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# LIQ03 Notice of progress report in voluntary winding up



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Company name in full	BGS Architects Limited	bold black capitals.
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Full forename(s)	Lawrence	
Surname	King	
3	Liquidator's address	
Building name/number	Innovation Centre	
Street	99 Park Drive	
Post town	Milton Park	
County/Region	Oxford	
Postcode	0 X 1 4 R Y	
Country		
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Surname		another liquidator.
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# Presenter information

You do not have to give any contact information, but if you do it will help Companies House if there is a query on the form. The contact information you give will be visible to searchers of the public record.

Contact name Laura Bedwell Company name Antony Batty & Co. Thames Valley Address Innovation Centre 99 Park Drive Post town Milton Park County/Region Oxford Postcode 0 Χ 4 4 1 Country DX www.kwr.antonybatty.com Telephone 01235856321

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Please make sure you have remembered the following:

- ☐ The company name and number match the information held on the public Register.
- ☐ You have attached the required documents.
- ☐ You have signed the form.

# Important information

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# ✓ Where to send

You may return this form to any Companies House address, however for expediency we advise you to return it to the address below:

The Registrar of Companies, Companies House, Crown Way, Cardiff, Wales, CF14 3UZ. DX 33050 Cardiff.

# f Further information

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#### **BGS Architects Limited – In Creditors' Voluntary Liquidation ("the Company")**

#### Annual progress report to creditors and members for the year ending 13 October 2023

#### STATUTORY INFORMATION

Company name BGS Architects Limited

Company number 04075603

Trading address 274 Banbury Road

Oxford OX2 7DY

Registered office c/o K & W Recovery Limited

Innovation Centre 99 Park Drive Milton Park OX14 4RY

Former registered office 274 Banbury Road

Oxford OX2 7DY

Principal trading activity Architectural activities

Liquidator's name Lawrence King

Liquidator's address Innovation Centre

99 Park Drive Milton Park OX14 4RY

Liquidator's date of

appointment

14 October 2020

Change of Office Holder None

#### LIQUIDATOR'S ACTIONS SINCE LAST REPORT

It has been a little over three years since I was appointed as Liquidator of the above. I am therefore writing to advise you on the current position.

Since my last progress report, I have been reviewing and agreeing primary preferential claims with a view to paying a distribution. The claim received from the Redundancy Payments Service did not match my records in relation to employees' claims therefore I instructed employee and pension specialist, Clumber Consultancy, to review and agree the claim for distribution purposes. This has been finalised and a distribution will be paid before the end of December 2023.

There is certain work that I am required by the insolvency legislation to undertake in connection with the liquidation that provides no financial benefit for the creditors. A description of the routine work undertaken since my last progress report is contained in Appendix 3.



#### RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

My Receipts & Payments Account for the period from 14 October 2020 to 13 October 2023 is enclosed at Appendix 1. All amounts are shown net of VAT. I have reconciled the account against the financial records that I am required to maintain.

The balance of funds are held in a non-interest bearing estate bank account. The account is not interest bearing due to the level of bank base rate however the bank does include free banking transactions for the period of the account.

#### **ASSETS**

Realisations are as previously reported to creditors, save for any updates during the last period which are provided below.

#### **LIABILITIES**

#### **Secured Creditors**

There are provisions of the insolvency legislation that require a Liquidator to set aside a percentage of a Company's assets for the benefit of the unsecured creditors in cases where the Company gave a "floating charge" over its assets to a lender on or after 15 September 2003. This is known as the "prescribed part of the net property" ("prescribed part"). A Company's net property is that left after paying the preferential creditors, but before paying the lender who holds a floating charge. Any costs of the liquidation that are payable before the Liquidator has reached a position to make a distribution to the floating charge holder have to be deducted from floating charge realisations before arriving at an amount for the "net property" of the Company. As a result, the costs associated with realising floating charge assets, paying preferential claims in full, the general costs of winding up and the costs of confirming the validity of the floating charge will have to be deducted before the "net property" is calculated. The "prescribed part" that the Liquidator then has to set aside for unsecured creditors is:

- 50% of the first £10,000 of the net property; and
- 20% of the remaining net property

up to a maximum of £600,000.

An examination of the Company's mortgage register held by the Registrar of Companies showed that the Company granted a fixed and floating charge to NatWest Bank on 20 September 2004 which was registered on 24 September 2004. NatWest bank have submitted a claim in the sum of £40,000.

The net property of the Company is NIL after accounting for the costs of the liquidation and a distribution to preferential creditors. Therefore, the prescribed part provisions will not apply.

#### Preferential creditors

The statement of affairs anticipated £23,198.94 in respect of preferential creditors. Claims totaling £25,857.98 have been received.

#### **Crown Creditors**

The statement of affairs included £36,666.36 owed to HMRC in respect of their non-preferential claim. No claim has been received from HMRC in this regard.



#### Non-preferential unsecured creditors

Seven non-preferential claims have been received totalling £57,887.63. 12 claims, with a statement of affairs total of £56,997.37 are outstanding.

As there is no prospect of dividend to unsecured creditors, claims have not been reviewed or agreed for dividend purposes.

#### **DIVIDENDS**

#### Preferential creditors

Notice of an intended preferential dividend has been issued. Payment of 47.74p in the £ will be made before 31st December 2023.

#### Non-preferential unsecured creditors

There have been insufficient realisations to declare a distribution to non-preferential unsecured creditors.

#### INVESTIGATION INTO THE AFFAIRS OF THE COMPANY

I undertook an 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. Specifically, I recovered, listed and reviewed the Company's accounting records; obtained and reviewed copy bank statements for the 3 years prior to the Company ceasing to trade from the Company's bankers; and compared the information in the Company's last set of accounts with that contained in the statement of affairs lodged in the liquidation and made enquiries about the reasons for the changes.

As previously reported, I identified potential preferece claims which have been settled in full.

Within three months of my appointment as Liquidator, I am required to submit a confidential report to the Secretary of State to include any matters which have come to my attention during the course of my work which may indicate that the conduct of any past or present Director would make them unfit to be concerned with the management of the Company. I would confirm that my report has been submitted.

#### PRE-APPOINTMENT REMUNERATION

The creditors previously authorised the payment of a fee of £7,000 plus VAT for my assistance with preparing the statement of affairs and arranging the decision procedure for creditors to appoint a liquidator on 29 January 2021.

The fee for preparing the statement of affairs and arranging the decision procedure for creditors to appoint a liquidator was paid from the first realisations on appointment and is shown in the enclosed receipts and payments account.



#### LIQUIDATOR'S REMUNERATION AND EXPENSES

#### Liquidator's remuneration

#### Fixed fee

I was authorised to draw a fixed fee of £18,000 for my work in respect of Administration, Creditors, Realisation of Assets and Investigations. I have drawn £18,000 to 13 October 2023 all of which £was drawn in the previous reporting period in respect of work done for which my fees were approved as a fixed fee.

Further information about creditors' rights can be obtained by visiting the creditors' information microsite published by the Association of Business Recovery Professionals (R3) at http://www.creditorinsolvencyguide.co.uk/. A copy of 'A Creditors Guide to Liquidator's Fees' also published by R3, together with an explanatory note which shows Antony Batty & Co. Thames Valley' fee policy are available at the link https://www.kwr.antonybatty.com/remuneration. There are different versions of these Guidance Notes, and in this case please refer to the most recent version. Please note that I have also provided further information about an office holder's remuneration and expenses in the practice fee recovery sheet which can be accessed at the above web address.

#### Liquidator's expenses

Expenses are any payments from the estate which are neither an office holder's remuneration nor a distribution to a creditor or a member. Expenses also includes disbursements. Disbursements are payments which are first met by the office holder and then reimbursed to the office holder from the estate. Expenses are split into:

- category 1 expenses, which are payments to persons providing the service to which the expense relates who are not an associate of the office holder; and
- category 2 expenses, which are payments to associates or which have an element of shared costs. Before being paid category 2 expenses require approval in the same manner as an office holder's remuneration.

I have incurred total expenses of £14,721.64, of which I incurred £759.62 in the period since 14 October 2022. All expenses have been paid in full.

I have used the following professional advisors in the reporting period:

Professional AdvisorNature of WorkBasis of FeesClumber ConsultancyEmployee and Pension AdvisorFixed Fee

Clumber Consultancy were instructed to review and agree primary preferential claims received from employees and the Redundancy Payments Office. Their fees were agreed on a fixed fee basis of £700 plus VAT which have been paid in full.

The choice of professionals used 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 them. I also confirmed that they hold appropriate regulatory authorisations. I have reviewed the fees they have charged and am satisfied that they are reasonable in the circumstances of this case.



I have incurred the following expenses in the period since the last progress report:

Type of expense	Amount incurred/ accrued in the reporting period £
Pension Advisor Fees	700.00
Storage Costs	59.62

Details of the category 1 expenses that I have paid to date and in the reporting period are included in the receipts and payments account attached.

I am required to seek approval before I can pay any expenses to associates, or pay expenses where there is an element of shared costs, which are known as category 2 expenses. I have obtained approval to pay the following category 2 expenses. I have incurred the following category 2 expenses in the period since the last progress report.

Details of the category 2 expenses that I have paid to date are included in the receipts and payments account attached.

Nature of expense	Estimated expenses £	Expenses incurred to date £	
SIA Group	3,152.62	3,152.62	
Leslie Keats	9,500.00	8,830.00	
Clumber Consultancy	1,100.00	1,800.00	
Insolvency Bond	186.00	276.00	
Postage	167.92	126.48	
Land Registry Fees	6.00	6.00	
Courier	19.23	101.11	
Storage Costs	0.00	77.98	
Statutory Advertising	339.00	343.45	
Stationery	8.00	8.00	
Total	14,478.77	14,721.64	

As you can see above, while the total expenses I incurred were in line with the total expenses I estimated I would incur when my remuneration was approved, some expenses were higher than I estimated and some were lower than I estimated. The reasons for this are additional assets were realised than initially anticipated and further records were required to be collected from storage.

#### **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 their 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 unsecured creditors (including the creditor in question), apply to Court to challenge the amount of remuneration charged by the Liquidator as being excessive, and/or the basis of the Liquidator's remuneration, and/or the amount of the expenses incurred as being excessive, within 8 weeks of their receipt of this report. Any secured creditor may make a similar application to court within the same time limit.



Antony Batty & Co. Thames Valley uses personal information in order to fulfil the legal obligations of our Insolvency Practitioners under the Insolvency Act and other relevant legislation, and also to fulfil the legitimate interests of keeping creditors and others informed about the insolvency proceedings. You can find more information on how Antony Batty & Co. Thames Valley uses your personal information on our website at https://www.kwr.antonybatty.com/privacy.

To comply with the Provision of Services Regulations, some general information about Antony Batty & Co. Thames Valley, including information about our complaints policy, Professional Indemnity Insurance and the Insolvency Code of Ethics, can be found at https://www.kwr.antonybatty.com/psr.

#### **SUMMARY**

The Liquidation will remain open until the preferential distribution has been paid. I estimate that this will take approximately one month and once resolved the Liquidation will be finalised and my files will be closed.

If creditors have any queries regarding the conduct of the Liquidation, or if they want hard copies of any of the documents made available on-line, they should contact Laura Bedwell by email at laura@kwr.antonybatty.com, or by phone on 01235856321.

Lawrence King Liquidator

4 December 2023



# Appendix 1

**Receipts and Payments Account** 

# BGS Architects Limited (In Liquidation) Liquidator's Summary of Receipts & Payments

Statement of Affairs £		From 14/10/2022 To 13/10/2023 £	From 14/10/2020 To 13/10/2023 £
	ASSET REALISATIONS		
9,728.57	Book Debts	NIL	42,808.21
1,753.55	Cash in Critchleys Client Account	NIL	1,753.55
Uncertain	Contracts	NIL	NIL
5,645.00	Furniture & Equipment	NIL	4,766.67
	Petty Cash	NIL	10.76
	Settlement from Directors	NIL	2,727.52
		NIL	52,066.71
	COST OF REALISATIONS		
	Agents / Valuers Fees	NIL	3,152.62
	Courier	NIL	101.11
	Insolvency Bond	NIL	276.00
	Land Registry Fees	NIL	6.00
	Liquidator's Remuneration	NIL	18,000.00
	Pension Advisor's Fees	700.00	1,800.00
	Postage	NIL	126.48
	Quantity Surveyors Fees	NIL	8,830.00
	Statement of Affairs fee	NIL	7,000.00
	Stationery	NIL	8.00
	Statutory Advertising	NIL	343.45
	Storage Costs	59.62	77.98
	<b>C</b>	(759.62)	(39,721.64)
	PREFERENTIAL CREDITORS	,	,
(10,044.97)	Directors	NIL	NIL
(23,198.94)	Employees	NIL	NIL
,		NIL	NIL
	UNSECURED CREDITORS		
(48,027.28)	Directors	NIL	NIL
123,104.57)	Employees	NIL	NIL
(37,377.00)	Landlord	NIL	NIL
(14,646.88)	PAYE/NIC	NIL	NIL
(64,255.93)	Trade & Expense Creditors	NIL	NIL
(36,666.36)	VAT	NIL	NIL
,		NIL	NIL
	DISTRIBUTIONS		
(40.00)	Ordinary Shareholders	NIL	NIL
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340,234.81)	DEDDEGENTED DV	(759.62)	12,345.07
	REPRESENTED BY		40.005.07
	Non Interest Bearing Account		12,205.07
	VAT Receivable		140.00
			12,345.07

#### Note:

The company was registered for VAT and the receipts and payments are therefore shown net of VAT.



### Appendix 2

A Description of Routine Work Undertaken



#### Administration

This represents the work involved in the routine administrative functions of the case by the office holder and their staff, together with the control and supervision of the work done on the case by the office holder and their managers. It does not give direct financial benefit to the creditors, but has to be undertaken by the office holder to meet their requirements under the insolvency legislation and the Statements of Insolvency Practice, which set out required practice that office holders must follow.

- Case planning devising an appropriate strategy for dealing with the case and giving instructions to the staff to undertake the work on the case.
- Dealing with all routine correspondence and emails relating to the case.
- Opening, maintaining and managing the office holder's estate bank account.
- Creating, maintaining and managing the office holder's cashbook.
- Undertaking regular bank reconciliations of the bank account containing estate funds.
- Reviewing the adequacy of the specific penalty bond on a quarterly basis.
- Undertaking periodic reviews of the progress of the case.
- Overseeing and controlling the work done on the case by case administrators.
- Preparing, reviewing and issuing annual progress reports to creditors and members.
- Filing returns at Companies House.
- Preparing and filing Corporation Tax returns.

#### Creditors

Employees - The office holder needs to deal with the ex-employees in order to ensure that their claims are processed appropriately by the Redundancy Payments Office (RPO). The office holder is required to undertake this work as part of their statutory functions.)

Claims of creditors - the office holder needs to maintain up to date records of the names and addresses of creditors, together with the amounts of their claims as part of the management of the case, and to ensure that notices and reports can be issued to the creditors. The office holder also needs to deal with correspondence and queries received from creditors regarding their claims and dividend prospects as they are received. The office holder is required to undertake this work as part of his statutory functions.

- Obtaining information from the case records about employee claims.
- Corresponding with employees regarding their claims.
- Liaising with the Redundancy Payments Office regarding employee claims.
- Dealing with creditor correspondence, emails and telephone conversations regarding their claims.
- Maintaining up to date creditor information on the case management system.
- Issuing a notice of intended dividend and placing an appropriate gazette notice.
- Reviewing proofs of debt received from creditors, adjudicating on them and formally admitting them for the payment of a dividend.
- Requesting additional information from creditors in support of their proofs of debt in order to adjudicate on their claims.