## Abbey Brokers Limited Croydon County Court 1560 of 2010 formerly High Court of Justice No 5934 of 2010

### <u>Liquidator's Annual Progress Report to Creditors</u> for the Fourth year of the administration of the liquidation, to 13 June 2015

#### Statutory Information

Company Name

Abbey Brokers Limited

Registered Office

Lower Barrow Kıln Acton Mıll Lane

Suckley

Worcs WR6 5EJ

Former Registered Office

339 Lower Addiscombe Road

Croydon

Surrey CR0 6RG

Company Number

05035621

Liquidator's Name

Barry John Ward

Liquidator's Address

Ward Sheldrake Consultancy

Lower Barrow Kıln Acton Mıll Lane

Suckley

Worcs WR6 5EJ

Liquidator's Date of Appointment

14 June 2011

#### Receipts & Payments Account

My Receipts & Payments Account for the period from 14 June 2011 to 13 June 2015 is attached at Appendix 2

#### Background

The principal activity of the company was insurance and mortgage broking

A Winding-Up Order was made on 22 September 2010 on a petition presented by Mr Adbul Sattar Muhi Al Khudairi and Mrs Fathia Dalwood Salman in respect of an unpaid judgment

The Official Receiver became the first Liquidator and I was appointed as Liquidator in place of the Official Receiver with effect from 14 June 2011

#### <u>Assets</u>

Other than what has been previously reported previously the only assets recovered this year are insurance commissions

#### Liabilities

#### Secured Liabilities

An examination of the company's mortgage register held by the Registrar of Companies reveals that no charges were registered against the company

#### Crown Creditors



The Statement of Affairs did not include any Crown Creditors However, claims have been received as follows

- The Insolvency Service re The Redundancy Payments Service for employees' claims in the sum of £3,471 01 Preferential and £8,810 12 Non Preferential
- H M Revenue & Customs in respect of PAYE & NI in the sum of £16,001 11, Non Preferential

#### **Unsecured Creditors**

The Statement of Affairs included £1,475,260 in respect of Unpaid Judgments and £2,657,948 in respect of Other Creditors. The schedule of creditors notified to me by the Official Receiver included 35 creditors in the total sum of £6,132,513.46. I have received claims from 26 creditors in a total amount of £5,554,563.30. Some of these claims will be rejected as they relate to other companies or individuals.

Certain creditors have received settlement via an action against solicitors they appointed to deal with re-mortgages. Details of these settlements are awaited subject to any indemnity proofs. The level of creditors will therefore decrease.

#### Administration of the Liquidation

There has been no change to my earlier report except that I am taking proceedings to take possession of Mr Jonathan Silva's home

#### Liquidator's Remuneration

In accordance with the resolution passed at the Creditors' Meeting held on 21 May 2013 that I should be remunerated on a time cost basis, I have drawn fees of £36,000 + VAT on account of my time costs which are shown on the attached schedule at Appendix 1

A description of the routine work undertaken in the liquidation to date is as follows

#### Administration & Planning

- Preparing the documentation and dealing with the formalities of appointment
- Statutory notifications and advertising and preparing documentation required
- Dealing with all routine correspondence
- Maintaining physical case files
- Case bordereau
- Case planning and administration
- Preparing reports to creditors
- Correspondence with numerous insurance companies regarding agencies held by the company

#### Cashiering

- Maintaining and managing the liquidator's cash books and bank account
- Ensuring statutory lodgements and tax lodgement obligations are met

#### Creditors

• Dealing with creditor correspondence and telephone conversations

#### Realisation of Assets

• Liaising with the bankers of the company regarding the closure of the accounts

#### Investigations

• There is ongoing investigation into the affairs of the directors, in particular in respect of funds transferred through various bank accounts under their control, and it is expected that there will be a tracing in due course of assets held in Sri Lanka

A schedule of my time costs incurred to date is attached as Appendix 2. Work undertaken on cases is recorded in 6 minute units in an electronic time recording system. Time properly incurred on cases is charged at the hourly rate of the grade of staff undertaking the work that applies at the time the work is done.

For information on Liquidator's remuneration, a copy of the Creditors' Guide to Liquidator's Fees can be found at the following website address

www R3 org uk/media/documents/publications/professional/Guide\_to\_Liquidators\_Fees pdf

#### Liquidator's Expenses

My expenses incurred to date but not paid (exclusive of VAT) are as follows

Companies House

£4 00

Furthermore, my solicitors advise me that in addition to those fees which have been paid during the year and are shown on the receipts and payments account attached at Appendix 2, they have incurred the following costs

Legal costs

£99,871 50 of which £32,500 has already been paid

My solicitors further advise me that in addition to those disbursements which have been paid during the year and are shown on the receipts and payments account attached at Appendix 2, they have incurred the following additional disbursements

£19,950 under CFA agreement
Rail fair £118 17 no VAT
Parking £23 40 no VAT
Oath fee £25 00 no VAT
Process Server £420 00 no VAT
Court Fees £550 00 no VAT
Postage/Courier £422 26 inc VAT
Mileage £55 92 inc VAT
Land Registry Search £49 00 no VAT

The following professional advisers have been utilised in the matter

Professional Adviser	Nature of Work	Fee Arrangement
K W Law LLP	Solicitors	Time costs & disbursements
Wright Associates	Administration Services	Time costs & disbursements
Rob Hill	Administration Services	Time costs & disbursements
Smart Insolvency Solutions	Administration Services	Time costs & disbursements

The choice of solicitors was based on my perception of their experience and ability to perform this type of work, the complexity and nature of the assignment and the basis of my fee arrangement with them. The basis of fees chargeable has been reviewed and I am satisfied that they are reasonable in 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 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 – Insolvency Rules 1986 (as amended) – rule 4.49E

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 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 – Insolvency Rules 1986 (as amended) – rule 4 131.

A full text of the Insolvency Rules 1986 (as amended) can be found at: http://www.insolvency.gov uk/insolvencyprofessionallegislation/legislation/uk/insolvencyrules pdf.

#### **Dividend Prospects**

There are no prospects of a dividend at the present time

#### Summary

This liquidation will remain open until all investigations and possible asset recovery situations have been dealt with

Barry Ward Liquidator

17 August 2015

#### **ABBEY BROKERS LIMITED - IN LIQUIDATION**

# Professional time expended by the Liquidator and his staff for the period from the date of appointment on 14 June 2011 to 13 June 2015

Category of Staff	Hours	Charge-out	Time Cost
	Expended	rate per hour	
		£	£
Principal	154 7	450 00	69615 00
Principal	176	300 00	5,280 00
Insolvency Practitioner	10	450 00	450 00
Senior Insolvency Administrator	177	225 00	3982 50
Insolvency Administrator	30 3	180 00	5454 00
Support Staff	61	75 00	457 50
Support Staff	0.3	150 00	45 00
Support Staff	2 3	60 00	138 00
Total	229.7		85,422

#### Notes

- Costs are subject to the addition of VAT
   Time costs drawn to date £36,000 against the above

Classification of work function	Principal	Other Senior Professionals	Support Staff	Total Hours
Administration and planning	38 6	46 0	8 4	93
Realisation of assets	44 8	2 5	-	47 3
Creditors	24 1	0.5	-	24 6
Investigation	63 8	-	-	63 8
Other	10	•	-	10
Total hours	172.3	49 0	8.4	229.7

## ABBEY BROKERS LIMITED IN LIQUIDATION

#### Liquidator's Receipts & Payments Account from the date of appointment of Liquidator on 14 June 2011 to the third anniversary of that appointment on 13 June 2015

Official Receiv Estimated States of Affairs		For the year ended 13 June 2015	Cumulative from from 14 June 2011
£		$\underline{\mathbf{f}}$	£
=	Receipts	_	_
33,000	Bank accounts - NatWest Bank	-	12,154 73
22,000	Realisation from Mrs Silva	<del>-</del>	130,000 00
	Insurance commissions	323 07	963 76
	J Silva	-	40 00
	Net Interest	13 29	64_33
33,000		336.36	143,222.82
	<u>Payments</u>		
	Official Receiver's debit balance	-	1,235 00
	Insolvency Service banking & cheque fees	88 00	338 60
	Official Receiver's shorthand writer's fee	-	53 40
	Secretary of State fees	50 47	11,897 47
	Trustee's fees		36,000 00
	VAT thereon		7,200 00
	Liquidator's disbursements (inc VAT)		
	Statutory notices		212 44
	Postage costs		209 44
	Company searches		19 00
	Bonding premiums		600 00
	Hotel account		69 42
	Subsistence		74 03
	VAT thereon		236 87
	Liquidator's disbursements (not subject to V	VAT)	
	Rail fares		92 40
	Corporation Tax		0 78
	Legal fees (inc VAT)		32,500 00
	Russell Cooke legal fees (inc VAT)		21,891 21
	Braid Wood		2,293 75
	VAT thereon		11,336 99
	Legal disbursements (inc VAT)		
	Car Parking	5 83	5 83
	Counsel's fees	-	7,600 00
	Travelling expenses	52 90	99 50
	Couriers Fees	336 96	336 96
	VAT thereon	79 14	1,608 46
	Legal disbursements (not subject to VAT)		0.50.00
	Court fees & Process Server's Fees	125 00	950 00
	Postage charges	9 23	56 61
	Car parking	17 40	25 40
	Travel Expenses	26 59	26 59
	Petitioning creditor's costs inc VAT		5,072 90
		<u>791.52</u>	<u>142,043.05</u>
	Balance of funds in hand at 13 June 2015		£1,179 77

The above balance of funds has been reconciled with the funds held in the Insolvency Service Account