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1 Company details

Company number	0	4	6	8	3	9	6	9
Company name in full	Mardom Corporation Limited							

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Please complete in typescript or in
bold black capitals.

2 Liquidator's name

Full forename(s)	David A
Surname	Ingram

3 Liquidator's address

Building name/number	30 Finsbury Square
Street	
Post town	London
County/Region	
Postcode	E C 2 A 1 A G
Country	

4 Liquidator's name ①

Full forename(s)	Ian
Surname	Richardson

① **Other liquidator**
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another liquidator.

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6 Period of progress report

From date	d	1	d	9	m	1	m	1	y	2	y	0	y	1	y	9
To date	d	1	d	8	m	1	m	1	y	2	y	0	y	2	y	0

7 Progress report

☒ The progress report is attached

8 Sign and date

Liquidator's signature

Signature

X 

X

Signature date

d	d	m	m	y	y	y	y
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4 January 2021

Dear Sir / Madam

Mardom Corporation Limited - In Liquidation (the Company)
County Court at Medway No 43 of 2017

1 Introduction

- 1.1 Following my appointment as joint liquidator of the Company with Ian Richardson on 19 November 2018, in accordance with Part 18 of the Insolvency (England and Wales) Rules 2016, I now report on the progress of the liquidation for the year ended 18 November 2019 and attach:

Appendix A, an account of the receipts and payments for the year ended 18 November 2019 and also for the whole liquidation to that date

Appendix B, Statement of Insolvency Practice 9 disclosure.

- 1.2 Please note that we are both authorised by the Insolvency Practitioners Association to act as insolvency practitioners. We are bound by the Insolvency Code of Ethics when carrying out all professional work relating to an insolvency appointment.

2 Statutory information

The Company's registered number is: 04683969.

The Company's registered address is: Grant Thornton UK LLP, 30 Finsbury Square, London, EC2A 1AG

The Company's former address is: Hollywood House, 76 Hollywood Land, Rochester, E3 8AR

3 Progress report

- 3.1 As reported previously, I have obtained and reviewed Company records from the Official Receiver (the OR) and engaged in correspondence with the Company's directors and third parties in order to further my investigations into the Company's affairs and identify any potential assets or claims in favour of the liquidation estate.
- 3.2 As advised in my previous report, initially I had identified an amount of £265,000 seized by HM Revenue and Customs. However, I subsequently determined the cash did not belong to the Company, but rather a third party, and as such, the Company does not appear to have a claim to the funds seized.

Company and third party records

- 3.3 The physical records received from the OR, the accountants, the solicitors and the previous supervisors of the CVA, contained minimal information about the director's loan account and did not provide a sufficient level of detail of the transactions.
- 3.4 I also received a physical computer from the OR, which was the computer the director of the Company, Mrs Devindero Deol, had provided to the OR following the liquidation of the Company. The hard drive of the computer has been imaged by the forensics team at Grant Thornton UK LLP and I have undertaken a review of the information held. As part of the review, a Microsoft Office Accounting backup file was identified. However, due to the age of the software (which has been discontinued by Microsoft for some time), the forensics team have not yet been able to access the information from the backup. Investigations in this respect are ongoing.

Director Loan Account

- 3.5 The Company's accounting records indicated that Mrs Deol had a director's loan account (DLA). I initially wrote to Mrs Deol on 5 December 2019, requesting supporting documentation in relation to the DLA. Despite sending various follow-up requests, I did not receive a response and I subsequently instructed Clarke Willmott LLP (Clarke Willmott) to write to Mrs Deol.
- 3.6 Clarke Willmott wrote to Mrs Deol in April 2020 and there has been protracted correspondence with Mrs Deol and her subsequently instructed solicitors, which has been further delayed due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Various attempts were made to arrange a remote interview with Mrs Deol, in order to discuss the various transactions and the Company's affairs, however, Mrs Deol and her solicitors did not respond to such requests.
- 3.7 I took advice from Clarke Willmott in this respect and subsequently instructed Clarke Willmott to prepare a draft application under section 236 of the Insolvency Act 1986 (as amended) against Mrs Deol, to compel her to provide this and other information in respect of the Company's affairs. After the end of the reporting period, this draft application and a further request for the outstanding information was sent to Mrs Deol's solicitors. I have recently received a response and I am currently considering the response received and possible next steps.

4 Creditors

- 4.1 There are no preferential creditors in this matter.
- 4.2 We have received unsecured claims totalling £2,199,647
- 4.3 Unfortunately, at this time there are insufficient funds available for a distribution to be made to creditors. Any distribution to creditors will be dependent upon future asset realisations into the estate.

5 Investigations into the affairs of the Company

- 5.1 The joint liquidators continue their investigations into the affairs of the Company and shall be pleased to receive from any creditor any useful information concerning the Company, its dealing or conduct which may assist us in our investigations into the Company's affairs.

6 Remuneration and expenses

- 6.1 On 15 May 2020, the creditors resolved that the joint liquidators' remuneration be fixed by reference to time properly spent by the joint liquidators and their staff in attending to matters arising with a fee estimate of £180,155 (plus VAT).
- 6.2 In addition to time costs, the basis of the joint liquidators' remuneration also be fixed on a percentage of realisations, according to the asset realised in the liquidation, being 15% of assets realised (plus VAT).
- 6.3 During the period from 19 November 2019 to 18 November 2020 (the Period) time costs were incurred totalling £30,901. This brings cumulative time costs as at the Period end to £100,821, none of which has been paid.

6.4 During the Period, I incurred expenses totalling £8,900, in respect of the instruction of Clarke Willmott and their time costs incurred. This brings the cumulate expenses incurred as at the Period end to £9,903. Clarke Willmott have not been paid anything to date.

6.5 Further details about remuneration and expenses are provided in Appendix B to this report.

7 Contact from third parties

7.1 Please be aware fraudsters have been known to masquerade as the legitimate liquidator. Fraudsters may contact creditors asking for an upfront fee or tax to release an investment or to enable payment of a

7.2 dividend / the release of money payable to the creditor. A liquidator would never ask for such a payment nor instruct a third party to make such a request.

8 Data Protection

8.1 Any personal information held by the Company will continue to be processed in accordance with completing the liquidation of the Company and in accordance with meeting our requirements under applicable Data Protection Legislation/law in the United Kingdom. Our privacy notice on our website (www.granthornton.co.uk/en/privacy) contains further details as to how we may use, process and store personal data.

9 Covid-19

9.1 This report has been produced during the Covid-19 restrictions. We have taken every reasonable step to ensure that the information is accurate, but if anything is incorrect or incomplete, we will provide an explanation and corrected information in the next progress report.

Should you have queries please contact Vilgaile Petrikaite by email on Vilgaile.Petrikaite@uk.gt.com or by calling Vilgaile Petrikaite on 0207 728 3163.

Yours faithfully

for and on behalf of Mardom Corporation Limited



David Ingram
Joint Liquidator

Mardom Corporation Limited - in liquidation
Summary of receipts and payments
from 19 November 2018 to 18 November 2020

	Statement of Affairs Per OR £	From 19/11/2018 to 18/11/2019 £	From 19/11/2019 to 18/11/2020 £	Total £
Receipts				
Balance from CVA		3.75	0.00	3.75
Cash seized by HMRC	265,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Petitioners Costs		1,660.00	0.00	1,660.00
		1,663.75	0.00	1,663.75
Payments				
OR Statutory Fees		11,000.00	0.00	11,000.00
ISA Account Fees		88.00	88.00	176.00
DTI Cheque Fees		0.15	0.00	0.15
Advertising - Other		71.15	0.00	71.15
VAT Receivable		14.23	0.00	14.23
		11,173.53	88.00	11,261.53
Net Receipts/(Payments)		(9,509.78)	(88.00)	(9,597.78)
Made up as follows				
ISA		(9,424.25)	(88.00)	(9,512.25)
Grant Thornton Loan Account		(85.53)	0.00	(85.53)
		(9,509.78)	(88.00)	(9,597.78)

Note:

Note that, as there have been insufficient realisations into the estate, Grant Thornton UK LLP has funded payment of the estate's expenses necessary to progress the case and to comply with statute. This is shown by way of a loan account in the receipts and payments account. The loan will be repayable as an expense of the liquidation in the same priority as attaches to the respective expenses comprising the loan. In the event there are insufficient realisations to repay the loan, Grant Thornton UK LLP will write-off the final balance when the liquidation is closed but reserves its right to recover such balance should circumstances subsequently permit.

Payments, remuneration and expenses to the joint liquidators or their associates (Appendix B)

Statement of Insolvency Practice 9 disclosure

Mardom Corporation Limited – In Liquidation

This appendix has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Insolvency Act 1986, the Insolvency (England and Wales) Rules 2016 (the Rules) and Statement of Insolvency Practice 9 (SIP9). In summary, it covers:

- Fee basis
- Work done by the joint liquidators and their team during the period
- Detailed SIP9 time cost analysis for the period and fees estimate variance analysis as at period end
- Statement of expenses and disbursements incurred in the Period
- Sub-contracted out work
- Payments to associates
- Relationships requiring disclosure
- Information for creditors (rights, fees, committees)

Fee basis of the joint liquidators

On 15 May 2020, the creditors resolved that the joint liquidators' remuneration be fixed by reference to time properly spent by the joint liquidators and their staff in attending to matters arising with a fee estimate of £180,155 (plus VAT).

In addition to time costs, the basis of the joint liquidators' remuneration also be fixed on a percentage of realisations, according to the asset realised in the liquidation, being 15% of assets realised (plus VAT).

During the period from 19 November 2019 to 18 November 2020 (the Period) time costs were incurred totalling £30,901. This brings cumulative time costs at the Period end to £100,821, none of which has been paid. A description of the work done in the Period is provided in the respective section below.

Work done by the joint liquidators and their team during the Period

We are required to detail costs of actual work done in the Period, including any expenses incurred in connection with it, as against any fees estimate provided. Our fees estimate was included within our report to creditors dated 19 December 2019. We are also required to provide narrative explanation of the work done. The following tables (narrative followed by numerical) set out this information for the joint liquidators’ fees incurred together with a numerical fees estimate variance analysis.

Area of work	Work done	Why the work was necessary	Financial benefit to creditors	Fees (time costs) incurred	
				27 hrs	£12,992 £/hr 470
Investigations					
Debtor/ directors/ senior employees	Corresponding with Clarke Willmott and the director/her solicitors in relation to the information requested	To obtain information about the Company’s affairs.	This work was necessary to help realise financial value for the benefit of the estate and for a distribution to creditors should sufficient funds become available		
Books & records	- Reviewing documents obtained from the OR and relevant third parties. - Liaising with forensics team in respect of accessing the information held on the Company’s computer. - Work undertaken by the forensics team in imaging the hard drive of the Company’s computer and investigating solutions of how to access the information from the accounting backup.	- To identify assets or claims for the benefit of the liquidation estate. - To obtain supporting evidence for potential claims that may be pursued for the benefit of the liquidation estate.	This work was necessary to help realise financial value for the benefit of the estate and for a distribution to creditors should sufficient funds become available		
Claims	- Corresponding with Clarke Willmott regarding case strategy and information to be obtained. - Reviewing correspondence between Clarke Willmott and the director/her solicitors and discussing internally.	To determine strategy in obtaining required information, in order to identify assets of claims that may be pursued for the benefit of the liquidation estate.	This work was necessary to help realise financial value for the benefit of the estate and for a distribution to creditors should sufficient funds become available		
General	Reviewing investigations being undertaken and correspondence with the director.	To identify assets available for the benefit of the liquidation estate.	This work was necessary to help realise financial value for the benefit of the estate and for a distribution to creditors should sufficient funds become available		

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Creditors		<1 hrs	£136 £/hr 340
Unsecured	- Reviewing progress report to creditors. - To comply with statutory duties of updating creditors on the progress of the liquidation.	This work was necessary for administrative purposes and/or complying with statutory requirements and it had no direct financial benefit to the estate	
Administration		63 hrs	£17,914 £/hr 286
Case management	- Undertaking regular reviews of case strategy and case matters. - Completing internal review reports on case progress. - To ensure the case is efficiently managed. - To identify and pursue the most efficient route to assets. - To ensure that the estimated costs to realise assets is appropriate to the value of those assets.	This work was necessary to help realise financial value for the benefit of the estate and for a distribution to creditors should sufficient funds become available	
Reports to creditors, notices & decisions	- Sending reports, notices and requesting decisions from the creditors - To comply with statutory duties of updating creditors on the progress of the liquidation.	This work was necessary for administrative purposes and/or complying with statutory requirements and it had no direct financial benefit to the estate	
Treasury, billing & funding	- Maintaining the liquidation estate's cashbook and bank account - To comply with the statutory and regulatory duties of operating a separate estate account.	This work was necessary to discharge the office holders' duties. As explained under 'Why the work was necessary', although it did not add financial value to the estate it adds value to the insolvency process	
Tax	- Reviewing the liquidation estate's tax position - To comply with statutory duties	This work was necessary for administrative purposes and/or complying with statutory requirements and it had no direct financial benefit to the estate	
Total fees incurred in the Period		90 hrs	£30,961 £/hr 343

Detailed SIP9 time cost analysis for the period and fees estimate variance analysis as at period end

Period from 19/11/2019 to 18/11/2020

Area of work	Partner		Manager		Executive		Administrator		Period total		Cumulative total as at period		Fees Estimate		Variance				
	Hrs	£	Hrs	£	Hrs	£	Hrs	£	Hrs	£	Hrs	£	Hrs	£	Hrs	£			
Investigations:																			
Debtor / director / senior employees	4.50	3,375.00	1.30	601.75	-	-	-	-	5.80	3,976.75	685.65	9.70	5,233.00	539.48	23.00	6,930.00	301.30	1,697.00	(238.18)
Books & records	-	-	3.60	1,464.00	-	-	0.20	36.00	3.80	1,500.00	394.74	3.80	1,500.00	394.74	-	-	-	(1,500.00)	(394.74)
Claims	-	-	13.45	5,672.50	2.20	759.00	0.85	178.40	16.50	6,609.90	400.60	16.50	6,609.90	400.60	119.00	33,700.00	283.19	27,090.10	(117.41)
General	1.10	825.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.10	825.00	750.00	170.85	42,237.75	247.22	231.00	64,100.00	277.49	21,862.25	30.27
Creditors:																			
Unsecured	-	-	0.40	136.00	-	-	-	-	0.40	136.00	340.00	6.80	2,438.00	358.53	27.50	8,030.00	292.00	5,592.00	(66.53)
Administration:																			
Appointment formalities	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	62.70	17,913.76	285.71	148.80	42,863.01	288.06	234.50	67,395.00	287.40	24,531.99	(0.66)
Case management	0.60	340.00	10.20	3,900.80	0.30	103.50	9.75	2,333.35	20.85	6,677.65	320.27	0.10	18.00	180.00	11.50	3,635.00	316.09	3,617.00	136.09
Reports to creditors, notices & decisions	0.40	156.06	10.55	4,626.50	1.50	517.50	24.15	4,822.00	36.60	10,122.06	276.56	36.60	10,122.06	276.56	-	-	-	10,453.60	(23.71)
Treasury, billing & funding	-	-	0.05	23.75	0.55	99.00	0.90	162.00	1.50	284.75	189.83	14.75	2,742.75	185.95	23.00	5,060.00	220.00	2,317.25	34.05
Tax	-	-	1.00	464.50	-	-	2.75	364.80	3.75	829.30	221.15	16.75	3,889.30	232.20	31.00	9,570.00	307.72	5,680.70	75.52
Pensions	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.80	388.00	485.00	3.00	1,120.00	373.33	732.00	(111.67)
General	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	57.90	18,706.50	323.08	107.00	30,560.00	285.61	11,853.50	(37.47)
Total	6.60	4,696.06	40.55	16,889.80	4.55	1,479.00	38.60	7,896.55	90.30	30,961.41	342.87	356.45	100,881.66	283.02	635.00	180,155.00	283.71	79,273.34	0.69

Notes:

- Partner includes partners and directors
- Manager includes associate directors and managers
- Executive includes assistant manager and executives
- Adverse variances are presented in brackets
- Total time costs paid to date: £Nil

Mardom Corporation Limited

Statement of expenses and disbursements incurred in the Period

Appendix B

This table provides details of expenses and disbursements incurred in the Period in connection with the work done by the joint liquidators, description of which is provided in the 'Work done section above.

Category	Incurred in the Period (£)	Cumulatively incurred as at Period end (£)	Of which paid by the estate as at Period end (£)
Category 1 disbursements			
Bond (JLT)	-	510.00	-
Property Search (Land Registry)	-	60.00	-
Storage	-	333.23	-
Travel	-	28.85	-
Statutory Advertisement	-	71.15	71.15
Expenses			
Legal expenses – Clarke Willmott LLP	8,900.00	8,900.00	0.00
Total expenses and disbursements	8,900.00	9,903.23	71.15

Disbursements are expenses met by and reimbursed to an office holder in connection with an insolvency appointment and fall into two categories:

Category 1 disbursements

These are also known as 'out of pocket expenses' and are payments to independent third parties where there is specific expenditure directly referable to the insolvent estate; they can be drawn without prior approval and consist of the following categories:

- Travel and subsistence – these costs, which exclude mileage, are incurred by staff in attending trading premises or meetings, for example
- Office costs – these are costs such as postage or courier charges which are incurred in managing the case
- Statutory costs – these are costs such as bonding and advertising relating specifically to the case, which are required by statute

They also include expenses which have been paid using a Grant Thornton Loan, the balance of which (if any) can be seen on the joint liquidators' receipts and payment account at Appendix A.

Category 2 disbursements

These are expenses that are directly referable to the insolvent estate but not a payment to an independent third party. They may include shared or allocated costs that may be incurred by an office holder or their firm, and that can be allocated to the appointment on a proper and reasonable basis. Category 2 disbursements require approval in the same manner as an office holder's remuneration.

To the extent that recovery of category 2 disbursements is sought, this will be for mileage only.

Mileage is charged at 45p a mile. VAT is added as appropriate.

Sub-contracted out work

We confirm that, in the Period, we have not sub-contracted out any work that could otherwise have been carried out by us or our team.

Payments to associates

Where we have enlisted the services of others we have sought to obtain the best value and service. In the interest of transparency, we disclose below services we have sought from within our firm or from a party with whom (to the best of our knowledge) our firm, or an individual within our firm, has a business or personal relationship:

Service provider	Services enlisted	Cost of service
Grant Thornton UK LLP	- Tax work/advice (narrative is included within the above narrative of work done) - Pensions work/advice (narrative is included within the above narrative of work done) - Forensics work (narrative is included within the above narrative of work done)	Costs are included within the above SIP9 time cost analysis

Relationships requiring disclosure

We confirm that we are not aware of any business or personal relationships with any parties responsible for approving the joint liquidators' fee basis, or who provide services to us as joint liquidators, which may give rise to a potential conflict.

Information for creditors and members

Information to help creditors and members to understand their rights in insolvency and regarding officeholders' (ie administrators or liquidators) fees, and the roles and functions of committees is available via Grant Thornton's website:

<https://www.granthornton.co.uk/portal>

Alternatively, we will supply this information by post, free of charge, on request.