

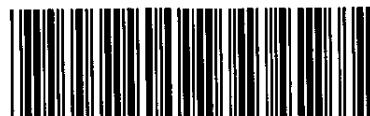
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Company number 0 4 7 5 8 3 4 4
Company name in full H C S Drain Services Limited

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2 Administrator's name

Full forename(s) Christopher J
Surname Petts

3 Administrator's address

Building name/number Rotterdam House
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County/Region
Postcode N E 1 3 D Y
Country

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Full forename(s) David J
Surname Dunckley

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

7 Progress report

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8 Sign and date

Administrator's
signature

Signature

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Signature date

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Joint Administrators' progress report for the
period 9 April 2018 to 8 October 2018

Prepared by: Christopher J Petts, Joint Administrator

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1 Executive summary

- This progress report for the Company's Administration covers the period from 9 April 2018 to 8 October 2018.
- Our proposals were approved on 14 December 2017 by deemed consent.
- The key work done in the period was: reporting to the secured creditors, updating employee claims following receipt of proof of debt from The Insolvency Service and statutory matters including obtaining fee approval and extension of the Administration.
- The return to the unsecured creditors is estimated at 30p in the £ (Section 3 – Dividend prospects).
- The Administration is currently due to end on 9 October 2019. It is anticipated that this matter will take a further ten months to be completed and for a dividend to unsecured creditors be paid. After this process is complete we will move the Company to dissolution.



Christopher J Petts
Joint Administrator

7 November 2018

2 Progress to date

2.1 Progress since our report dated 4 May 2018

As detailed in the Administrators' proposals dated 30 November 2017, the Administrators' strategy was to pursue the objective of realising assets for the benefit of preferential and secured creditors.

The main work carried out in the period since our previous report has been:

- reporting to the secured creditors
- updating employee claims following receipt of the proof of debt from The Insolvency Service
- statutory matters including obtaining fee approval and approval regarding extension of the Administration from the secured and preferential creditors, circulars to creditors regarding fee estimate and also advising of the extension of Administration

all of which is reflected in the SIP9 information (Appendix B)

Dividend distributions have not, as yet, been made and the case has not been progressed to closure.

We have now received the outcome of the Employment Tribunal (ET) Hearing which was held on 1 October 2018, but await further documentation from The Insolvency Service. Once this has been received we will look to advertise for creditor claims and commence the dividend distribution process.

2.2 Trading

As you will note from the SIP9 information at Appendix B a small amount of time has been charged to trading. Whilst the Company ceased trading on the day of appointment (9 October 2017) time was incurred on site at the Group Head Office by the Administrators' staff effecting an orderly wind down of the business.

2.3 Extension of the Administration

The duration of an Administration is restricted to twelve months from the date of commencement, unless it is extended with the permission of the creditors or the Court.

Creditors were advised on 4 October 2018 that a twelve month extension to the Administration had been approved by the secured and preferential creditors. The extension was requested as the ET had yet to make a Judgment in respect of the Protective Award (PA) claims. A Hearing had been scheduled by the ET for Monday 1 October 2018, and therefore, the outcome would not have been known to allow the case to have been closed ahead of the twelve month anniversary of appointment

2.4 Realisation of assets

As advised in the previous progress report all assets have now been realised

3 Creditors

3.1 Secured creditors

HSBC Bank plc was granted a fixed and floating charge debenture over the Company's assets on 15 July 2010. HSBC Bank plc was also granted a fixed charge chattels mortgage over the Company's assets on 6 July 2015. At the date of Administration the total balance due, secured by the debenture and chattels mortgage, was £5,569,245.

Merino Industries Ltd (as Security Agent) was granted a fixed and floating charge over the Company's assets on 28 July 2017. At the date of Administration, the balance due secured by this charge was £1,000,000.

DLA Piper UK LLP was engaged to provide legal advice to the Administrators on the validity of the security. No issues were identified.

To date, a distribution of £45,000.00 has been paid to HSBC Bank plc under its security. There is likely to be a shortfall to the secured creditor.

There will be no funds to enable a distribution to Merino Industries Ltd, whose security ranks behind that of HSBC Bank plc.

HSBC Equipment Finance (UK) Limited had a hire purchase agreement for two assets. These have been realised and a distribution of £34,000 has been paid to HSBC Equipment Finance (UK) Limited under the agreement. This creditor has been repaid in full.

3.2 Preferential creditors

Preferential creditor claims consist of employee claims for wages and holiday pay, up to certain statutory limits. A significant element of these claims will be subrogated to the Secretary of State, following payment of claims by the Redundancy Payments Service (RPS).

There were 29 employees at the date of appointment, all of whom have subsequently been made redundant.

The estimated preferential claim is £19,144.21.

We estimate that the preferential creditors will be paid a dividend of 100p in the £. Payment of a dividend to the preferential creditors is estimated to take place in the next couple of months.

3.3 Prescribed part – unsecured creditors

In accordance with section 176A of the Insolvency Act 1986, a prescribed part is to be set aside from the floating charge assets and made available to the unsecured creditors of the Company. The prescribed part calculation is applied to the net property available and is calculated at 50% of the first £10,000 of net realisations and 20% of all further amounts, up to a maximum prescribed part of £600,000.

We calculate the prescribed part at £28,625, which would represent a 30p in the £ dividend to the unsecured creditors based on the creditor balance in the statement of affairs prepared by the directors.

The statement of affairs prepared by the directors details 41 unsecured creditors totaling £78,551

The above figure does not include employee claims

4 Investigations into the affairs of the Company

4.1 Statutory investigations

As advised in our report dated 4 May 2018, based on the outcome of our investigations into the affairs of the Company to date, there are no matters identified that need to be reported to the creditors. However, we would be pleased to receive from any creditor any useful information concerning the Company, its dealing or conduct which may assist us.

5 Fees and costs

5.1 SIP9 disclosures

For information regarding payments, remuneration and expenses to us or our associates, please refer to the respective 'Statement of Insolvency Practice 9 disclosure' at Appendix B to this report, which covers.

- *pre-appointment costs*
- *fee basis*
- *work done by us and our team during the period*
- *hourly charge out rates*
- *disbursements and expenses*
- *sub-contracted out work*
- *payments to associates*
- *relationships requiring disclosure*
- *information for creditors (rights, fees, committees)*

6 Future strategy

6.1 Future conduct of the Administrators

We will continue to manage the affairs, business and property of the Company in order to achieve the purpose of the Administration. This will include but not be limited to.

- payment of Administration expenses, including our remuneration
- agreeing the claims of the preferential and unsecured creditors and payment of dividends,
- paying a final distribution to the secured creditor
- finalisation of the Company's tax affairs, including completion of corporation tax and VAT returns and settlement of any liabilities, and
- complying with statutory and compliance obligations

It is estimated that the Administration will take approximately ten months to be concluded due to:

- Finalisation of the RPS's claim following the ET's Judgment in respect of PA
- Payment of a distribution to preferential creditors
- Payment of a prescribed-part distribution

6.2 Exit from Administration

Once all matters have been concluded, the Administrators will progress the case to closure. As per the Administrators' proposals, it is proposed that the Administration will end by the Administrators filing a notice to dissolve the Company.

6.3 Discharge from liability

As there are insufficient funds to make a distribution to creditors other than by virtue of the prescribed part, we will seek a resolution from the secured and preferential creditors in order to obtain our discharge from liability

6.4 Future reporting

The date of our next report to creditors is anticipated to be by 8 May 2019.

A Abstract of the Administrators' receipts and payments

From 9 October 2017 to 8 October 2018

	Statement of Affairs	From 09.10.2017 to 08.04.2018	From 09.04.2018 to 08.10.2018	Total
	£	£	£	£
Receipts				
Fixed Charge				
Plant & Machinery	65,500.00	95,500.00	-	95,500.00
Fixed Charge VAT on sales		19,100.00	-	19,100.00
Floating charge				
Plant & Machinery	83,250.00	74,101.00	-	74,101.00
Book Debts	67,750.00	145,965.06	-	145,965.06
Misc Float Receipts		562.76	-	562.76
Vehicle Licence Refunds		1,053.75	-	1,053.75
VAT on Sales		13,384.20	-	13,384.20
		349,666.77	-	349,666.77
Payments				
Fixed Charge				
Agents/Valuers Fees		1,255.88	-	1,255.88
Bank Charges		-	59.50	59.50
Joint Administrators' Remuneration		-	9,550.00	9,550.00
Joint Administrators' Disbursements		-	535.46	535.46
Fixed Charge VAT on Purchases		251.18	2,017.09	2,268.27
HMRC - Fxd VAT received/paid		-	18,848.82	18,848.82
Distributions to Secured Creditors				
HSBC Equipment Finance (UK) Ltd		34,000.00	-	34,000.00
HSBC Bank plc		-	45,000.00	45,000.00
Floating Charge				
Heat & Light		57.17	-	57.17
PAYE/NI		2,396.44	-	2,396.44
Net Wages		4,202.48	-	4,202.48
Agents/Valuers Fees		974.47	-	974.47
Legal Fees		-	4,684.48	4,684.48
Professional Fees		1,495.00	-	1,495.00
Re-Direction of Mail		980.00	-	980.00
Statutory Advertising		68.70	-	68.70
Insurance of Assets		-	3,732.80	3,732.80
Bank Charges		63.14	76.40	139.54
VAT on Purchases		510.48	926.90	1,437.38
HMRC - VAT received/paid		-	12,873.72	12,873.72
		46,254.94	98,305.17	144,560.11
Net Receipts/(Payments)		303,411.83	(98,305.17)	205,106.66
Made up as follows				
Fixed Current Account				3,082.07
Floating Current Account				202,024.59
				205,106.66

B Statement of Insolvency Practice 9 disclosure: payments, remuneration and expenses to the Administrators or their associates

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

- pre-appointment costs
- fee basis
- work done by the Joint Administrators and their team during the period
- hourly charge out rates
- disbursements and expenses
- sub-contracted out work
- payments to associates
- relationships requiring disclosure
- information for creditors (rights, fees, committees)

Pre-appointment costs

Pre-appointment administration costs are fees charged and expenses incurred by administrators or other qualified insolvency practitioners, before the company entered administration but with a view to it doing so. To the extent they remain unpaid when the company enters administration and payment is sought, approval is required from the appropriate body of creditors as to whether they should be paid from the estate.

I can confirm that, as per my previous report, my firm has decided not to seek recovery any of its time or expenses incurred in the period immediately prior to appointment.

The Company instructed DLA to draft the legal documents to place the Group into administration. Details of the pre-appointment costs incurred by DLA are provided below

Cost	Work done	Why the work was necessary pre-appointment and how it furthered the achievement of an objective of administration	Incurred		Paid	Unpaid	
			£	£		Pre/post administration	£
DLA	Drafting of legal documentation and filing of such documents in Court	To place the Company into Administration	2,272.00	2,272.00	H C S Drain Services Ltd – in Administration	Post administration (04/10/2018)	NIL

On 22 June 2018, HSBC Bank plc (the secured creditor) approved payment of the pre-administration legal fees (£2,272.00) incurred by DLA from the estate. On 2 July 2018, Menno Industries Ltd (as Security Agent) also approved payment of the pre-appointment legal fees (£2,272.00) incurred by DLA from the estate. These have been paid.

Post-appointment costs

Fee basis of the Joint Administrators

The fee estimate provided to the creditors (secured, preferential and unsecured) was £64,550.00 and this was approved as detailed below.

I can advise that the following resolutions

- The Joint Administrators' remuneration be calculated according to the time properly given by the Administrators and their staff
- The Joint Administrators will charge out of pocket expenses at cost and are authorised to charge mileage at 45p per mile, VAT to be added to disbursement charges as necessary

were approved as follows:

- On 22 June 2018 by HSBC Bank plc, the secured creditor
- On 2 July 2018 by Merno Industries Ltd (as Security Agent)
- On 24 September 2018 by the preferential creditors

During the period from 9 April 2018 to 8 October 2018 (the Period) time costs, in line with the above resolution, totalled £11,247.25 represented by 45.95hrs at an average of £244.77hr (as shown in the 'Work done' section below) Details of the work done are provided in the respective section below.

As at Period end recorded time costs fall short of the time costs in the fees estimate and expenses fall short of the expense estimate given to the creditors prior to the determination of our fee basis

It should be noted that, whilst both the recorded time costs and expenses at the period end fall short of those provided on the fee estimate, the fee estimates are for the total time and expenses anticipated to complete the Administration and, as at 8 October 2018, work on the Administration has yet to be finalised.

Work done by the Joint Administrators and their team during the Period

As this is the first report after the fee basis was approved by the secured and preferential creditors we are required to detail costs of actual work done in the periods covered by the previous report, including any expenses incurred in connection with it, as against any fees estimate provided. Our fees estimate was included within our letter to creditors dated 11 June 2018. We are also required to provide narrative explanation of the work done. The following tables (narrative followed by numerical) set out this information. Where applicable, we include explanation of the impact and implications of any variances from the fees estimate and a numerical fees estimate variance analysis. The period covered is from 9 October 2017 to 8 October 2018.

Area of work	Work done	Why the work was necessary	Financial benefit to creditors	Fees and expenses incurred
Trading				5.25 hrs £1,186.25 £/hr £225.95
Trading general	- Initial assessment of the possibility to trade in Administration, including contact with key customers and suppliers seeking their view and support - Attendance on site at Group Head Office in Cramlington, including meeting with employees - Dealing with calls and emails received to the Owen Pugh Administration email inbox - Review of contracts and communication with customers	- The work was necessary in order to effect an orderly wind down of the business - This was necessary to assist in reaching a decision regarding trading of the business	- Whilst the work had no direct financial benefit to the creditors of the Company it has allowed the Joint Administrators to fulfil their duties and establish if there was any prospect of trading whilst in Administration - Subsistence £69.06 - Accommodation £112.76 - Tolls £6.80 - Mileage £238.56 - PAYE/NI £2,396.44 - Net Wages £4,202.48	
Retention of title	Dealing with queries received regarding Reservation of Title claims and ascertaining that queries were in respect of other group companies and not H C S Drain Services Ltd	- The Administrators have a duty to deal with claims of this nature - To minimise potential claims being submitted in the Administration		
Assets				61.85 hrs £21,635.75 £/hr £349.81
Sale of Business	Dealing with enquiries received from parties looking to potentially acquire some of the Company's subsidiaries. Determining which of the group companies the enquiries actually related to	- The Administrators have a duty to deal with enquiries of this nature - No direct financial benefit to the creditors	- Heat and Light £57.17 - Agents/Valuers : Hilco £2,230.35 - Legal : DLA £2,412.48 - Insurance £3,732.80	
Property	- Correspondence with utility companies to advise of Administration and also to terminate supply to Middlesbrough property - Communication with landlord of Middlesbrough property advising of Administration appointment and decision to cease to trade Meeting with	- To ensure no further costs incurred against Company following handback of Middlesbrough property to the landlord - To minimise potential claims being submitted in the Administration		

landlord to handback property keys and sign documentation provided by the landlord regarding handback

Book and Other Debts	Review, assessment and progression of collection of book debts. Debtor book calculations/queries	The work was necessary in order to maximise realisation of all potential assets	This work was of direct financial benefit to the creditors as it added to the floating charge realisations available to distribute to creditors
Plant, Machinery, Fixtures & Vehicles	Dealing with all plant & machinery matters, including liaising with Hilco (Agent's appointed by the Joint Administrators), resolving ownership matters, selling assets and allocation of sales proceeds	The work was necessary in order to maximise realisation of all potential assets	This work was of direct financial benefit to the creditors as it added to both fixed and floating charge realisations available to distribute to creditors
Hire Purchase, Leasing Agreements & Third Party	Liaising with leasing companies and the return of all leased equipment	The work was necessary to ensure that all leased/hired equipment was returned to the relevant companies	Whilst this work did not have a direct financial benefit for the creditors it minimises potential claims being submitted in the Administration
Insurance	- Liaising with Jardine Lloyd Thompson Speciality Limited (JLT) (the Administrators' approved insurance broker) - Collating information for JLT such as pre-appointment brokers, existing claims etc	This is statutory work to ensure the Administrators comply with insurance regulations and that all assets are appropriately insured	No direct financial benefit to the creditors
Investigations			2.75 hrs £793.75 £/hr £288.64
General	Collating and reviewing information required to assist with the submission of the Directors Conduct Report	Necessary work to fulfil statutory requirements	No direct financial benefit to the creditors
	Online submission of Directors Conduct Report		
Company Books and Records	Take control of company books and records	Necessary work to fulfil statutory requirements	No direct financial benefit to the creditors

Creditors

60.03 hrs £15,869.85 £/hr
£264.37

Secured

- Updates and reports to, discussions and meetings with the secured creditors
- Necessary work to fulfil statutory requirements
- No direct financial benefit to the creditors
- Parking £6.30
- Mileage £1.98
- Professional Fees £1,495.00

Employees & pensions

- Submission of HR1 forms to The Insolvency Service
- Staff meetings and addresses
- Statutory paperwork in respect of redundancies
- Assisting employees with online completion of RP1 forms
- Dealing with queries raised by employees
- Liaising with ERA Solutions regarding employee queries, submission of RP14 and RP14a forms to The Insolvency Service
- Liaising with and submitting responses to the Employment Tribunal regarding claims submitted by employees. Also attendance at Case Management Hearing
- Updating employee claims following receipt of proof of debt from the Insolvency Service
- Reviewing pension data provided by the Company regarding unpaid contributions
- RP15 claims(s) – preparation of data and submission to The Insolvency Service
- Correspondence with Scottish Widows
- Correspondence with The Peoples' Pension

Unsecured

- Dealing with calls, emails, correspondence and queries raised by creditors following the Company being placed into Administration
- Updating creditor records
- Dealing with creditor correspondence, including calls, emails and letters, following circular to creditors regarding Joint Administrators' fee estimate
- All necessary work to ensure creditors are kept informed of the Administration
- Direct financial benefit to the creditors as it ensure creditors' claims are accurately recorded and agreed which will assist in the payment of a prescribed part dividend

Administration			140.92hrs	£39,462.65	£/hr £280.04
Take-on	- Completion of Anti Money Laundering and Relationship checks	Necessary work to ensure there are no conflicts or material reasons why the Administrators cannot accept the appointment	No financial benefit to the creditors	- Legal · DLA £2,272.00 - Bond · £100.00 - Bank Charges £199.04	
Appointment formalities	Reviewing and signing of documents of Appointment, including correspondence with solicitors acting for the Administrators	Necessary work to effect the appointment	No financial benefit to the creditors	- Mail Re-directions £980.00 - Statutory Advertising £68.70	
Case set-up	- Collate all necessary information to enable the Insolvency Practitioners system to be set up and provide completed information to the Case Management Unit - Information to and correspondence with Appian to ensure case set up on internal systems	Internal procedures to record creditor claims, payment, etc, which must be complied with for any new statutory appointments	No financial benefit to the creditors		
Case management	- Statutory Advertising - File reviews - Maintenance of records - Letters advising of Administrators' appointment	Statutory requirements	No financial benefit to the creditors		
Reports, circulars notices & decisions	- Letters to creditors advising of. - Administration - Proposals - Deemed approval - Fee estimate - Progress report - Administration extension	Statutory requirements	No financial benefit to the creditors		
Statement of affairs	- Letters and forms to the Directors - Review of Statement of Affairs - Filing Statement of Affairs at Companies House	Statutory requirements	No financial benefit to the creditors		
Treasury, billing & funding	- Liaising with bank regarding opening of accounts, pre-appointment bank accounts, set up of online banking facility - Administrators' bonding - Inputting receipts - BACS payments, cheques, Fastpay	- All necessary work to ensure the Administrators and their staff are able to carry out their duties - The bonding is a statutory requirement	No financial benefit to the creditors		

- Banking cheques
- Bank reconciliations

Tax

- Information to and liaising with Grant Thornton's VAT department
- Preparation and submission of VAT return (Group company registration)
- Information to and liaising with Grant Thornton's Tax department including:
 - Review of information provided by Company
 - Review of management accounts
 - Liaising with HM Revenue & Customs following appointment, including CIS status
- All necessary work to ensure the Administrators' comply with legal and reporting requirements and to identify whether any refunds are due
- No direct financial benefit to the creditors

Pensions

- Reviewing pension database, online s120 notice search, other pension searches and update of records and registers
- S120 report and covering letters
- Correspondence with People Pension
- All necessary work to ensure the Administrators' comply with legal and reporting requirements
- No direct financial benefit to the creditors

Detailed S1P9 time cost analysis for the period and fee estimate variance analysis as at period end

Period from 09/04/2018 to 08/10/2018

Area of work	Partner	Manager	Executive	Administrator	Period total	Cumulative total as at period end			Fees estimate			Variance		
	Hrs	£	Hrs	£	Hrs	£	Hrs	£	Hrs	£	Hrs	£	Hrs	£
Trading:							6.28	1,186.26	226.96					
Trading (general)	-	-	-	-	-	-	4.75	1,103.75	232.37					
Retention of title	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.50	82.50	165.00					
Realisation of assets:					2.75	613.75	61.65	21,636.75	349.61	62.20	21,683.75	346.77	(0.35)	(58.00)
Sale of business	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.70	280.50	165.00	-	-	-	-	-
Property	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.00	490.00	245.00	-	-	-	-	-
Books & other debts	-	-	-	-	-	-	28.90	10,654.50	396.08	-	-	-	-	-
Plant, machinery, fixtures & vehicles	-	-	-	0.75	123.75	165.00	26.00	8,848.50	353.94	-	-	-	-	-
Hire purchase, leasing agreements & third party	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.00	690.00	345.00	-	-	-	-	-
Other assets	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.80	72.00	40.00	-	-	-	-	-
Insurance	-	-	2.00	490.00	2.00	490.00	2.35	575.75	245.00	-	-	-	-	-
General	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.10	24.50	245.00	-	-	-	-	-
Investigations:							2.75	793.75	288.64	2.75	793.75	288.64	-	-
General	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.75	793.75	288.64	-	-	-	-	-
Creditors:					7.80	2,211.00	60.03	15,869.85	264.37	91.98	23,617.80	256.77	(31.95)	(7,747.75)
Secured	-	-	1.50	667.50	1.50	667.50	2.26	911.25	405.00	-	-	-	-	-
Employees & pensions	-	-	4.80	1,176.00	4.80	1,176.00	37.63	10,818.85	287.61	-	-	-	-	-
Unsecured	-	-	1.50	367.50	1.50	367.50	20.15	4,139.75	205.46	-	-	-	-	-
Administration:					35.40	8,422.50	140.92	39,462.65	280.04	174.77	49,574.10	283.66	(33.66)	(10,111.45)
Statement of affairs	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Treasury, billing & funding	-	-	5.30	1,194.50	6.70	1,396.50	24.87	6,404.16	217.30	-	-	-	-	-
Tax	-	-	1.30	318.50	3.70	885.50	10.65	2,714.75	254.91	-	-	-	-	-
Pensions	-	-	0.25	61.25	0.95	372.75	3.95	1,728.75	437.16	-	-	-	-	-
General	1.00	485.00	19.15	4,621.50	24.05	5,767.75	101.45	29,617.00	291.94	-	-	-	-	-
Total	1.00	485.00	34.30	8,229.25	45.95	11,247.25	270.80	78,948.25	291.54	338.45	96,782.95	287.66	(65.65)	(17,834.70)

Notes:

- Partner includes partners and directors
- Manager includes associate directors and managers
- Executive includes assistant managers and executives
- Due to enhancements to our S1P9 reporting systems, allocation of time against areas of work may differ to previous periods, however this does not affect overall total time costs
- Adverse variances are presented in brackets
- Total time costs paid to date £9,500.00 (excludes VAT)

Hourly charge out rates

Time is charged in units of 6 minutes for each grade of staff used. The hourly charge out rates applied during the Period are as follows

Grade	From 9 October 2017 to current	
	Insolvency & pensions £/hr	Tax £/hr
Partner	510	510 – 745
Director	485	485 – 595
Associate director	445	445 – 485
Manager	340	340 – 410
Assistant manager	300	300 – 340
Executive	245 – 260	260 – 315
Administrator	165 – 200	165 - 235
Treasury	180	
Support	150	

The current charge out rates have applied since 1 October 2017. We reserve the right to amend our charge out rates in the future. Any amendments will be detailed within the next report following such an amendment.

Disbursements and expenses

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 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 Administrators' 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. Accordingly, the following resolution was made by the secured creditor on 22 June and 2 July 2018 respectively and by the preferential creditors on 24 September 2018

- The Joint Administrators will charge out of pocket expenses at cost and are authorised to charge mileage at 45p per mile, VAT to be added to disbursement charges as necessary

Mileage is charged at 45p a mile. VAT is added as appropriate. Details of these costs are also provided in the table below.

Statement of disbursements and expenses incurred in the Period

Expenses properly incurred by the Joint Administrators in the Period, which are not disbursements and have not been fully paid are disclosed in addition to disbursements incurred in the Period.

Category	Incurred in the Period (£)	Incurred as at Period end (£)	Of which paid by the estate as at Period end (£)
Category 1 disbursements			
Joint Administrators' Bond		100.00	100.00
Subsistence		69.06	69.06
Accommodation		112.76	112.76
Tolls		6.80	6.80
Parking		6.30	6.30
Category 2 disbursements			
Mileage @ 45p per mile		240.54	240.54
Expenses			
Joint Administrators' Remuneration	11,247.25	78,948.25	0.00
Heat & Light		57.17	57.17
PAYE/NI		2,396.44	2,396.44
Net Wages		4,202.48	4,202.48
Agents/ Valuers Fees & Disbursements :		2,230.35	2,230.35
Hilco			
Legal Fees : DLA Piper UK LLP	250.48	4,684.48	4,684.48
Professional Fees : ERA Solutions Limited		1,495.00	1,495.00
Re-direction of Mail		980.00	980.00
Statutory Advertising		68.70	68.70
Insurance		3,732.80	3,732.80
Bank Charges	135.90	199.04	199.04

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)	Costs are included within the above SJP9 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 Administrators' fee basis, or who provide services to us as Joint Administrators, which may give rise to a potential conflict.

Information for creditors

Provided below is information to help creditors to understand their rights in insolvency and regarding officeholders' fees, and the roles and functions of committees.

R3 is the trade association for the UK's insolvency, restructuring, advisory and turnaround professionals. Amongst other things, R3 has made available written guidance for stakeholders affected by insolvency, in particular creditors, for some of which the web links are provided below.

Where web links are provided for the information, we will supply this information by post, free of charge on request.

'Office holder' means, for example, the appointed administrator(s), liquidator(s) or trustee(s) in bankruptcy.

R3 creditor guides

- Rights of creditors during an insolvency process guides: <https://www.r3.org.uk/what-we-do/publications/professional/creditors-guides>
- Background information regarding the fees of officeholders: <https://www.r3.org.uk/what-we-do/publications/professional/fees>
- Liquidation/Creditors' committees and commissioners: <https://www.r3.org.uk/media/documents/publications/professional/R3-Guide-to-Creditors-Committees.pdf>

Creditors' and members' rights to request information about remuneration or expenses under r18.9 of the Rules

(1) The following may make a written request to the office-holder for further information about remuneration or expenses (other than pre-administration costs in an administration) set out in a progress report under rule 18.4(1)(b), (c) or (d) or a final report under rule 18.14.

- (a) a secured creditor,
 - (b) an unsecured creditor with the concurrence of at least 5% in value of the unsecured creditors (including the creditor in question);
 - (c) members of the company in a members' voluntary winding up with at least 5% of the total voting rights of all the members having the right to vote at general meetings of the company;
 - (d) any unsecured creditor with the permission of the court; or
 - (e) any member of the company in a members' voluntary winding up with the permission of the court.
- (2) A request, or an application to the court for permission, by such a person or persons must be made or filed with the court (as applicable) within 21 days of receipt of the report by the person, or by the last of them in the case of an application by more than one member or creditor.
- (3) The office-holder must, within 14 days of receipt of such a request respond to the person or persons who requested the information by:
- (a) providing all of the information requested;
 - (b) providing some of the information requested; or
 - (c) declining to provide the information requested.
- (4) The office-holder may respond by providing only some of the information requested or decline to provide the information if:
- (a) the time or cost of preparation of the information would be excessive, or

- (b) disclosure of the information would be prejudicial to the conduct of the proceedings,
 - (c) disclosure of the information might reasonably be expected to lead to violence against any person, or
 - (d) the office-holder is subject to an obligation of confidentiality in relation to the information.
- (5) An office-holder who does not provide all the information or declines to provide the information must inform the person or persons who requested the information of the reasons for so doing.
- (6) A creditor, and a member of the company in a members' voluntary winding up, who need not be the same as the creditor or members who requested the information, may apply to the court within 21 days of:
- (a) the office-holder giving reasons for not providing all of the information requested; or
 - (b) the expiry of the 14 days within which an office-holder must respond to a request.
- (7) The court may make such order as it thinks just on an application under paragraph (6).

Creditors' and members' rights to challenge the office-holder's remuneration and expenses under r18.34 of the Rules

(1) This rule applies to an application in an administration, a winding-up or a bankruptcy made by a person mentioned in paragraph (2) on the grounds that:

- (a) the remuneration charged by the office-holder is in all the circumstances excessive,
- (b) the basis fixed for the office-holder's remuneration under rules 18.16, 18.18, 18.19, 18.20 and 18.21 (as applicable) is inappropriate, or
- (c) the expenses incurred by the office-holder are in all the circumstances excessive.

(2) The following may make such an application for one or more of the orders set out in rule 18.36 or 18.37 as applicable:

- (a) a secured creditor,
- (b) an unsecured creditor with either
 - (i) the concurrence of at least 10% in value of the unsecured creditors (including that creditor), or
 - (ii) the permission of the court, or
- (c) in a members' voluntary winding up
 - (i) members of the company with at least 10% of the total voting rights of all the members having the right to vote at general meetings of the company, or
 - (ii) a member of the company with the permission of the court.

(3) The application by a creditor or member must be made no later than eight weeks after receipt by the applicant of the progress report under rule 18.3, or final report or account under rule 18.14 which first reports the charging of the remuneration or the incurring of the expenses in question ("the relevant report").

C Statutory information

Company Information

Company name	H C S Drain Services Limited
Date of incorporation	9 May 2003
Company registration number	04758344
Former trading address	Cramlington Road Dudley Cramlington Northumberland NE23 7PR
Former registered office	<i>As above</i>
Present registered office	4 Hardman Square Spinningfields Manchester M3 3EB

Administration information

Administration appointment	The Administration appointment granted in the High Court of Justice, Business and Property Court, 897 of 2017
Appointor	the directors
Date of appointment	9 October 2017
Joint Administrators' names	Christopher J Petts David J Dunckley
Joint Administrators' address(es)	Rotterdam House, 116 Quayside, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE1 3DY 30 Finsbury Square, London, EC2P 2YU
Purpose of the Administration	Achieving a better result for the Company's creditors as a whole than would be likely if the Company were wound up
Estimated values of the Net Property and Prescribed Part	The company's Net Property is estimated to be £128,123. The Prescribed Part is capped at the statutory maximum of £600,000
Prescribed Part distribution	The Joint Administrators do not intend to apply to Court to obtain an order that the Prescribed Part shall not apply Therefore, the Joint Administrators intend to make a distribution to the unsecured creditors
Functions	In accordance with paragraph 100(2) of Schedule B1 to the Insolvency Act 1986, the functions of the Administrators are to be exercised by any or all of them
Current administration expiry date	9 October 2019

D Definitions

ET	Employment Tribunal
PA	Protective Award
RPS	Redundancy Payments Service
CVL	Creditors' Voluntary Liquidation
VAT	Value added tax

E Notice about this report

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