Liquidator's Progress Report

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Pursuant to Sections 92A and 104A and 192 of the Insolvency Act 1986

To the Registrar of Companies

Company Number

04083929

Name of Company

Bentley-Leek Financial Management Limited

I / We Jeffrey Mark Brenner Trafalgar House Grenville Place Mill Hill London NW7 3SA

the liquidator(s) of the company attach a copy of my/our Progress Report under section 192 of the Insolvency Act 1986

The Progress Report covers the period from 16/11/2011 to 15/11/2012

Signed _____ Date ____ 14 1 13

B&C Associates Limited Trafalgar House Grenville Place Mill Hill London NW7 3SA

Ref 5120/JB/PW

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Bentley-Leek Financial Management Limited (In Liquidation) Liquidator's Abstract of Receipts & Payments

Statement of Affairs		From 16/11/2011 To 15/11/2012
	SECURED CREDITORS	
(46,300 00)	E Dervish	NILNIL
(10,222,27)		NIL
	ASSET REALISATIONS	
2,500 00	Plant & Machinery	NIL
23,000 00	Book Debts (confirmed)	4,701 46
Uncertain	Book Debts (not cinfirmed)	NIL
60,000 00	Balance from sale of Goodwill	24,602 42
Uncertain	Tax Refund	NIL
	Bank Interest Gross	3 59
Uncertain	Debtor - Bentley-Leek Properties Limit	NIL
	•	29,307 47
	COST OF REALISATIONS	
	Specific Bond	180 00
	Statement of affairs fee	12,500 00
	Office Holders Expenses	569 10
	Irrecoverable VAT	2,613 82
	Re-Direction of Mail	77 99
		(15,940 91)
	PREFERENTIAL CREDITORS	
(5,892 00)	Employee Arrears/Hol Pay	NIL
•		NIL
	UNSECURED CREDITORS	
(137,734 00)	Trade & Expense Creditors	NIL
(34,122 00)	Employees	NIL
(45,200 00)	Directors	NIL
(5,322 00)	H M Revenue & Customs - PAYE/NIC	<u>NIL</u>
		NIL
	DISTRIBUTIONS	
(10,000 00)	Ordinary Shareholders	NIL NIL

(199,070.00)		13,366.56
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	REPRESENTED BY	
	Bank 1 Current Account	13,366 56
		13,366.56
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Jeffrey Mark Brenner Liquidator

B&C Associates
Licensed Insolvency Practitioners

Our ref

JB/PW/[CVL522]/5120/6

Your ref

Date

14 January 2013

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TO ALL KNOWN MEMBERS AND CREDITORS

Dear Sirs

BENTLEY-LEEK FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT LIMITED - IN LIQUIDATION

Please find attached a copy of my progress report on the liquidation for the year ended 15 November 2012. I am licensed to act as an insolvency practitioner in the UK by the Insolvency Practitioners Association.

By way of reminder, I was appointed Liquidator of the Company on 16 November 2011at a meeting of creditors

If you have any queries regarding this report, please contact Paul Whiter on 0208 906 7730

Yours faithfully

J M BRENNER

LIQUIDATOR

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Directors JM Brenner MIPA FABRP N Joshi Principal Manager D Mapara FCA FIPA FABRP

JM Brenner is licensed to act as an Insolvency Practitioner in the UK by the Insolvency Practitioners Association

Directors and Principal Managers acting as administrators or administrative receivers do so as agents of the company without personal liability

B&C Associates is the trading style of B&C Associates Limited which is registered in England and Wales under number 7049129

Its registered office is 2nd Floor, 167-169 Great Portland Street, London W1W 5PF

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BENTLEY-LEEK FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT LIMITED - IN LIQUIDATION PERIOD 16 NOVEMBER 2011 TO 15 NOVEMBER 2012

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1 Introduction and Statutory Information

- I, Jeffrey Mark Brenner of B&C Associates Limited, Trafalgar House, Grenville Place, Mill Hill, London, NW7 3SA, was appointed as Liquidator of Bentley-Leek Financial Management Limited (the Company) on 16 November 2011 This report provides an update on the progress in the liquidation for the year ended 15 November 2012
- The principal trading address of the Company was St Nicholas House, 14 The Mount, Guildford, Surrey, GU2 4HN
- The registered office of the Company has been changed to Trafalgar House, Grenville Place, Mill Hill, London NW7 3SA and its registered number is 04083929

2 Realisation of Assets

2 1 Attached at Appendix A is my Receipts and Payments Account for the period from 16 November 2011 to 15 November 2012

Book Debts

The Book debts which had a book value of £152,000 and an estimated to realise value of £23,000 have realised £4,701 to date. Due to the lack of books and records, collection of the balance has proved difficult although the outstanding sums are being pursued.

Balance from sale of goodwill

The goodwill which had a book value and estimated to realise value of £60,000 was sold prior to the Company being placed into Liquidation. The Purchasing Company is Harding Financial Limited. To date, the sum of £24,602 has been realised. The sales agreement stipulated that the consideration would be paid over a three year period following completion which was on 17 October 2011. Following the date of Liquidation, the Liquidator instructed professional agents, James Owen & Co. Limited to value the goodwill. They confirmed that the sum due should be accepted by the Liquidator.

Tax refund

The tax refund of £73,000 had an uncertain estimated to realise value as it related to corporation tax charged to the Company since 2005 and disputed by the Directors The Company's accountant has confirmed that any corporation tax refund is now unlikely

Debtor- Bentley-Leek Properties Limited

The debt due from Bentley-Leek Properties Limited of £105,000 had an uncertain realisable value. Bentley-Leek Properties Limited was placed into Administration on 29 September 2011 and then proceeded into Creditors Voluntary Liquidation on 20 September 2012. The Joint Administrators final Progress Report indicates that there is little prospect of a dividend becoming available to the unsecured creditors. It should also be noted that the Joint Administrators of Bentley-Leek Properties Limited have submitted a claim against Bentley-Leek Financial Management Limited ("the Company") in the sum of £287,180.

Bank Interest

- 2.6 The sum of £3 59 represents bank interest earned during the first year of the Liquidation
- As reported in 2 3 above, in accordance with Statement of Insolvency Practice No 13 (SIP13), I would advise you that the following assets were sold prior to Liquidation to Harding Financial Limited Whist there are no common Directors or shareholders, the sole Director of Harding Financial Limited, Alexander Simpson, was previously an employee of the Company Harding Financial Limited also employs the former employees of the Company

Date of transaction	Asset involved and nature of transaction	Consideration Paid and Date	Sold to	Relationship
17 October 2011	Purchase of goodwill	£60,000 to be paid within 3 years of completion As at 15 November 2012, the sum of £24,602 42 has been received to date	Harding Financial Limited	The Director of Harding Financial Limited is a former employee of the Company

I am not aware whether the Purchaser was independently advised

3 Investigations

- In accordance with the Company Directors Disqualification Act 1986 I have submitted a report on the conduct of the Directors of the Company to the Department for Business Innovation & Skills (BIS) As this is a confidential report, I am not able to disclose the contents
- Shortly after appointment, I made an initial assessment of whether there could be any matters that might lead to recoveries for the estate and what further investigations may be appropriate. This assessment took into account information provided by creditors either at the initial meeting or as a response to my request to complete an investigation questionnaire. My investigations revealed the following issues

Director's overdrawn Loan Account

The Company's amended accounts for the year ended 31 December 2010 disclosed a Director's loan of £248,257 The Director has refuted in full that the sum is due and has stated that he did not agree the contents of the accounts Investigations into this matter are ongoing

Failure to deliver books and records

The Directors have generally co-operated with the Liquidator but they have only delivered a minimal amount of books and records. This has hampered the Liquidator's ability to investigate the affairs of the Company fully. The Company's accountant has recently provided the Liquidator with the Company's Nominal Ledger.

Mis-selling to investors and misleading advice given

The Financial Services Authority ("FSA") and Financial Ombudsman have received a considerable number of complaints from investors complaining of the mis-selling of policies and misleading advice given resulting in a material loss to individuals. This matter is being dealt with directly by the FSA

4 Creditors

Secured Creditors

National Westminster Bank PLC ("the Bank") has a fixed and floating charge debenture over the assets of the Company which was created on 08 October 2001 and registered on 13 October 2001 The Bank's claim in the sum of £46,600 was discharged in full by Elaine Dervish who is the wife of the Director, Mustafa Dervish However, the Liquidator instructed solicitors in respect of the Bank's debenture, who concluded that the debenture was in fact invalid as it required the

signature of a Director and Company Secretary or two Directors. The debenture was only signed by one Director. Therefore, she has discharged the liability in full and as the debenture was invalid, she in turn only has an unsecured claim against the Company.

Preferential Creditors

- 4 2 Preferential claims have been received in the Liquidation which are very similar to the statement of affairs estimates
- 4 3 A summary of preferential claims is detailed below

	Agreed	Statement	of
	Claim	Affairs	
	£	£	
Employee Claims / DBIS	5,765 31	5,892	
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Unsecured Creditors

- I have received claims totalling £513,077 44 from 34 creditors. I have yet to receive claims from 18 creditors whose debts total £89,154 as per the director's statement of affairs.
- I would confirm that at present, it is uncertain whether there will be funds available to enable a dividend to the Unsecured Creditors. This is entirely dependent on realisations of the balance of the goodwill and book debts.

5 Liquidator's Remuneration

- The Creditors 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
- My time costs for the period from 16 November 2011 to 15 November 2012 are £21,247 50. This represents 83 5 hours at an average rate of £254 46 per hour Attached as Appendix C is a Time Analysis which provides details of the activity costs incurred by staff grade during this period in respect of the costs fixed by reference to time properly spent by me in managing the Liquidation. As at 15 November 2012, no remuneration had been drawn. However as at the date of this Report, the Liquidator has drawn £7,000 plus VAT on account, which is not reflected in the enclosed Receipts and Payments account.

- 5 3 The time spent on this case relates to the following matters -
 - Attending to correspondence and telephone calls with creditors
 - Recording and acknowledging creditor claims
 - Investigation into the affairs of the Company
 - Preparation and submission of statutory reports to the Department of Business Innovation & Skills
 - Updating the insolvency computer system
 - Case reviews and statutory compliance which includes submissions to Companies House
 - Liaising with valuation agents
 - Corresponding with HM Revenue & Customs and the Company's former accountant in respect of the Company's tax position

A copy of 'A Creditors' Guide to Liquidators' Fees' is available on request or can be downloaded from www.insolvency-practitioners.org uk/uploads/Liq pdf

Attached as Appendix C is additional information in relation to this firm's policy on staffing, the use of subcontractors, disbursements and details of our current charge-out rates by staff grade.

6 Liquidator's Expenses

6 1 Statement of Affairs Fee

The sum of £12,500 plus VAT relates to assistance given to the Directors of the Company in notifying and convening the members and creditors meetings under Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, and the preparation of the Statement of Affairs and Directors' Report to Creditors This fee was approved at the first meeting of creditors

6 2 Office Holders Expenses

Disbursements have been incurred in accordance with SIP9, these disbursements are defined by two categories. Category 1 disbursements relate to direct expenses and Category 2 disbursements relate to indirect expenses, further details of these disbursements are attached at Appendix C.

The table below sets out the disbursements incurred and paid from the date of my appointment to date -

	Expenses Incurred	Expenses Paid
	£	£
Category 1 Disbursements	-	
Statutory Advertising	195 00	195 00
Records Storage	18 70	18 70
Companies House – Statutory Products	37 00	37 00
•	250 70	250 70
Category 2 Disbursements		
Meeting Rooms	52 50	52 50
Registered Office fee	50 00	50 00
Initial case set up cost	10 00	10 00
IPS Accounting system charge	15 00	15 00
Telephone	10 00	10 00
Circularisation to creditors & others	180 90	180.90
	318 40	318 40

6 3 Specific Bond

Fees totalling £180 00 were incurred in this regard. This is a statutory expense in all insolvency procedures

6.4 Re-Direction of Mail

The sum of £77 99 represents re-direction of mail for 12 months from the date of Liquidation

Irrecoverable VAT

The Company is not registered for VAT and therefore, any VAT incurred is not recoverable

7 Creditors' rights

- 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
- 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 circumstances, the basis fixed for the Liquidator's remuneration, the remuneration charged or the expenses incurred by the Liquidator as set out in this progress report are excessive

8 Next Report

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 write to all creditors with my final progress report ahead of convening the final meeting of members and creditors

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BENTLEY-LEEK FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT LIMITED - IN LIQUIDATION RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FROM 16 NOVEMBER 2011 TO 15 NOVEMBER 2012

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Jeffrey Mark Brenner Liquidator

BENTLEY-LEEK FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT LIMITED - IN LIQUIDATION TIME ANALYSIS FOR THE PERIOD FROM 16 NOVEMBER 2011 TO 15 NOVEMBER 2012

5120 Bentley-Leek Financial Management

SIP 9 - Time & Cost Summary Period 16/11/11 15/11/12

Time Summary

	Hours						
Classification of work function	Director	Manager	Other Senior Professionals	Assistants & Support Staff	Total Hours	Time Cost (£)	Average hourl
Administration & Planning	0 00	0 00	0 00	5 70	5 70	712 50	125 0
Case Planning	0 00	0 00	0 00	0 00	0 00	0 00	00
Pre Appointment	0 00	0 00	0 00	0 00	0 00	0.00	0.0
Appointment Notification	0 00	0 00	0 00	0 00	0 00	0 00	0.0
Maintenance of Records	0 00	0 00	0 00	0 70	0 70	87 50	125 0
Statutory Reporting	0 00	5 00	0 00	0 00	5 00	1,325 00	265 0
Administration & planning	0 00	5 00	0 00	6 40	11 40	2,125 00	186 4
Investigations	0 80	36 50	0 50	0 00	37 80	10,047 00	265 7
SIP 2 Review	0 00	0 00	0 00	0 00	0 00	0 00	0.0
CDDA Report	0 70	0 00	0 00	0.00	070	255 50	365 0
Antecedence Transactions	0 00	0 00	000	0 00	0 00	0 00	0.0
Investigations	1 50	36 50	0 50	0 00	38 50	10,302 50	267 6
Realisation of Assets	0 00	1 00	0 00	0 00	1 00	265 00	265 0
Ident Securing, Insuring	0 00	0 00	0 00	0.00	0 00	0 00	0.0
ROT	0 00	0 00	0 00	0.00	0 00	0 00	00
Debt Collection	0 00	19 50	0 00	0.00	19 50	5,167 50	265 0
Sale of Prop, Bus & Ass	0 00	0 00	0 00	0 00	0 00	0 00	0.0
Realisations of assets	0 00	20 50	0 00	0 00	20 50	5 432 50	265 0
Trading	0 00	0 00	0 00	0.00	0 00	0 00	00
Trading Management of Operation		0 00	0 00	0 00	0 00	0 00	0.0
Accounting for Trading	0 00	0 00	0 00	0 00	0 00	0 00	0.0
Trading On-going Employee issue		0 00	0 00	0 00	0 00	0 00	0.0
Trading	0 00	0 00	0 00	0 00	0 00	0 00	00
creditors	0 00	7 50	0 00	0 00	7 50	1,987 50	265 (
Communication	0 00	3 50	0 00	0 00	3 50	927 50	265 (
Employees, Claims inc, prefs	0 00	1 50	0 00	0.60	2 10	472 50	225 (
Creditors	0 00	12 50	0 00	0 60	13 10	3,387 50	258 5
Case Specific	0 00	0 00	0 00	0 00	0 00	0 00	0.6
Case Specific 1	0 00	0 00	0 00	0 00	0 00	0 00	0.0
Case Specific 2	0 00	0 00	0 00	0 00	0 00	0 00	0.0
Case specific matters	0 00	0 00	0 00	0 00	0 00	0 00	0 (
Total Hours	1 50	74 50	0 50	7 00	83 50	21,247 50	254
Total Fees Claimed					·	0 00	

BENTLEY-LEEK FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT LIMITED - IN LIQUIDATION ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IN RELATION TO LIQUIDATOR'S FEES PURSUANT TO STATEMENT OF INSOLVENCY PRACTICE NO 9

1 Policy

Detailed below is B&C Associates Limited's policy in relation to

- Staff allocation and the use of subcontractors
- Professional advisors
- Disbursements

1 2 Staff allocation and the use of subcontractors

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 constitution of the case team will usually consist of a Director, Manager, Senior and Assistant The exact constitution of the case team will depend on the anticipated size and complexity of the assignment and on larger, more complex cases, several Seniors/Assistants may be allocated to meet the demands of the case

On this case we have not engaged the services of any subcontractors

1 3 Professional Advisors

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 Addison	Bads of the arrangement
Speechly Bircham LLP	Hourly rate and disbursement
James Owen & Co Limited	Hourly rate and disbursement

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

1 4 Disbursements

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

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

1 5 Charge-out rates

A schedule of B&C Associates Limited charge-out rates from January 2013 is detailed below,

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B & C ASSOCIATES LIMITED DETAILS OF CHARGE OUT RATES & POLICY REGARDING THE RECHARGE OF DISBURSEMENTS – JANUARY 2013

The current hourly chargeout rates applicable to this appointment (excluding VAT) are

	£
Directors	365
Managers	265/325
Administrators	165
Assistants	125
Juniors	75

All time costs are charged in units of 6 minutes

Charge out rates, and rates for indirect expenses (see below), are normally reviewed annually in December with any changes taking effect from 1 January Charges take into account such matters as inflation, increases in salary costs and changes to indirect costs such as Professional Indemnity Insurance

Direct Expenses ("Category 1 disbursements")

Category 1 disbursements are defined by Statement of Insolvency Practice No9 (SIP9) as those which can be specifically identified as relating to the administration of the case and are charged at cost, with no uplift These include, but are not limited to, such items as statutory advertising, bond and other insurance premiums and properly reimbursed expenses incurred by personnel in connection with the case - typically travel costs

Indirect Expenses ("Category 2 disbursements")

Category 2 disbursements are also defined by SIP9 and relate to payments made by B&C Associates Limited, which include an element of shared or allocated costs Typical examples relate to photocopying and correspondence On this case the following costs may be incurred

	£	
Circularisation to creditors & others	2 70	per cırcular
Meeting Rooms	52 50	usage charge
IPS Accounting system charge	15 00	per annum
Telephone	10 00	per annum
Registered Office fee	50 00	one off charge
Faxes	0 40	per fax
Letters out other than circulars	1 00	per letter
Initial case set up costs	10 00	per case
Car Mileage	0 45	per mile