In accordance with Rule 18.7 of the Insolvency (England & Wales) Rules 2016 and Sections 92A, 104A and 192 of the Insolvency Act 1986.

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| 1 | Company details | | |
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| Company number | 0 4 1 5 9 8 4 1 | → Filling in this form Please complete in typescript or in | |
| Company name in full | Clear Environmental Contracting London Limited | bold black capitals. | |
| | | | |
| 2 | Liquidator's name | | |
| Full forename(s) | Gary | | |
| Surname | Thompson | _ | |
| 3 | Liquidator's address | | |
| Building name/number | 40a Station Road | | |
| Street | | | |
| | | | |
| Post town | Upminster | | |
| County/Region | Essex | | |
| Postcode | R M 1 4 2 T R | | |
| Country | | | |
| 4 | Liquidator's name • | | |
| Full forename(s) | Michael | Other liquidator Use this section to tell us about | |
| Surname | Kiely | another liquidator. | |
| 5 | Liquidator's address ❷ | | |
| Building name/number | 40a Station Road | Other liquidator Use this section to tell us about | |
| Street | | another liquidator. | |
| | | | |
| Post town | Upminster | | |
| County/Region | Essex | | |
| Postcode | RM147R | | |
| Country | | | |

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| 6 | Period of progress report |
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| 7 | Progress report |
| | ☑ The progress report is attached |
| 8 | Sign and date |
| Liquidator's signature | Signature X |
| Signature date | |

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 | Robert Cogan | | |
|---------------|---------------------------|--|--|
| Company name | Quantuma Advisory Limited | | |
| | | | |
| Address | 40a Station Road | | |
| | | | |
| | | | |
| Post town | Upminster | | |
| County/Region | Essex | | |
| Postcode | R M 1 4 2 T R | | |
| Country | | | |
| DX | | | |
| Telephone | 01708 300170 | | |

✓ Checklist

We may return forms completed incorrectly or with information missing.

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

All information on this form will appear on the public record.

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.

7 Further information

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Clear Environmental Contracting London Limited

(In Creditors' Voluntary Liquidation)

("the Company")

THE JOINT LIQUIDATORS' PROGRESS REPORT

20 March 2024

Gary Thompson and Michael Kiely of Quantuma Advisory Limited, 40a Station Road, Upminster, Essex, RM14 2TR, were appointed Joint Liquidators of Clear Environmental Contracting London Limited on 26 January 2022.

Gary Thompson and Michael Kiely are licensed to act as an Insolvency Practitioner by the Insolvency Practitioners Association.

This report has been prepared for circulation solely to comply with the Joint Liquidators' statutory duty to report to Creditors under the provisions of The Insolvency (England and Wales) Rules 2016 and for no other purpose. This report is intended for the statutory recipients. The report cannot be used or relied upon by any party other than for its intended statutory purpose.

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ABBREVIATIONS

For the purpose of this report the following abbreviations shall be used:

"the Act" Insolvency Act 1986

"the Rules" Insolvency (England and Wales) Rules 2016

"the Joint Liquidators" Gary Thompson and Michael Kiely of Quantuma Advisory Limited

"the Company" Clear Environmental Contracting London Limited (in Liquidation)

"EOS" Estimated Outcome Statement

"SIP" Statement of Insolvency Practice (England & Wales)

"Review Period" Period covered by the report from 26/01/2023 to 25/01/2024

"Whole Period" Period covered by the report from 26/01/2022 to 25/01/2024

1. INTRODUCTION

Introduction

This report has been prepared to provide Members and Creditors with an update on the progress of the Liquidation of the Company since the last report dated 25 January 2023

Given the information previously provided to Members and Creditors in our earlier report, detailed background information in respect of the Company has not been included and this report focusses on the progress of the CVL subsequent to that report.

A schedule of statutory information in respect of the Company is attached at Appendix 1.

Details of the appointment of the Joint Liquidators

Gary Thompson and Michael Kiely of Quantuma Advisory Limited were appointed Joint Liquidators of the Company on 26 January 2022.

The Joint Liquidators confirm that they are authorised to carry out all functions, duties and powers by either one or both of them.

2. THE PROGRESS OF THE LIQUIDATION

As per my previous report, the only matter that remained outstanding within the Liquidation was the completion of the investigations into the affairs of the Company. We can now confirm that during the review period, these investigations have now been concluded.

As a result, and following the completion of the annual report, the Joint Liquidators will be seeking their release from office within the next three months by issuing their final account to members and creditors..

In addition, I have undertaken my administrative fuctions in dealing with statutory obligations as part of the Liquidation

During the Liquidation, the work undertaken has not resulted in the realisation of assets, and some of the tasks undertaken do not provide a financial benefit for creditors and are required by statute or best practice.

The Joint Liquidators' Receipts and Payments Account

Attached at **Appendix 2** is a Receipts and Payments account covering the Review Period together with a summary of the transactions in the previous Review Period. In accordance with the requirements of SIP 7, the Joint Liquidators confirm that the account has been reconciled with that held at the bank.

The rest of this report describes the key developments in the Liquidation over the Review Period. A summary is provided of the main asset realisations during the Review Period and an estimation of those assets yet to be realised, together with details of costs incurred but as yet remaining unpaid.

Administrative, Statutory & Regulatory Tasks

The Joint Liquidators have met a considerable number of statutory and regulatory obligations. Whilst many of these tasks have not had a direct benefit in enhancing realisations for the insolvent estate, they have assisted in the efficient and compliant progressing of the Creditors' Voluntary Liquidation, which has ensured that the Joint Liquidators and their staff have carried out their work to high professional standards. Details of the tasks carried out during the Review Period are included in **Appendix 4**.

Realisation of assets

There have not been any asset realisations during the period covered by this report.

Estimated future realisations

No further realisations will be made.

Payments

No payments have been made in the period covered by this report.

3. CREDITORS: CLAIMS AND DISTRIBUTIONS

Secured Creditors

There are no secured creditors.

Preferential creditors

To date, no preferential claims have been received

Secondary Preferential creditors

In any insolvency process started from 1 December 2020, HM Revenue and Customs ('HMRC') is a secondary preferential creditor for the following liabilities:

- VAT
- PAYE Income Tax
- Employees' NIC
- · CIS deductions
- student loan deductions

This will mean that, if there are sufficient funds available, any of the above amounts owed by the Company will be paid after the preferential creditors have been paid in full.

HMRC was estimated to have a secondary preferential claim in the sum of £4,500.00.

Prescribed Part

Under Section 176A of the Insolvency Act 1986, where after 15 September 2003 a company has granted to a creditor a floating charge, a proportion of the net property of the company must be made available purely for the Unsecured Creditors. This equates to:

- 50% of net property up to £10,000;
- Plus, 20% of net property in excess of £10,000.
- Subject to a maximum of £600,000.

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.

Unsecured Creditors

Unsecured claims were estimated at £28,500.00 in the Director's Estimated Statement of Affairs and, to date, no claims have been received. At present, no dividend will be paid to unsecured creditors.

Notice of No Dividend/No Further Dividend

In accordance with Rule 14.36 and Rule 14.37 no dividend as no funds have been realised.

4. OTHER MATTERS AND INFORMATION TO ASSIST CREDITORS

Investigations

As reported earlier in this report, the investigations into the affairs of the Company have now been completed and the Joint Liquidators 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.

Further Information

To comply with the Provision of Services Regulations, some general information about Quantuma Advisory Limited, including the complaints policy and Professional Indemnity Insurance, can be found at https://www.guantuma.com/legal-information.

Information about this insolvency process may be found on the R3 website here http://www.creditorinsolvencyquide.co.uk>.

General Data Protection Regulation

In compliance with the General Data Protection Regulation, Creditors, Employees, Shareholders, Directors and any other Stakeholder who is an individual (i.e. not a corporate entity) in these insolvency proceedings is referred to the Privacy Notice in respect of Insolvency Appointments, which can be found at this link http://www.guantuma.com/legal-notices.

5. ETHICS

Please note that the Joint Liquidators are bound by the Insolvency Code of Ethics when carrying out all professional work relating to an insolvency appointment. Further information can be viewed at the following link https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/insolvency-practitioner-code-of-ethics Additionally the Joint Liquidators are also bound by the regulations of their Licensing Bodies.

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General ethical considerations

During the Review Period, no new threats to compliance with the Code of Ethics have been identified.

Specialist Advice and Services

When instructing third parties to provide specialist advice and services or having the specialist services provided by the firm, the Joint Liquidators are obligated to ensure that such advice or work is warranted and that the advice or work contracted reflects the best value and service for the work undertaken. The firm reviews annually the specialists available to provide services within each specialist area and the cost of those services to ensure best value. The specialists chosen usually have knowledge specific to the insolvency industry and, where relevant, to matters specific to this insolvency appointment.

6. THE JOINT LIQUIDATORS' FEES AND EXPENSES

A copy of 'A Creditors Guide to Liquidators' Fees' effective from 1 April 2021 together with Quantuma Advisory Limited's current schedule of charge-out rates and chargeable expenses, which includes historical charging information, may be found at https://www.quantuma.com/guide/creditors-guide-fees/.

A hard copy of both the Creditors' Guide and Quantuma Advisory Limited's current and/or historic chargeout rate and expenses policies may be obtained on request at no cost.

Pre-Appointment Costs

Quantuma Advisory Limited's fee for assisting the Directors in convening the procedure to seek a decision from Creditors on the nomination of a Liquidator and helping with the preparation of the statement of affairs was £4,000.00 plus expenses and VAT.

The fee was agreed and paid by the Director personally prior to the Company being placed into Liquidation.

Joint Liquidators' Fees

The basis of the Joint Liquidators' fees has not yet been fixed. Given that to date that no assets have been realised, we will not be seeking approval of our fees at this stage unless there are any assets realised with which to discharge them.

This firm's time costs for the review period are £2,715.00. This represents 10.60 hours at an average hourly rate of £256.13.

Total time costs to date amount to £8,221.50 which represents 33.30 hours at an average hourly rate of £246.89.

Attached at **Appendix 3** are Time Analysis which provides details of the activity during the review period and total time, analysed by staff grade for time incurred by Quantuma Advisory Limited.

The Joint Liquidators have not drawn any remuneration on account in respect of these time costs.

We believe this case generally to be of average complexity and no extraordinary responsibility has to date fallen upon me as Liquidator.

Joint Liquidators' Expenses

No category 1 expenses have been incurred in the period covered by this report.

No category 2 expenses have been incurred in the period covered by this report.

Information about this insolvency process may be found on the R3 website at http://www.creditorinsolvencyguide.co.uk/. A copy of 'A Creditors' Guide to Fees' together with Quantuma Advisory Limited current and historic charge-out rate and expenses policies may be found at http://www.quantuma.com/guide/creditors-guide-fees. A hard copy of both the Creditors' Guide and the charge-out rate and expenses policies may be obtained on request.

Sub Contracted Work

I have not utilised the services of any sub-contractors in this case.

Other professional costs

No other professionals have been instructed in the Liquidation.

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Creditors' right to request information

Any secured creditor, or unsecured creditor with the support of at least 5% in value of the unsecured creditors or with permission of the Court, may request in writing the Joint Liquidators to provide additional information regarding remuneration or expenses to that already supplied within this report. Such requests must be made within 21 days of receipt of this report.

Creditors' right to challenge remuneration and/or expenses

Any secured creditor, or unsecured creditor with the support of at least 10% in value of the unsecured creditors or with permission of the Court, may apply to the Court for one or more orders, reducing the amount or the basis of remuneration which the Joint Liquidators are entitled to charge or otherwise challenging some or all of the expenses incurred.

Such applications must be made within 8 weeks of receipt by the applicants of the progress report detailing the remuneration and/or expenses being complained of.

Please note that such challenges may not disturb remuneration or expenses disclosed in prior progress reports.

Future of the Liquidation

Once the work required to finalise the Liquidation is completed, the Joint Liquidators will consider seeking their release from office by issuing their final account to members and creditors.

Should you have any queries in regard to any of the above please do not hesitate to contact Robert Cogan on 01708 300 170 or by e-mail at robert.cogan@quantuma.com

Gary Thompson Joint Liquidator

STATUTORY INFORMATION

| Company Name | Clear Environmental Contracting London Limited |
|---------------------------|---|
| Trading Address | 22 Farriers Way, Temple Farm Industrial Estate, Southend-On-Sea, SS2 5RY |
| Proceedings | In Liquidation |
| Date of Appointment | 26 January 2022 |
| Joint Liquidators | Gary Thompson Michael Kiely Quantuma Advisory Limited 40a Station Road, Upminster, Essex, RM14 2TR |
| Registered office Address | c/o Quantuma Advisory Limited 40a Station Road, Upminster, Essex, RM14 2TR |
| Company Number | 04159841 |
| Incorporation Date | 14/02/2001 |

THE JOINT LIQUIDATORS' RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT AS AT 25 JANUARY 2024

| Statement | | 26/01/2022 | 26/01/2023 | |
|-----------|----------------------|------------|------------|-------|
| Of | | to | to | Total |
| Affairs | | 25/01/2023 | 25/01/2024 | |
| £ | | £ | £ | £ |
| | ASSET REALISATIONS | | | |
| - | None | Nil | Nil | Nil |
| | | Nil | Nil | Nil |
| | COST OF REALISATIONS | | | |
| | None | Nil | Nil | Nil |
| | | Nil | Nil | Nil |
| | CASH IN HAND | | | Nil |

SCHEDULE OF THE JOINT LIQUIDATORS' TIME COSTS DURING THE REVIEW PERIOD TOGETHER WITH A CUMULATIVE TOTAL

Time Entry - SIP9 Time & Cost Summary

6010081 - Clear Environmental Contracting London Limited All Post Appointment Project Codes From: 26/01/2023 To: 25/01/2024

| Case/Toation of Work Function | Partner | Manager | Other Senior Professionals | Assistants & Support Staff | Total Hours | Time Cost (£) | Average Hourry Rate (E) |
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| Total Disbursements Claimed | | | | | | 0 00 | |

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| Total Disbursements Claimed | | | | | | 0.00 | |

DETAILED NARRATIVE LIST OF WORK UNDERTAKEN BY THE JOINT LIQUIDATORS DURING THE REVIEW PERIOD

| ADMINISTRATION & PLANNING | |
|--|---|
| Administration & Planning | |
| Initial Statutory and General Notifications & Filing e.g. Advertising the appointment, undertaking statutory notifications to Companies House, HMRC, the Pension Protection Fund, preparing the documentation and dealing with other notification of appointment | Filing of documents to meet statutory requirements Advertising in accordance with statutory requirements |
| Obtaining a specific penalty bond. | |
| Recovering & Scheduling the company's books and records. | Collection and making an inventory of company books and records |
| Setting up electronic case files and electronic case details on IPS. | |
| General Administration - Dealing with all routine correspondence and emails relating to the case. | |
| Case strategy & completing file reviews at 1 month, 2 months & 6 months. | Discussions regarding strategies to be pursued Meetings with team members and independent advisers to consider practical, technical and legal aspects of the case Periodic file reviews |
| | Periodic reviews of the application of ethical, anti-money laundering and anti-bribery safeguards Maintenance of statutory and case progression task lists/diaries Updating checklists |
| VAT & Corporation Tax matters and returns. | Preparation and filing of VAT Returns Preparation and filing of Corporation Tax Returns |
| CREDITORS | |
| Creditors | |
| Dealing with creditor correspondence, emails and telephone conversations. | Receive and follow up creditor enquiries via telephone Review and prepare correspondence to creditors and their representatives via email and post |
| Dealing with HMRC/RPO claims | |
| Annual/Progress Reports | Preparing, circulating and filing progress reports. Disclosure of sales to connected parties |
| Initial Appointment Notification to Creditors - Preparing the documentation & sending out initial appointment notification to creditors | Preparing a fee estimate for inclusion with the report to creditors. |

| INVESTIGATIONS | |
|--|--|
| Investigations | |
| Investigating & Pursuing Antecedent Transactions | |
| CASHIERING | |
| Opening, maintaining and managing the Office Holders' cashbook and bank account. | Preparing correspondence opening and closing account |
| | Requesting bank statements |
| | Correspondence with bank regarding specific transfers |
| | Maintenance of the estate cash book |
| Dealing with cheque requisitions | Issuing cheques/BACS payments |
| Dealing with deposit forms | Banking remittances |
| Bank Reconciliations | |
| Preparing & Filing statutory Receipts & Payments accounts | Preparing and filing statutory Receipts and Payments ac at Companies House |

Ouantuma Advisory Limited
Schedule of Current Charge Out Rates and Chargeable Expenses

CHARGE OUT RATES

Staff Allocation & Support Staff

An objective and practical approach is taken to each case which includes active CEO/Managing Director's involvement from the outset. Other members of staff will be assigned on the basis of experience and specific skills to match the needs of the case. In accordance with the provisions of Statement of Insolvency Practice 9 (SIP 9), set out below are the current charge out rates per hour for the grades of staff employed within Quantuma Advisory Limited, exclusive of VAT.

| Grade of Staff | Rate from 23 June 2022 | | | |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------|----------------|--|--|
| | Regional Offices | London Offices | | |
| CEO/Managing Director | £495.00 | £665.00 | | |
| Appointment Taking Director | £450.00 | £560.00 | | |
| Director | £400.00 | £525.00 | | |
| Senior Manager | £345.00 | £460.00 | | |
| Manager | £325.00 | £395.00 | | |
| Assistant Manager | £295.00 | £360.00 | | |
| Senior Administrator | £250.00 | £310.00 | | |
| Administrator | £200.00 | £275.00 | | |
| Assistant Administrator | £160.00 | £210.00 | | |
| Case Accountant | £110.00 | £140.00 | | |
| Junior Administrator | £125.00 | £165.00 | | |
| Support Staff/Executive Assistant | £110.00 | £140.00 | | |

Work undertaken is recorded in 6 minute units in an electronic time recording system. Time properly incurred on cases is charged at the hourly rate of the grade of staff undertaking the work that applies at the time the work is done. Cases that are considered complex in nature are subject to a 25% increase on the published rates above. A full explanation of why a case is considered to be complex will be provided to creditors at the point fee approval is requested.

Time spent on casework is recording directly to the relevant case and the nature of the work undertaken is recorded at that time. The work is recorded under the following categories:

- · Administration & Planning
- Creditors
- Investigations
- Realisation of Assets
- Trading
- Cashiering
- Closing Procedures

On occasion it may be necessary to change the rates applicable to the work undertaken and if this occurs during the period of the assignment any material changes will be notified to creditors as part of the normal fee reporting procedures. Rates are likely to be subject to periodic increase.

The time of support staff and executive assistants is not charged to a case except when the initial set up is being performed or when a sizeable administrative task or appropriate ad hoc duty is being undertaken.

Details of historic charge out rates are available to review here or will be provided upon request.

Subcontractors

Details and the cost of any work which has been or is intended to be sub-contracted out that could otherwise by carried out by the office holder or his staff will be provided in any report which incorporates a request for approval of the basis upon which remuneration may be charged.

EXPENSES

Expenses are any payments from the insolvency 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 divided into those that do not need approval before they are charged to the estate (category 1) and those that do (category 2). The following details are effective from 1 April 2021. Details of historic disbursement charges are available to review <u>here</u> or will be provided upon request.

Category 1 Expenses:

These are payments to persons providing the service to which the expense relates who are not an associate of the office holder. Category 1 expenses can be paid without prior approval.

Examples of these expenses include, but are not limited to, the following:

| Category 1 Expense – effective from 1 April 2021 | Basis of Charge | |
|---|---|--|
| Professional Advice e.g. costs of solicitors, agents & valuers, pensions advisors, employment specialists etc | Typically on a timecosts or fixed fee basis – the basis of charge will be agreed by the office holder so as to represent best value and will be provided in reports to creditors. The choice of professional advisors is based around a number of factors including, but not restricted to, their expertise in a particular field, the complexity or otherwise of the assignment and their geographic location. | |
| Statutory & other Advertising | At cost incurred. | |
| Indemnity Bond | At cost of mandatory cover required in accordance with the Insolvency Act 1986 for each appointment | |
| Insurance of assets | At cost in relation to asset coverage requirements | |
| Travel | All forms other than mileage at actual cost | |
| Room Hire | All external venues at actual cost | |
| Record Listing, Storage & Retrieval | At cost incurred | |
| Printing & Postage costs of external provider. | At cost incurred | |
| Virtual Meeting Platform (from 6/4/17) | At cost incurred | |

Category 2 Expenses

These 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.

The term associate is defined in the insolvency legislation. Additionally SIP 9 directs that where a reasonable and informed third party might consider there would be an association, payments should be treated as if they are being made to an associate, notwithstanding the nature of the association may not meet the definition in the legislation.

Examples of Category 2 expenses include, but are not limited to, the following:

| Category 2 Expense – effective from 1 April 2021 | Cost £ |
|--|--|
| Mileage incurred as a result of necessary travel as per HMRC's approved rate (per mile) | £0.45 |
| Professional Services provided by non-insolvency service lines within Quantuma Advisory Limited or by associated Companies within the Corporate Group structure of Quantuma Advisory Limited | As advised to creditors on a case by case basis. |

The schedule is available for creditors to review at http://www.quantuma.com/guide/creditors-guide-fees.

VAT

With the exception of Individual Voluntary Arrangements and Company Voluntary Arrangements which are VAT exempt, the office holders' remuneration and expenses invoiced to the insolvency estate will be subject to VAT at the prevailing rate.

Creditors' Rights

Information about Creditors' rights can be obtained by visiting the creditors' information micro-site published by the Association of Business Recovery Professionals (R3) at http://www.creditorinsolvencyguide.co.uk. Details about how an office holder's fees may be approved for each case type and challenged are available in a series of guides issued with SIP 9 and can be accessed at https://www.quantuma.com/guide/creditors-guide-fees. Alternatively hard copies of these documents may be requested free of charge from Quantuma's registered office.