06/09/2016 £
RECEIPTS Realisation of Assets (via OR) Directors Loan Account Cash at Bank Bank Interest Gross Deposit on Petition	Uncertain 104 00	0 00 0 00 0 00 0 00 0 00	1,890 00 0 00 0 00 5 52 1,000 00
	<del></del>	0 00	2,895 52
PAYMENTS Tax on Interest Official Receiver Fee Legal Fees - Turner Parkinson Solicitors Couriers Statutory Advertising Website Notice Fee Bank Charges Trade & Expense Creditors Inland Revenue  Net Receipts/(Payments)	(265,558 60) (177,399 00) 	0 00 0 00 0 00 0 00 0 00 88 00 0 00 0 0	1 11 2,235 00 175 00 85 58 76 50 7 00 428 30 0 00 0 00
MADE UP AS FOLLOWS			
ISA IB VAT Receivable / (Payable)		(19 18) (68 82)	(112 97) 0 00
	_	(88 00)	(112 97)



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### **APPENDIX 2**

Details of Time Incurred in accordance with Statement of Insolvency Practice 9 together with CBW's and TMP's charge out rates for this type of work

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Time and Charge Out Summary for the period from 7 September 2011 to 6 September 2016

Hours

			Other Conten	100000000000000000000000000000000000000			Account of the second	
	Partner	Manager	Professionals	Support Staff	Total Hours	Total Costs	Average nourly Rate	Disbursements
Administration and Planning	114 35	4 65	14 70	23 22	156 92	£50,082 75	£319 16	Bonding
Cashiering	00 0	00 0	00 0	7 75	7.75	00 OJ	00 03	Sdd
Compliance	00 0	2 90	0 10	00 0	00 9	£2,547 00	£424 50	Postage & Company Sea
Creditors	7 00	00 0	4 00	0 20	11 20	£5,304 00	£473 57	Storage
Investigation	7 40	20 20	9 9	0 20	34 70	£14,316 50	£412 58	Total
Legal	13 30	8 10	23 20	00 0	44 60	£18,954 00	£424 98	
Meetings (Non-statutory)	00 0	00 0	080	00 0	08 0	£312 00	£390 00	
Realisation of Assets	22 90	3 50	2 60	8 50	37 50	£13,199 50	£351 99	
Review	00 0	7 20	2 70	00 0	06 6	£4,045 00	£408 59	
Report preparation & review	00 0	00 0	8 00	00 0	8 00	00 008₹	£100 00	
	164 95	49 55	62 70	40 17	317 37	£109,560 75	£345 21	
Cost Per Employee Category	£65,171 25	£21,515 50	£19,315 00	£3,559 00		£109,560 75		

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Puriti Limited - in Compulsory Liquidation Time and Charge Out Summary for the period from 7 September 2011 to 31 March 2014

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			Other Senior Assistants	Assistants			Average	
	Partner	Director	Professional	Support	Total Hours	Partner Director Professional and Total Hours Total Costs (E)	Hourty	Disbursements
Advice, Administration and Planning	102 00	00 0	0 70	15 20	117 90	£37,449 00	£317 63	Bordereau
Investigations	4 90	00 0	09 0	0 0	5 50	£1 863 00	£338 73	Printing & Stationery
Realisation of Assets	0 0	000	2 20	0 0	2 20	£591 00	£268 64	Postage & Company Searches
Creditors	00 0	000	3 80	8 50	12 30	£1,909 00	£155 20	
Total Hours	106 90	000	1	7 30 23 70	137 90			Total
Cost Per Employee Category	£37,381 00	00 O3	£37,381 00 £0 00 £2,013 00 £2,419 00	£2,419 00		£41,812 00 E303 21	£303 21	

30 00 81 30 8 53

119 83

Time and Charge Out Summary for the period from 1 April 2014 to 6 September 2015

Hours

	Partner	Manager	Manager Professional and Support	Assistants and Support	Total Hours	Total Hours Total Costs	Average Hourty Rate	Disburseme	Ĕ
Administration and Planning	10 50	4 55	1 80	3,5	20 79	67,514 00	£361 42	Insolvency Bond	
Cashiering	00 0	0 0	0 0	4 75	4 75	00 03	00 03	Sdd	
Compliance	00 0	5 90	00 0	00 0	2 90	62,537 00	£430 00	Storage	
Creditors	1 00	00 0	00 0	0 20	1 20	£495 00	£412 50		
Investigations (Non disqualification)	1 00	0 70	00 0	0 0	1 70	£776 00	£456 47		
Legal	3 80	7 40	0 0	00 0	11 20	£4 987 00	£445 27		
Realisation of Assets	10 60	2 90	0.40	0 0	13 90	£6 382 00	£459 14	Total	
Review	00 0	7 20	000	000	7 20	00 960 E3	£430 00		i
	26 90	28 65	2 20	6.89	66 64	£25,787 00	£386 96		
Cost Per Employee Category	£12,777 SO £12,319 SO	612,319 50		E550 00 E140 00		£25,787 00			

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Disbursements

134 36

Time and Charge Out Summary for the period from 7 September 2015 to 6 September 2016

Hours

	Partner	Manager	Other Senior Assistants Professional and Support	Assistents and Support	Total Hours	Total Costs	Average Hourly Rate
Administration and Planning	1 85	0 10	12 20	4 0\$	18 23	52,119 75	280 84
Cashiering	0 0	00 0	00 0	3 00	3 00	£0 00	9 9
Compliance	0 0	000	000	0 10	0 10	£10 00	100 00
Creditors	9 90	00 0	0 20	00 0	6 20	£2 900 00	467 74
Investigations (Non disqualification)	1 50	19 50	9	0 20	27 50	£11,677 S0	424 64
Legal	9 50	0 70	23 20	00 0	33 40	613 967 00	418 17
Meetings (Non statutory)	000	00 0	0 80	0 0	0 80	£312 00	390 00
Realisation of Assets	12 30	090	000	000	12 90	£6 226 50	482 67
Review	00 0	00 0	2 70	0 0	2 70	6949 00	351 48
Report preparation & review	000	0 0	00 0	8 00	9 00	00 0083	100 00
	31 15	20 90	45 10	15 68	112 83	£41,961 75	£371 90
Cost Per Employee Category	£15.013.75	69.196.00	£15.013.75 £9.196.00 £16.752.00 £1.000.00	61.000.00		641 961 75	

Disbursements	3
Sdd	2 10
Storage	33 86
Total	38.96

### CARTER BACKER WINTER LLP ("CBW")

### **CORPORATE RECOVERY AND INSOLVENCY DEPARTMENT**

### **INSOLVENCY APPOINTMENTS**

#### **TIME COST CHARGE-OUT RATES FROM 1 APRIL 2016**

	<u>Per Hour</u>
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Partner	490
Directors	490
Managers	440
Assistant Managers	400
Senior Administrators	390
Administrators	260
Junior Administrators	150
Cashier	0
Support Staff	0 - 185

### Note:

Work undertaken on cases is recorded in 6 minute units utilising time-recording software

Time properly incurred on insolvency cases is charged at the hourly rate of the grade of staff undertaking the work that applies at the time the work is done. CBW's charge-out rates change from time to time

### **DISBURSEMENT RECOVERY**

Disbursements are categorised as either Category 1 or Category 2

Category 1 disbursements generally comprise external supplies of incidental services specifically identifiable to the case. Where expenses are incurred and then recharged to the case, approval from creditors is not required. Examples of Category 1 disbursements include statutory advertising, specific bond insurance, document storage, postage, company search fees, and properly reimbursed expenses incurred by personnel in connection with the case. Also included will be services specific to the case where these cannot be practically provided internally, such as printing and room hire.

Category 2 disbursements include elements of shared or allocated costs where supplied internally Category 2 disbursements are recoverable in full, subject to the basis of the disbursement charge being approved by creditors in advance CBW does not charge Category 2 disbursements

# THE MACDONALD PARTNERSHIP PLC CHARGE OUT RATES

### Effective date

The charge out rates are effective from 1st October 2010.

### Charge out rates

Title	Grade	Rate
		£ph
Partners	11	575
	12	475
	13	375
Managers	2 1	350
	2 2	275
	2 3	225
Administrators	3 1	110
	3 2	95
	3 3	80
Support Staff	41	55
	4 2	50
	4 3	45

NOTE.

Time is recorded in three minute increments

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# THE MACDONALD PARTNERSHIP PLC FEES, DISBURSEMENTS AND EXPENSES POLICY

#### INTRODUCTION

The MacDonald Partnership Pic is a specialist firm of licensed Insolvency Practitioners

As a result, we have very specific and specialist billing structures This schedule sets out our terms and conditions of billing to clarify the position

#### **GENERAL PHILOSOPHY**

It is important to stress that the general philosophy of the firm's billing structure is as follows

- 1 To provide
  - The highest possible quality in terms of (a) technical excellence
     (b) delivery of service
  - (ii) The highest possible level of integrity and professionalism
  - (iii) A personal service
- 2 To provide value for money and to reflect the need for a reasonable profit and return in providing our services

Given this, it is important to set a basic and reasonable pricing and billing structure to maximise the combined interests of our clients, third parties (such as banks and creditors) and the firm

### **VARIATION FROM OUR BILLING STRUCTURE**

The billing structure has been created to reflect the economic substance of providing the quality of service that we give

To charge lower or different fees would be unprofitable for the firm. We will therefore only allow variations from our billing structure in extreme circumstances. Any such variation must be approved by either one of the managing or finance directors.

### DEFINITIONS

### FEES

Fees are the time charges that reflect the time spent on a case by a partner, director or staff member of the firm Our general approach to resourcing our assignments is to allocate staff with the skills and experience to meet the specific requirements of the case. The exact constitution of the case team will depend on the anticipated size and complexity of the assignment.

With regard to support staff, we advise that time spent by cashiers and other support staff in relation to specific

tasks on an assignment is charged. All activity on cases is charged and recorded in three minute increments

In corporate recovery and insolvency cases fees can be charged on a time cost basis, a set fee basis, on a percentage of the assets realised and distributed or a mixture of the above. The fees charged are based on the Scale Rates charges (which are detailed below)

A schedule of Charge Out Rates applies to each grade of staff and is available for inspection at any time

#### **PROFESSIONAL ADVISORS**

We use professional advisors on some of our assignments. The basis of our fee arrangements with advisors, which is subject to review on a regular basis, is generally on an hourly rate basis plus disbursements. Fixed fee arrangements will be disclosed where applicable. Our choice of professional advisors is based on our perception of their experience and ability to perform the type of work required, the complexity and nature of the assignment and the basis of our fee arrangement with them.

#### **DISBURSEMENTS & EXPENSES**

For the purposes of compliance with Statement of Insolvency Practice 9 (SIP 9) and R3's best practice guidelines, disbursements and expenses are split into two categories

### Category 1 Disbursements

Generally comprise those external supplies of incidental services specifically identifiable to a specific job or case (including agents, insurances, as well as other outsourced services such as room hire, statutory advertising, court fees, couriers, postage, printing, travel and document storage)

### Category 2 Disbursements

Generally comprise costs, which whilst being in the nature of expenses or disbursements, include elements of shared or allocated costs. Such disbursements are listed below.

	1	Binders	£1 15	Per item
	2	Car	£0 50	Per mile
Į	3	Copies (black)	£0 15	Per page
	4	Dividers	£1 00	Per item
	5	Envelopes	£0 10 - £0 15	Per item
	6	Files	£6 00	Per item
	7	Labels	£0 25	Per sheet
	8	Letters	£2 20	Per letter
Ī	9	Printouts	£0 20	Per page

## AGREEMENT OF FEES, DISBURSEMENTS AND EXPENSES

### CORPORATE RECOVERY AND INSOLVENCY

For corporate recovery and insolvency work, the following fee structure applies. For this specialist type of work, fees can either be charged on a time basis or on a scaled percentage charge of assets realised and distributed. Unless otherwise stated, all corporate recovery and insolvency work is done on a time basis.

#### 1. Pre-appointment work

Pre-appointment work includes (for example)

- Nominees fees in individual and company voluntary arrangements
- (2) Assistance and preparation in holding a section 98 meeting
- (3) Assistance in placing a company into administration
- (4) Investigation work prior to a formal insolvency procedure, or general advisory work

Pre-appointment work will be charged on the following basis

- Fees will be agreed with the firm's client in advance
- (2) A standard engagement letter will be produced and it will refer to the fees, disbursements and expenses policy, as a source of reference
- (3) In cases where (due to urgency or unusual circumstances) no engagement letter has been drawn up, all fees will be charged according to this schedule

### 2 Post appointment work

Post appointment work includes all work done as required by the Insolvency Act 1986 (as amended) and by the Insolvency Rules 1986 (as amended)

All post appointment fees and disbursements must be approved by

- (1) a general meeting of creditors, or
- (2) a meeting of a creditor or liquidation committee, or
- (3) both of the above, or
- (4) where there is a disagreement on the level of fees, by the procedure available in the Insolvency Rules 1986 (as amended)
- (5) in the case of an administrative receivership, by the debenture holder

#### 3. Scale charges

Where fees are taken on a realisation basis (other than a time charge basis) the scale charges are charged on the basis of the Scale Charges laid out in schedule 6 of the Insolvency Rules 1986, which is detailed as follows

The realisations scale

(1)	On the first £5,000 or fraction thereof.	20%
(11)	On the next £5,000 or fraction thereof	15%
(m)	On the next £90,000 or fraction thereof	10%
(iv)	On all further sums realised	5%

The distribution scale

(i)	Of the first £5,000 or fraction thereof	10%
(ii)	On the next £5,000 or fraction thereof ,	71/2%
(m)	On the next £90,000 or fraction thereof	5%
(IV)	On all further sums realised	21/2%

### 4. Realisation and distribution for secure creditors

The realisation and distribution fees for any secured creditor (other than an appointing debenture holder) are based on the Official Receivers scale charges as detailed above

### MAINTENANCE OF RECORDS

The MacDonald Partnership Plc maintains complete records on both time recording, disbursements and expenses to ensure accuracy of charges

### DATA PROTECTION

Confidentiality of information is an important concern for The MacDonald Partnership Plc. We are registered and comply with the data protection laws of the United Kingdom. Information about clients and creditors are held on databases. If you wish to know what information we hold about you please write to The Data Protection Officer, The MacDonald Partnership Plc, 4th Floor, 100 Fenchurch Street, London, EC3M 5JD to request details

### MONEY LAUNDERING

The MacDonald Partnership Plc is required, by law, to assist the authorities in eradicating the faundering of proceeds of illegal activity. We may therefore ask certain questions in respect of the source of funds or other monies provided, as well as the identification of clients. We may also be required, in certain circumstances, to report to the relevant authorities on any suspicious activity. We are not required to inform any party of any report made about them.