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

04744199

Name of Company

Aacorn Joinery & Design Limited

1/We Michael Durkan 17 Berkeley Mews 29 High Street Cheltenham **GL50 1DY**

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

The Progress Report covers the period from 02/08/2012 to 01/08/2013

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Aacorn Joinery & Design Limited (In Liquidation) Liquidator's Abstract of Receipts & Payments

Statement of Affairs		From 02/08/2012 To 01/08/2013
	ASSET REALISATIONS	
	Goodwill	33 35
2,300 00	Motor Vehicle	2,300 00
	Bank Interest Net of Tax	1_01
		2,334 36
	COST OF REALISATIONS	
	Specific Bond	60 00
	Liquidator's Expenses	169 51
	Agent's Fees re Valuation	100 00
	Statutory Advertising	180 00
		(509 51)
	PREFERENTIAL CREDITORS	
(1,183 69)	Employee Arrears/Hol Pay	<u>NIL</u>
, ,	. ,	NIL
	UNSECURED CREDITORS	
(14,279 62)	Trade & Expense Creditors	NIL
(11,732 13)	Employees	NiL
(62,146 00)	Director	NIL
(20,606 71)	Lloyds TSB Bank plc	NIL
(22,452 92)	HM Revenue & Customs - PAYE	NIL
(5,213 12)	HM Revenue & Customs - VAT	NIL
		NIL
	DISTRIBUTIONS	
(3 00)	Ordinary Shareholders	NIL
		NIL
		1,824.85
(135,317.19)		1,024.03
	REPRESENTED BY	
	Bank 1 Current	1,824 85
		1,824.85

Michael Durkan Liquidator

Aacorn Joinery & Design Limited in Creditor's Voluntary Liquidation

1st Annual Progress Report

7 August 2013

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1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 I write further to the creditors' meeting held on 2 August 2012.
- The purpose of this report is to detail my acts and dealings together with the conduct of the liquidation since that meeting

2. BACKGROUND

- The members' and creditors' meetings were held on 2 August 2012, when I was appointed liquidator of the company
- The company's registered office is 17 Berkeley Mews, 29 High Street, Cheltenham, GL50 1DY. The company registration number is 04744199.
- The company's former registered office was previously at Shires Yard, 18 East Road, Bridport, Dorset, DT6 4AA This was also the former trading address
- 2.4 The company's principal activity was joinery installation
- The main causes of failure were stated to be an ill-timed move in premises in 2009 at a time when the economic climate began to have a significant impact on the construction industry
- Despite continued injections of funds from the directors and staff cut backs, the company was not able to restore its position and pressure from creditors increased. The decision was ultimately made to cease trading and take steps to voluntarily liquidate the company.

3. ASSET REALISATIONS

Motor Vehicle & Goodwill

Requirement of Statement of Insolvency Practice (SIP) 13 – Acquisition of assets of insolvent companies by directors

- The company owned a Mercedes Sprinter van I instructed an independent agent, James Gregory of MGR Appraisals Limited ('MGR') to undertake a professional valuation of the vehicle. The estimated to realise value on the Statement of Affairs of £2,300 is the ex-situl market value based upon the following assumptions,
 - All figures expressed are net of all costs of sale and occupation of premises
 - A 90 day period for preparation, marketing and clearance
 - All the owned assets would be available for sale
 - The assets are fully marketed and exposed to the market place
 - The assets will be sold as a whole for removal or as individual items for removal at the expense of the purchaser
- In accordance with SIP 13, I am obliged to disclose the following information in relation to the sale of the assets
 - The date of the transaction was 2 August 2012
 - The assets sold consisted of the motor vehicle and the goodwill, as represented by the name, 'Aacorn'
 - The assets were sold to Aacorn Green Oak Limited for £3,000 plus VAT, apportioned as follows

	£
Motor Vehicle	2,300
Goodwill	700
	3 000

- The consideration was due in full within 30 days. Whilst an initial payment of £1,500 was received on completion, no further funds were received until February 2013 when payments began to be made intermittently as and when the company could afford to do so. As of June 2013 it was agreed that the purchaser would make regular payments of £200 per calendar month until the balance is cleared. This is expected to be finalised in December 2013.
- Derek Young, one of the directors and 66 67% shareholder of Aacorn Joinery & Design Limited is the sole shareholder of the purchaser
- Prior to completing a sale I discussed the offer to purchase the assets with MGR. They
 advised that the offer represented the best realisation of assets in the circumstances. A
 sale of the assets to Aacorn Green Oak Limited has resulted in significantly higher
 realisations than could be achieved at auction. The sale also avoided significant costs
 that would have been incurred if assets were removed and stored at an alternative
 location awaiting sale.

Miscellaneous Receipts

Bank interest of £1 01 (net of tax) has been received in the twelve month period covered by this report on funds held in the liquidation account

4. INVESTIGATIONS

- I have completed my investigations into the affairs of the company in accordance with Statement of Insolvency Practice 2 Tasks undertaken in respect of my investigations include
 - Analysis of bank accounts
 - · Examining validity of any security granted by the company
 - · Examining balance sheets and profit & loss accounts
 - Review of company books and records to include review of sales and purchase invoices
 - Receiving enquiries from and dealing with matters brought to my attention by creditors or other third parties
 - Making enquiries of and obtaining information from officers of the company
- These investigations have not led to the discovery of any potential actions that would lead to recoveries being made into the liquidation
- My report on the conduct of the directors was submitted to the Insolvency Service on 1
 February 2013 The content of the report is confidential and details will not be disclosed

5. CREDITORS' CLAIMS

Secured Creditors

5.1 There are no secured creditors in this matter

Preferential Creditors

The preferential claims of employees as recorded on the Statement of Affairs amounted to £1,183 69

- A claim in the sum of £1,534 49 has been received from the Insolvency Service in respect of preferential elements of claims paid to employees by the Redundancy Payments Office
- Employees are not required to submit claims to me for sums due as their claims are automatic. The balance of preferential claims of employees is £29.18

Non-preferential Creditors

- 5 5 Unsecured creditors, as per the Statement of Affairs totalled £136,430 50
- 5 6 A total of 11 creditors have submitted claims to date with an aggregate value of £49,944 69
- Please be advised that no work has been undertaken by me to date in respect of agreeing creditors' claims, as there is currently no prospect of a dividend becoming payable

6. DIVIDEND PROSPECTS

There have been insufficient realisations made to date to enable any dividend to be paid to any class of creditor. The further realisations due from the sale of the assets and goodwill will also not be sufficient to enable surplus funds to become available to creditors after meeting the costs and expenses of the liquidation.

7. COSTS AND EXPENSES

- 7.1 Details of payments are shown on the receipts and payments account at Appendix 1
- In accordance with Statement of Insolvency Practice 9 the Liquidator must disclose the time spent and charge out value, together with, where appropriate, such additional information sufficient to provide an explanation of the time spent and fees drawn
- A schedule of my firm's disbursement recovery policy and list of typical charge out rates for each level of staff employed in the administration of this matter is attached at Appendix 2
- At the meeting of creditors held on 2 August 2012 it was resolved that the Liquidator's remuneration be fixed in accordance with time charges incurred together with authorisation to re-charge category 2 disbursements
- 7 5 My expenses incurred in the twelve month period to 1 August 2013 amount to £169 51, all of which has been recovered in this period. Details of the expenses incurred and recovered from the funds held are as follows,

Category 1 Postage	Incurred £8 06	Recovered £8 06	Not yet recovered £0 00
Category 2			
Photocopying	£21 45	£21 45	£0 00
Mileage	£100 00	£100 00	£0 00
Facsimile	£10 00	£10 00	£0 00
Stationery	£20 00	£20 00	£0 00
Records storage	<u>£10 00</u>	£10 00	<u>£0 00</u>
•	£169.51	£169.51	£0,00

At a meeting of creditors held on 2 August 2012 it was resolved that payment shall be made out of the company's assets of the necessary expense of preparing the Statement of Affairs in the sum of £3,000 plus VAT. No funds have been drawn in respect of the Statement of Affairs fee to date

- Attached to this report at Appendix 2 is a time and charge out summary for the twelve month period to 1 August 2013. The hours charged to this case are in respect of the performance of the statutory duties of the Liquidator and attending to the matters detailed in this report.
- 7.8 Time costs incurred in the twelve month period covered by this report amount to £5,592.00. This equates to 35.20 hours at an average hourly rate of £158.86. No remuneration has been paid to date, therefore time costs of £5,592.00 are outstanding.
- An unsecured creditor may, with the permission of the court or with the concurrence of 5% in value of the unsecured creditors (including the creditor in question) request further details of the Liquidator's remuneration and expenses, within 21 days of 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 creditors (including the creditor in question), apply to court to challenge the amount and/or basis of the Liquidator's fees and the amount of any proposed expenses or expenses already incurred, within 8 weeks of receipt of this report. Any secured creditor may make a similar application to court within the same time limit.

8. CONCLUSION

- I shall be continuing my administration of the liquidation in order to monitor the monthly payments due in respect of the sale of the assets and goodwill
- When I have concluded all of the outstanding matters I will take steps to draw the liquidation to a close and a further report will be issued to you at that time
- 8 3 I shall be pleased to provide any additional information that you may reasonably require

Michael Durkan Liquidator Aacorn Joinery & Design Limited in Creditor's Voluntary Liquidation 1st Annual Progress Report 7 August 2013

APPENDIX 1

Liquidators' Receipts and Payments Account

Aacorn Joinery & Design Limited (In Liquidation) Liquidator's Abstract of Receipts & Payments To 01/08/2013

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APPENDIX 2

Analysis of time costs & Disbursement Recovery Policy

Time Entry - SIP9 Time & Cost Summary

AACOR01 - Aacorn Joinery & Design Limited Project Code POST From 02/08/2012 To 01/08/2013

Classification of Work Function	Partner	Manager	Other Senior Professionals	Assistants & Support Staff	Total Hours	Time Cost (!)	Average Hourly Rate (5)
							1-1
Admin & Planning	0000	7.70	000	7 40	15 10	2316.00	53.38
Case Specific Matters	000	00 0	00 0	800	. 60 . 0	000	8 8
Creditors	000	2 10	000	080	2 10	384 00	30 S
Investigations	000	650	000	7 10	1360	2 034 07	149 % 149 %
Marketing	00 0	8 0 0	000	000	8 0	600	8 8
Non Chargeable	000	000	000	80	3 8		3 8
Realisation of Assets	000	4 40	000		8 9	3 6	
Trading	90 0	8	3 8	3 ;	4 40	00 808	195 00
		800	900	000	000	900	80
Total Hours	00 0	20 70	00 0	14 50	35.20	5.592 00	158 86
Total Fees Claimed							
Total Disbursements Claimed						3	

Durkan Cahill Disbursements Recovery Policy

Category 1 Disbursements

Bordereau/insurance Charged at cost Case Advertising Charged at cost Courier Charged at cost DTI IVA Registration Fee Charged at cost Subsistence Charged at cost Land Registry/ Co Searches Charged at cost Postage Charged at cost Post re-direction Charged at cost

Travel Charged at cost for public transport and taxis

Creditor Gateway Filing Fee Charged at cost

Category 2 Disbursements

Fax £1 00 per page sent, based on the average

cost of consumables, maintenance, line

rental and call charges

Telephone Record of outgoing calls to be made, calls

charged at £1 00 per call made, based on estimated average cost of calls to land lines

and mobile networks

Photocopying 15 pence per copy irrespective of size,

based on the average cost of consumables

and maintenance

Room Hire £70 for room hire made available in house

for creditors meetings, based on the

cheapest external rate for room-hire used by

the firm in the last 4 years

External room hire charged at cost

Storage £5 00 per box per annum, boxes are

currently stored on the firms premises at 17 Berkeley Mews, 29 High Street, Cheltenham,

GL50 1DY

Mileage Car travel charged at 40 pence per mile

Stationery Initial case set up fee of £20 per case

Annual case/file maintenance charge of £10 These charges are based on the average costs involved in the purchase of files and

associated stationary

Durkan Cahill Staff Charge Out Rates

Principal £300 per hour Senior Manager £240 per hour £180 per hour Assistant Manager £150 per hour £120 per hour £60 per hour