BRIDGEN ENTERPRISES PROPERTY LIMITED - IN COMPULSORY LIQUIDATION LIQUIDATORS' PROGRESS REPORT TO CREDITORS AND MEMBERS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 26 MARCH 2017

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In ongoing investigation is the only outstanding matter to be dealt with in the liquidation.

There are certain transactions which took place prior to the liquidation which require a thorough review. During the period covered by this report I have continued with this review, instructing solicitors where necessary to obtain information, documents, data and explanations from third parties.

STATUTORY INFORMATION

BRIDGEN ENTERPRISES PROPERTY LIMITED Company name:

Company number: 04525078

Registered office: Haslers, Old Station Road, Loughton, IG10 4PL

Former registered office: Old Station Approach, Pinner Road, Bushey, Watford, Herts,

WD19 4EA

Principal trading activity: **Investment Company**

Court name and reference High Court of Justice - 003216 of 2012

Joint Liquidators' names: Joint Liquidators' date of

- Removal:

- Appointment: 27 March 2013

Nicholas Nicholson

27 March 2013

Richard Hooper

15 April 2016

Stratford Hamilton

15 April 2016

Joint Liquidators' address: Old Station Road, Loughton, Essex, IG10 4PL

Actions of Joint Liquidators' Any act required or authorised under any enactment to be

done by a Liquidator may be done by either or both of the

Liquidators acting jointly or alone.

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LIQUIDATORS' ACTIONS SINCE LAST REPORT

My work during the period covered by this review has been focused on the ongoing investigation into certain transactions which took place prior to the liquidation.

I have instructed solicitors to assist me with recovering information and explanations from third parties.

There is certain work that I am required by the insolvency legislation to undertake work 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 A.

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

My Receipts & Payments Account for the period from 27 March 2016 to 26 March 2017 is enclosed.

ASSETS

At the date of my appointment there were no known assets to be realised. Accordingly there has not been any recoveries in the liquidation to day.

My ongoing investigations may identify claims which would constitute potential recoveries.

LIABILITIES

Secured Creditors

As previously reported, the company appears to have four outstanding charges registered at Companies House as follows:

- National Westminster Bank plc have a fixed charge in relation to a mortgage, however this is understood to have been paid in full from the proceeds from the sale of the relevant property.
- Five Arrows Commercial Finance Limited hold a fixed charge over all book debts and other debts of the Company that was created on 17 March 2003. They are not understood to have any outstanding indebtedness, however this has not been confirmed.
- Cheema Holdings Limited hold two charges. I have not yet determined whether there
 is still an outstanding secured balance due under this charge as no response has
 been received to correspondence.

Preferential Creditors

According to the Statement of Affairs there were no preferential creditors and to date no preferential claims have been received

Crown Creditors

The statement of affairs included £104,829.15 owed to HMRC in respect of VAT, however no claim has yet been received.

Non-preferential unsecured Creditors

The statement of affairs included unsecured creditors, not including HMRC, with an estimated total liability of £666,705.

Two claims, totalling £22,031, have been received from the Supervisor of Individual Voluntary Arrangements of the director of the company and his wife.

DIVIDEND PROSPECTS

Secured creditors

Until I can determine whether the secured creditors have any liabilities, I am unable to confirm the prospects of a dividend.

Non-preferential unsecured creditors

At present there are insufficient funds to allow for a distribution to be made to unsecured creditors. Any dividend to unsecured creditors will depend entirely on the successful receipt of funds into the liquidation. Due to the nature of any potential recoveries, I am unable to comment on the likely quantum or timing of any dividend at this time.

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.

My enquiries into these matters are still ongoing.

LIQUIDATORS' REMUNERATION

The Joint Liquidators were unable to obtain resolutions for their fees to be based on a time cost basis and therefore any fees able to be taken will be fixed on the scale laid down for the Official Receiver which is as follows:-

The realisation scale	
On the first £5,000 or fraction thereof	20%
On the next £5,000 or fraction thereof	15%
On the next £90,000 or fraction thereof	10%
On all further sums realised	5%
The distribution scale	
On the first £5,000 or fraction thereof	10%
On the next £5,000 or fraction thereof	71/2%
On the next £90,000 or fraction thereof	5%
On all further sums distributed	21/2%

My total time costs to 26 March 2017 amount to £29,132.25, representing 90.5 hours work at an average charge out rate of £321.90 per hour, of which £13,247.50, representing 31.35 hours work, was charged in the period since 27 March 2016, at an average charge out rate of £422.57 per hour.

I have not been able to draw any remuneration in this matter.

A schedule of my time costs incurred to date and in the period since 27 March 2016 is enclosed.

Further 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/. A copy of 'A Creditors Guide to Liquidators' Fees' also published by R3, is available at the link [https://www.haslers.com/services/insolvency/. Please note that there are different versions of the Guidance Notes and in this case you should refer to the November 2011 version. An explanatory note which shows Haslers's fee policy is enclosed with this report.

LIQUIDATORS' EXPENSES

I have incurred expenses to 26 March 2017 of £234.33 of which £55.13 was incurred in the period since 27 March 2017.

I have not been able to draw any expenses in this matter.

I have incurred the following expenses since my appointment as liquidator:

Type of expense	Amount incurred/ accrued in the reporting period
Statutory advertising	£180.33
Insolvency Bond	£10.00
Legal Fees	£44.00

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

Professional Advisor	Nature of Work	Basis of Fees
Moon Beever	Solicitors	Conditional Fee Arrangement

Moon Beever fees to 26 March 2017 are in the sum of £10,734.25, all of which was incurred since 27 March 2016.

The choice of professionals was based on my perception of their experience and ability to perform this type of work and the complexity and nature of the assignment. I also considered that the basis on which they will charge their fees represented value for money. I have reviewed the charges they have made and am satisfied that they are reasonable in the circumstances of this case.

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 Joint Liquidators' 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 Liquidators as being excessive, and/or the basis of the Liquidators' 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.

HASLERS

To comply with the Provision of Services Regulations, some general information about Haslers can be found in the attached summary sheet.

SUMMARY

The Liquidation will remain open until the investigations into the affairs of the company have been completed and any associated recovery actions have been fully resolved. Due to the nature of this case it is difficult to anticipate how long these actions may take.

Once outstanding matters have been concluded the Liquidation will be finalised and our 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 Glenn Adams by email at Glenn.Adams@Haslers.com, or by phone on 020 8418 3333.

NICHOLAS W NICHOLSON JOINT LIQUIDATOR

Appendix A

1. Administration

- Case planning devising an appropriate strategy for dealing with the case and giving instructions to the staff to undertake the work on the case.
- Convening and holding general meetings of creditors and members (as applicable).
- Dealing with all routine correspondence and emails relating to the case.
- 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.

2. <u>Creditors</u>

- Dealing with creditor correspondence, emails and telephone conversations regarding their claims.
- Maintaining up to date creditor information on the case management system.

BRIDGEN ENTERPRISES PROPERTY LIMITED (In Liquidation)

Joint Liquidators' Summary of Receipts and Payments

RECEIPTS	Statement of Affairs (£)	From 27/03/2013 To 26/03/2016 (£)	From 27/03/2016 To 26/03/2017 (£)	Total (£)
Petitioners Deposit		1,165.00	0.00	1,165.00
		1,165.00	0.00	1,165.00
PAYMENTS				
O.R. Remuneration Insurance Premium Bank Charges		2,235.00 53.00 264.00	0.00 0.00 88.00	2,235.00 53.00 352.00
		2,552.00	88.00	2,640.00
Net Receipts/(Payments)		(1,387.00)	(88.00)	(1,475.00)
MADE UP AS FOLLOWS				
ISA NIB		(1,387.00)	(88.00)	(1,475.00)
		(1,387.00)	(88.00)	(1,475.00)
			MNA	
			Nicho	las W Nicholson Joint Liquidator



Bridgen Enterprises Property Limited

Analysis of time costs from 27/03/16 to 26/03/17

			Time recorded (Hours)	ed (Hours)				
Categories	Partner	Manager	Senior Administrator	Administrator	Junior	Total Time	Total Sum of Charge	Total Sum of Average Hourly Charge Rate
Case Planning	1.30		2.60		1.40	5.30	1,292.00	243.77
Maintenance of Records		0.20	0.40			09:0	125.00	208.33
Statutory Reporting	2.10		0.70			2.80	1,207.50	431.25
Investigating Antecedent Transactions	21.95					21.95	10,551.00	480.68
	25.35	0.20	3.70	09.0	1.50	31.35	13,247.50	422.57



Bridgen Enterprises Property Limited

Analysis of time costs from 27/03/14 to 26/03/17

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			Time recorded (Hours)	led (Hours)				
Categories	Partner	Manager	Senior Administrator	Administrator	Junior	Total Time	Total Sum of Charge	Total Sum of Average Hourly.
Case Planning	1.75	06'0	9.80		2.20	14.65	3,415.75	233.16
Maintenance of Records	0.30	2.50			0.50	8.40	2,060.00	245.24
Statutory Reporting	2.10	2.30	17.90			22.30	5,559.00	249.28
SIP 2 Review			0.20			0.20	20.00	250.00
Investigating Antecedent Transactions	28.35	12.40	1.00			41.75	17,593.00	421.39
Communications With Creditors		0.05	0.80			0.85	171.50	201.76
Creditors' Claims (inc. Employees and Preferential			0.50			0.50	97.50	195.00
INS Cashiering		į		1.75	0.10	1.85	185.50	100.27
	32.50	18.15	35.30	1.75	2.80	90.50	29,132.25	321.90

PRACTICE FEE RECOVERY POLICY FOR HASLERS

Introduction

The insolvency legislation was changed in October 2015, with one or two exceptions, for insolvency appointments made from that time. This sheet explains how we intend to apply the alternative fee bases allowed by the legislation when acting as office holder in insolvency appointments. The legislation allows different fee bases to be used for different tasks within the same appointment. The fee basis, or combination of bases, set for a particular appointment is/are subject to approval, generally by a committee if one is appointed by the creditors, failing which the creditors in general meeting, or the Court.

Further 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 are available in a series of guides issued with Statement of Insolvency Practice 9 (SIP 9) and can be accessed at http://www.haslers.com/services/insolvency/. Alternatively a hard copy may be requested from Haslers, Old Station Road, Loughton, Essex IG10 4PL. Please note that we have provided further details in this policy document.

Once the basis of the office holder's remuneration has been approved, a periodic report will be provided to any committee and also to each creditor. The report will provide a breakdown of the remuneration drawn. If approval has been obtained for remuneration on a time costs basis, i.e. by reference to time properly spent by members of staff of the practice at our standard charge out rates, the time incurred will also be disclosed, whether drawn or not, together with the average, or "blended" rates of such costs. Under the legislation, any such report must disclose how creditors can seek further information and challenge the basis on which the fees are calculated and the level of fees drawn in the period of the report. Once the time to challenge the office holder's remuneration for the period reported on has elapsed, then that remuneration cannot subsequently be challenged.

Under some old legislation, which still applies for insolvency appointments commenced before 6 April 2010, there is no equivalent mechanism for fees to be challenged.

Time cost basis

When charging fees on a time costs basis we use charge out rates appropriate to the skills and experience of a member of staff and the work that they perform. This is combined with the amount of time that they work on each case, recorded in 6 minute units with supporting narrative to explain the work undertaken.

Chargeout Rates

Grade of staff	Current charge-out rate per hour, effective from 1 January 2017	Previous charge-out rate per hour, effective from 1 January 2016 £
Partner – appointment taker	375-510	375-510
Manager	285-320	285-320
Senior Administrator	195-250	195-250
Case Administrator	95-165	95-165
Cashier	100	100

Where necessary and appropriate, members of staff from other departments of the practice will undertake work on a case. They will be charged at their normal charge out rate for undertaking such work.

These charge-out rates charged are reviewed on 1 January each year and are adjusted to take account of inflation and the firm's overheads.

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

• • • • • • •	Administration and Planning. Maintenance of records Investigations. Realisation of Assets. Creditors. Case specific matters.
•	Statutory reporting.

In cases where we were appointed prior to 1 October 2015, most of our fees were recovered on a time costs basis and appropriate authority was obtained from the creditors or the committee as set down in the legislation. The legislation changed on 1 October 2015 and on new appointments we seek time costs for all categories of work

When we seek time costs approval we have to set out a fees estimate. That estimate acts as a cap on our time costs so that we cannot draw fees of more than the estimated time costs without further approval from those who approved our fees. When seeking approval for our fees, we will disclose the work that we intend to undertake, the hourly rates we intend to charge for each part of the work, and the time that we think each part of the work will take. We will summarise that information in an average or "blended" rate for all of the work being carried out within the estimate. We will also say whether we anticipate needing to seek approval to exceed the estimate and, if so, the reasons that we think that may be necessary.

The disclosure that we make should include sufficient information about the insolvency appointment to enable you to understand how the proposed fee reflects the complexity (or otherwise) of the case, any responsibility of an exceptional kind falling on the office holder, the effectiveness with which the office holder has carried out their functions, and the value and nature of the property with which the office holder has to deal.

If we subsequently need to seek authority to draw fees in excess of the estimate, we will say why we have exceeded, or are likely to exceed the estimate; any additional work undertaken, or proposed to be undertaken; the hourly rates proposed for each part of the work; and the time that the additional work is expected to take. As with the original estimate, we will say whether we anticipate needing further approval and, if so, why we think it may be necessary to seek further approval.

Members' voluntary liquidations and Voluntary Arrangements

The legislation changes that took effect from 1 October 2015 did not apply to members' voluntary liquidations (MVL), Company Voluntary Arrangements (CVA) or Individual Voluntary Arrangements (IVA). In MVLs, the company's members set the fee basis, often as a fixed fee. In CVAs and IVAs, the fee basis is set out in the proposals and creditors approve the fee basis when they approve the arrangement.

All bases

With the exception of Individual Voluntary Arrangements and Company Voluntary Arrangements which are VAT exempt, the officeholder's remuneration invoiced to the insolvent estate will be subject to VAT at the prevailing rate.

Agent's Costs

Charged at cost based upon the charge made by the Agent instructed, the term Agent includes:

- Solicitors/Legal Advisors
- Auctioneers/Valuers
- Accountants
- Quantity Surveyors
- Estate Agents
- Other Specialist Advisors

In new appointments made after 1 October 2015, the office holder will provide details of expenses to be incurred, or likely to be incurred, when seeking fee approval. When reporting to the committee and creditors during the course of the insolvency appointment the actual expenses incurred will be compared with the original estimate provided.

Disbursements

In accordance with SIP 9 the basis of disbursement allocation in respect of disbursements incurred by the Office Holder in connection with the administration of the estate must be fully disclosed to creditors. Disbursements are categorised as either Category 1 or Category 2.

Category 1 expenses are directly referable to an invoice from a third party, which is either in the name of the estate or Haslers; in the case of the latter, the invoice makes reference to, and therefore can be directly attributed to, the estate. These disbursements are recoverable in full from the estate without the prior approval of creditors either by a direct payment from the estate or, where the firm has made payment on behalf of the estate, by a recharge of the amount invoiced by the third party. Examples of category 1 disbursements are statutory advertising, external meeting room hire, external storage, specific bond insurance and Company search fees.

Category 2 expenses are incurred by the firm and recharged to the estate; they are not attributed to the estate by a third party invoice and/or they may include a profit element. It is not Haslers' policy to charge for such costs.

PROVISION OF SERVICES REGULATIONS SUMMARY SHEET FOR HASLERS

The following information is designed to draw the attention of interested parties to the information required to be disclosed by the Provision of Services Regulations 2009.

Licensing Body

Nicholas Nicholson, Stratford Hamilton and Dominic Dumville are licensed to act as Insolvency Practitioners in the United Kingdom by the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales.

Nicholas Nicholson and Stratford Hamilton are Members of the Insolvency Practitioners Association. Dominic Dumville is a Member of the Association of Chartered Accountants.

Haslers is also a member of the ICAEW Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales.

Rules Governing Actions

All IPs are bound by the rules of their professional body, including any that relate specifically to insolvency. The rules of the professional body that licences Haslers can be found at http://www.icaew.com/en/membership/regulations-standards-and-guidance/insolvency/insolvency-regulations-and-guidance. In addition, IPs are bound by the Statements of Insolvency Practice (SIPs), details of which can be found at https://www.r3.org.uk/what-we-do/publications/professional/statements-of-insolvency-practice.

Ethics

All IPs are required to comply with the Insolvency Code of Ethics and a copy of the Code can be found at http://www.icaew.com/en/technical/insolvency/insolvency-regulations-and-standards.

Complaints

At Haslers we always strive to provide a professional and efficient service. However, we recognise that it is in the nature of insolvency proceedings for disputes to arise from time to time. As such, should you have any comments or complaints regarding the administration of a particular case then in the first instance you should contact the IP acting as office holder.

If you consider that the IP has not dealt with your comments or complaint appropriately you should then put details of your concerns in writing to our complaints officer Jon O'Shea, Haslers, Old Station Road, Loughton, Essex IG10 4PL. This will then formally invoke our complaints procedure and we will endeavour to deal with your complaint under the supervision of a senior partner unconnected with the appointment.

Most disputes can be resolved amicably either through the provision of further information or following negotiations. However, in the event that you have exhausted our complaints procedure and you are not satisfied that your complaint has been resolved or dealt with appropriately, you may complain to the regulatory body that licences the insolvency

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practitioner concerned. Any such complaints should be addressed to The Insolvency Service, IP Complaints, 3rd Floor, 1 City Walk, Leeds, LS11 9DA, and you can make a submission using an on-line form available at www.gov.uk/complain-about-insolvency-practitioner; or you can email insolvency.enquiryline@insolvency.gsi.gov.uk; or you may phone 0300 678 0015 - calls are charged at up to 12p per minute from a land line, or for mobiles, between 3p and 45p per minute if you're calling from the UK.

Professional Indemnity Insurance

Haslers' Professional Indemnity Insurance is provided by Axis Speciality SE, of Willis Limited, 51 Lime Street, London EC3M 7DQ. This professional indemnity insurance provides worldwide coverage.

VAT

Haslers is registered for VAT under registration no. 978 0506 90.