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### 1 Company details

Company number 0 5 0 7 0 2 5 2

Company name in full Zest Food Ltd

#### → Filling in this form

Please complete in typescript or in  
bold black capitals.

### 2 Administrator's name

Full forename(s) Simon James

Surname Bonney

### 3 Administrator's address

Building name/number High Holborn House

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Post town London

County/Region

Postcode W C 1 V 6 R L

Country

### 4 Administrator's name ①

Full forename(s) Michael

Surname Kiely

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## Notice of administrator's progress report

### 6 Period of progress report

From date	<sup>d</sup> 2	<sup>d</sup> 1	<sup>m</sup> 0	<sup>m</sup> 7	<sup>y</sup> 2	<sup>y</sup> 0	<sup>y</sup> 2	<sup>y</sup> 2
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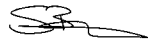
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Administrator's  
signature

Signature

X



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Signature date

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Contact name **Darren McEvoy**

Company name **Quantuma Advisory Limited**

Address **High Holborn House**

**52-54 High Holborn**

Post town **London**

County/Region

Postcode **W C 1 V 6 R L**

Country

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Telephone **020 3856 6720**

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**Zest Food Ltd**  
**(In Administration)**  
**Joint Administrators' Summary of Receipts & Payments**

Statement of Affairs £		From 21/07/2022 To 20/01/2023 £	From 21/07/2020 To 20/01/2023 £
	<b>SECURED ASSETS</b>		
28,001.00	Shop Fit, Equipment and Website	NIL	NIL
3,500.00	Fixed Asset Holding Account	NIL	NIL
1.00	Leasehold Premises	NIL	20,000.00
	Intellectual Property	NIL	1.00
	Book and Records	NIL	1.00
	Goodwill	NIL	10,000.00
		NIL	30,002.00
	<b>COSTS OF REALISATION</b>		
	Office Holders Fees	NIL	2,500.00
		NIL	(2,500.00)
	<b>SECURED CREDITORS</b>		
(9,387,688.00)	Latimer Investments Limited	NIL	20,000.00
		NIL	(20,000.00)
	<b>ASSET REALISATIONS</b>		
	Bank Interest Gross	3.08	8.00
5,831.00	Book Debts	NIL	NIL
95,043.00	Cash at Bank	NIL	96,497.55
	CVA - Unbanked Dividends	NIL	2,467.22
	Funds held in Solicitors' client account	NIL	4,400.00
	Furniture & Equipment	NIL	243.33
	HM Revenue & Customs JRS Grant	NIL	133,175.16
NIL	Other debtors - Group Companies	NIL	9,640.08
	Plant & Machinery	NIL	75,511.56
2,656.00	Prepayments	NIL	NIL
38,216.00	Rent Deposits	69,706.40	114,462.12
586.00	Stock	NIL	NIL
		69,709.48	436,405.02
	<b>COST OF REALISATIONS</b>		
	Agents/Valuers Fees (1)	NIL	20,977.56
	AML Search Fee	NIL	9.00
	Bank Charges	NIL	23.20
	Cleaning of premises	NIL	255.00
	Insurance of Assets	NIL	5,696.02
	Legal Fees (1)	7,744.00	15,646.66
	Office Holders Fees	NIL	97,000.00
	Pension agent costs	NIL	350.00
	Photocopying	NIL	14.40
	Postage	NIL	323.20
	Post-appointment staffing	NIL	11,550.00
	Pre-appointment fee	NIL	351.00
	Rents Payable	40,115.55	40,115.55
	Specific Bond	NIL	135.00
	Stationery	NIL	36.00
	Statutory Advertising	NIL	169.20
	Storage Costs	NIL	41.71
		(47,859.55)	(192,693.50)
	<b>PREFERENTIAL CREDITORS</b>		
(42,798.77)	Employee Arrears/Hol Pay	NIL	44,049.55
	Pension Schemes	NIL	8,033.70
		NIL	(52,083.25)
	<b>UNSECURED CREDITORS</b>		
(1,264,888.00)	Accruals	NIL	NIL

**Zest Food Ltd**  
**(In Administration)**  
**Joint Administrators' Summary of Receipts & Payments**

Statement of Affairs £		From 21/07/2022 To 20/01/2023 £	From 21/07/2020 To 20/01/2023 £
65,000.00	CVA Creditor / CVA Payments made	NIL	NIL
(790.00)	Department for Work and Pensions	NIL	NIL
(119,139.54)	Employees - Redundancy and Notice	NIL	NIL
(488,758.00)	HM Revenue and Customs - PAYE/NI	NIL	NIL
(257,340.00)	HM Revenue and Customs - VAT	NIL	NIL
(25,251.00)	Pension	NIL	NIL
(161,239.00)	Staff Payroll - Paid from Furlough Mon	NIL	160,274.12
(1,697,337.98)	Trade & Expense Creditors	NIL	NIL
		NIL	(160,274.12)
	DISTRIBUTIONS		
(31,451.00)	Ordinary Shareholders	NIL	NIL
		NIL	NIL
<b>(13,237,847.29)</b>		<b>21,849.93</b>	<b>38,856.15</b>
	REPRESENTED BY		
	Bank 1 Current		32,192.38
	Vat Control Account		6,663.77
			<b>38,856.15</b>

# Zest Food Ltd

(In ADMINISTRATION)

**(“the Company”)**

In the High Court of Justice - Business and Property Courts of England and Wales  
Number: CR-2020-003006

## **THE JOINT ADMINISTRATORS' PROGRESS REPORT**

9 February 2023

Simon Bonney and Michael Kiely of Quantuma Advisory Limited, High Holborn House, 52-54 High Holborn, London, WC1V 6RL, were appointed Joint Administrators of Zest Food Ltd on 21 July 2020.

Simon Bonney and Michael Kiely are both licensed to act as Insolvency Practitioners by the Insolvency Practitioners Association.

The affairs, business and property of the Company are managed by the Joint Administrators. The Joint Administrators act as agents of the Company and contract without personal liability.

This report has been prepared for circulation solely to comply with the Joint Administrator's statutory duty to report to Creditors under the provisions of The Insolvency (England and Wales) Rules 2016 and for no other purpose. This report is intended for the statutory recipients. The report cannot be used or relied upon by any party other than for its intended statutory purpose.

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## ABBREVIATIONS

For the purpose of this report the following abbreviations shall be used:

"the Act"	Insolvency Act 1986
"the Rules"	Insolvency (England and Wales) Rules 2016
"the Joint Administrators"	Simon Bonney and Michael Kiely of Quantuma Advisory Limited
"the Company"	Zest Food Ltd - In Administration
"the Court"	High Court of Justice - Business and Property Courts of England and Wales Number: CR-2020-003006
"EOS"	Estimated Outcome Statement
"SIP"	Statement of Insolvency Practice (England & Wales)
"Review Period"	Period covered by the report from 21 July 2022 to 20 January 2023
"Whole Period"	Period covered by the report from 21 July 2020 to 20 January 2023

## 1. INTRODUCTION

### Introduction

This report has been prepared to provide Members and Creditors with an update on the progress of the Administration of the Company since the last report dated 10 August 2022.

Please note that on 1 August 2020, Quantuma LLP transferred its business to Quantuma Advisory Limited

Given the information previously provided to Members and Creditors in earlier reports, detailed background information in respect of the Company has not been included and this report focuses on the progress of the Administration subsequent to those reports.

The Joint Administrators' proposals were deemed approved. A formal notice confirming this was sent to all creditors on 25 September 2020.

An extension to the period of Administration of 12 months was granted by the relevant creditors on 21 May 2021 and a further extension of 12 months was granted by the Court on 19 July 2022. The latter extension is due to expire on 20 July 2023. It is anticipated that the Joint Administrators will apply to Court and seek a further extension of the Administration in order to enable them to conclude the remaining matters yet to be finalised. Details are provided later in this report.

A schedule of statutory information in respect of the Company is attached at Appendix 1.

### Details of the appointment of the Joint Administrators

Simon Bonney and Michael Kiely of Quantuma Advisory Limited were appointed Joint Administrators of the Company on 21 July 2020.

The Joint Administrators confirm that they are authorised to carry out all functions, duties and powers by either one or both of them.

## 2. THE PROGRESS OF THE ADMINISTRATION

### The Joint Administrators' Receipts and Payments Account

Attached at Appendix 2 is a Receipts and Payments account covering the Review Period together with a summary of the transactions in the previous Review Periods. In accordance with the requirements of SIP 7, the Joint Administrators confirm that the account has been reconciled with that held at the bank.

The rest of this report describes the key developments in the Administration over the Review Period. A summary is provided of the main asset realisations during the Review Period and an estimation of those assets yet to be realised, together with details of costs incurred but as yet remaining unpaid.

### Administrative, Statutory & Regulatory Tasks

The Joint Administrators have met a considerable number of statutory and regulatory obligations. Whilst many of these tasks have not had a direct benefit in enhancing realisations for the insolvent estate, they have assisted in the efficient and compliant progress of the Administration, which has ensured that the Joint Administrators and their staff have carried out their work to high professional standards. Details of the tasks carried out during the Review Period are included in Appendix 4.

### Realisation of assets

#### Rent Deposits

During the Review Period, the Administration received rent deposits in the sum of £69,706.40 from The Tower Limited. It should be noted that rent liabilities of £40,115.55 plus VAT were also owed to the



landlord. Setoff was applied and the net sum of £21,567.73 was transferred to the Administration bank account on 7 November 2022.

#### Interchange claim

As previously advised, the Joint Administrators were advised of an ongoing interchange claim pursued by iLaw Solicitors Ltd ("iLaw"). iLaw recently advised the Joint Administrators once the interchange claim has been settled the Company would be likely to receive a sum in the region of £16,000.

The Joint Administrators have previously considered whether a third party would like to purchase the claim, however, any assignment would not be approved by the legal insurance outfit providing ATE insurance cover and therefore any value in the interchange claim was diminished.

The Joint Administrators sought a written update from iLaw on this matter during the Review Period and were advised that the timing of any payment remains uncertain. A further update regarding the realisation of the interchange claim will be provided to creditors in due course. In the meantime, the Joint Administrators will seek to extend the Administration via a Court application during the next reporting period in order to facilitate the conclusion of this and the other outstanding matters.

#### Bank Interest Gross

The interest accumulated for the Review Period is £3.08.

I would refer creditors to my previous reports for information regarding other asset realisations.

#### Estimated Future Realisations

The only further anticipated future realisation is regarding the interchange claim above.

#### Payments

Payments are shown on the receipts and payments account at Appendix 2 and are self-explanatory.

#### Costs incurred but remaining unpaid

During the Review Period, the Joint Administrators have also incurred time costs and direct expenses, not all of which have yet been discharged. Further details of these costs are set out below.

### 3. CREDITORS: CLAIMS AND DISTRIBUTIONS

#### Secured Creditors

The Company granted a fixed and floating charge to Latimer Investments Limited on 18 December 2017, which was owed £9,356,186 on appointment. The Joint Administrators' legal advisors, Edwin Coe LLP, have confirmed the validity of the charge and a first distribution has been made under its fixed charge in the sum of £20,000.

During the review period, there has been no further distribution to the secured creditor. It is expected there will be a further distribution under its fixed and floating charge, however the quantum of such distribution is currently uncertain.

It is not anticipated that the secured creditor will be paid in full.

#### Preferential Creditors

The Joint Administrators and their staff incurred significant time costs in assisting employees to obtain payment from the Redundancy Payments Office.

Preferential claims relating to unpaid holiday pay were estimated at £42,798.77 in the Director's Estimated Statement of Affairs. To date, 56 claims have been received totalling £44,049.55.

The Joint Administrators agreed these claims at £44,049.55, and a dividend of 100p in the £ was paid to preferential creditors on 17 December 2021.

Additionally, the Joint Administrators actioned a distribution to the pension scheme administrator, NEST, for the preferential outstanding contributions owed prior to the appointment of the Joint Administrators in the sum of £8,033.70. This distribution was made as the Company had previously been subject to an insolvency procedure, and therefore it was not possible for the outstanding contributions owed to NEST to be claimed from the Redundancy Payments Service, and therefore the Joint Administrators were required to fund the arrears (by way of a dividend) in accordance with the Insolvency Act 1986.

#### Prescribed Part

Under Section 176A of the Insolvency Act 1986, where after 15 September 2003 a company has granted to a creditor a floating charge, a proportion of the net property of the company must be made available purely for the Unsecured Creditors. This equates to:

- 50% of net property up to £10,000;
- Plus, 20% of net property in excess of £10,000.
- Subject to a maximum of £600,000.

Based on present information, the Joint Administrators estimate that, after allowing for costs and payment of preferential claims, the value of the Company's net property will be £44,980.28 which means that the prescribed part is estimated to be £11,996.06. Depending on final costs, a dividend to Unsecured Creditors from the prescribed part, is anticipated.

#### Unsecured Creditors

Unsecured claims were estimated at £3,949,743.52 in the Director's Estimated Statement of Affairs and to date, 21 claims have been received from unsecured creditors totalling £2,190,819.86.

It is currently anticipated that a dividend will be available to Unsecured Creditors via the prescribed part, however the quantum of any dividend is dependent on anticipated further asset realisations as well as final costs of the Administration.

#### Claims Process

Due to the possible distribution to Unsecured Creditors, you are requested to submit claims to the address on the front of this report, marked for the attention of Darren McEvoy.

A Proof of Debt form is attached at Appendix 5.

#### 4. OTHER MATTERS AND INFORMATION TO ASSIST CREDITORS

##### Investigations

As part of the Joint Administrators' statutory duties, an investigation into the conduct of the Company Directors was completed.

In this regard, a confidential report was submitted to The Insolvency Service on 19 October 2020.

This initial assessment has been completed and the Joint Administrators did not identify any further assets or actions which might lead to a recovery for Creditors.

##### Further Information

To comply with the Provision of Services Regulations, some general information about Quantuma Advisory Limited, including the complaints policy and Professional Indemnity Insurance, can be found at <http://www.quantuma.com/legal-information>.

Information about this insolvency process may be found on the R3 website here <http://www.creditorinsolvencyguide.co.uk>.

#### General Data Protection Regulation

In compliance with the General Data Protection Regulation, Creditors, Employees, Shareholders, Directors and any other Stakeholder who is an individual (i.e. not a corporate entity) in these insolvency proceedings is referred to the Privacy Notice in respect of Insolvency Appointments, which can be found at this link <http://www.quantuma.com/legal-notices>.

#### 5. ETHICS

Please note that the Joint Administrators are bound by the Insolvency Code of Ethics when carrying out all professional work relating to an insolvency appointment. Further information can be viewed at the following link <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/insolvency-practitioner-code-of-ethics>. Additionally the Joint Administrators are also bound by the regulations of their Licensing Bodies.

#### General Ethical Considerations

During the Review Period, no new threats to compliance with the Code of Ethics have been identified.

#### Specialist Advice and Services

When instructing third parties to provide specialist advice and services or having the specialist services provided by the firm, the Joint Administrator is obligated to ensure that such advice or work is warranted and that the advice or work contracted reflects the best value and service for the work undertaken. The firm reviews annually the specialists available to provide services within each specialist area and the cost of those services to ensure best value. The specialists chosen usually have knowledge specific to the insolvency industry and, where relevant, to matters specific to this insolvency appointment. Details of the specialists specifically chosen in this matter are detailed below.

#### 6. PRE-ADMINISTRATION COSTS

Included within the Joint Administrators' Proposals dated 28 September 2020 was a Statement of Pre-Administration Costs.

These costs were approved on 28 September 2020 as detailed below:

Party instructed	Amount approved (£)	Date approved	Date paid
Administrators' pre-administration Remuneration	351.00	28 September 2020	29 September 2020
<b>Administrators' pre-administration Expenses:</b>			
Category 1	-	-	-
Category 2	9.00	28 September 2020	29 September 2020
Solicitors' Fees & Disbursements	4,682.00	28 September 2020	13 June 2022
<b>TOTAL APPROVED</b>	<b>5,042.00</b>		

## 7. THE JOINT ADMINISTRATORS' FEES AND EXPENSES

A copy of 'A Creditors Guide to Administrators' Fees' effective from 1 April 2021 together with Joint Administrator's current schedule of charge-out rates and chargeable expenses, which includes historical charging information, may be found at <https://www.quantuma.com/guide/creditors-guide-fees/>.

A hard copy of both the Creditors' Guide and Quantuma Advisory Limited's current and/or historic charge-out rate and expenses policies may be obtained on request at no cost.

### Joint Administrators' Fees

The basis of the Joint Administrators' fees was fixed on 28 September 2020 by the secured and preferential creditors as follows:

"That the time properly given by the Joint Administrators and their staff in attending to matters arising in the Administration, such time to be charged at the prevailing standard hourly charge out rates used by Quantuma Advisory Limited at the time the work is performed, capped at £87,000 (plus VAT)."

### Time Costs

On 8 March 2022, the secured and preferential creditors approved an adjusted fees estimate which allowed the Joint Administrators to draw fees to a limit of £99,500.

As reflected on the Receipts & Payments Account, no fees have been drawn during the Review Period. For the Whole Period, the fees totalling £2,500 plus VAT have been drawn with regards to time incurred dealing with the Company's fixed charge assets, and fees totalling £97,000 plus VAT have been drawn with regards to floating charge assets.

We believe this case generally to be of average complexity the exception of the protracted discussions with the Company's employees with regards to claims in the Administration, and otherwise no extraordinary responsibility has to date fallen on the Joint Administrators. The underlying basis of charging proposed to and approved by the creditors has been Quantuma Advisory Limited's standard charge-out rates which are reviewed periodically.

### Comparison of Estimates

The Joint Administrators' time costs incurred to date (whether or not they have been charged to the Administration estate) are compared with the adjusted fees estimate and the actual time costs incurred to the end of the Review Period. The fees estimate covered the life of the case.

For a detailed schedule of work undertaken by the Joint Administrators during the Review Period and the Whole Period, see Appendix 3. A detailed narrative list of the work undertaken during the Review Period is provided at Appendix 4.

Work category	Adjusted fees estimate			Actual time costs incurred during the Review Period			Actual time costs incurred for the Whole Period		
	No. of hours	Blended hourly rate	Total fees	No. of hours	Average hourly rate	Total time costs	No. of hours	Average hourly rate	Total time costs
		£	£		£	£		£	£
Administration & Planning	102.00	196.81	20,075.00	18.35	320.37	5,878.75	146.97	317.23	46,623.65
Creditors	158.24	176.47	27,925.00	11.20	307.46	3,443.50	243.18	262.19	63,758.30
Investigations	49.00	199.39	9,770.00	0.80	665.00	532.00	85.40	231.12	19,737.50
Realisation of Assets	171.60	213.32	36,605.00	15.00	350.30	5,254.50	87.30	390.90	34,126.00
Cashiering	22.00	135.23	2,975.00	2.70	179.81	485.50	31.70	166.06	5,264.00
Closing Procedures	14.32	150.14	2,150.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>517.16</b>	<b>178.56</b>	<b>99,500.00</b>	<b>48.05</b>	<b>324.54</b>	<b>15,594.25</b>	<b>594.55</b>	<b>285.11</b>	<b>169,509.45</b>

### Joint Administrators' Expenses

An amended Statement of Insolvency Practice 9 (SIP 9), was issued on 1 April 2021. The amended SIP 9 has changed some of the terminology and introduced additional disclosure requirements. The information below may therefore not reflect the information previously provided.

The expenses, which include disbursements that have been incurred and not yet paid during the Review Period and the Whole Period are detailed below. This includes a comparison of the expenses likely to be incurred in the Administration as a whole with the original expenses estimate, together with reasons where any expenses are likely to exceed that estimate.

Expenses	Original expenses estimate £	Actual expenses incurred in the Review Period £	Actual expenses incurred to date £	Reason for any excess (if the expenses are likely to, or have, exceeded the original estimate)
<b>Category 1 expenses:</b>				
Accountants Fees	750.00	Nil	Nil	
Agents Fees	8,400.00	Nil	20,977.56	Higher than anticipated at the outset due to higher than anticipated asset realisations.
Pension Agent Fees	Nil	Nil	350.00	Cost not anticipated from the outset.
Insurance of Assets	1,800.00	Nil	5,696.02	Higher than anticipated at the outset. Further costs have been incurred due to the length of the Administration being longer than initially anticipated.
Legal Costs	10,000.00	7,744.00	15,646.66	
Postage	95.00	Nil	323.20	Higher than anticipated at the outset. Further costs have been incurred due to the length of the Administration being longer than initially anticipated.
Specific Bond	135.00	Nil	135.00	
Statutory Advertising	169.00	Nil	169.20	Higher than anticipated at the outset.
Storage Costs	250.00	Nil	41.71	
Bank Charges	Nil	Nil	23.20	Cost not anticipated from the outset.
Post-appointment staffing	Nil	Nil	11,550.00	Cost not anticipated from the outset.
Cleaning of premises	Nil	Nil	255.00	Cost not anticipated from the outset.
<b>Category 2 expenses:</b>				
AML Electronic Identification Search	12.00	Nil	9.00	Please be advised that, whilst it was originally envisaged that these expenses would be charged to the estate, this has been no longer allowed since 1 April 2021.
Photocopying	90.00	Nil	14.40	Please be advised that, whilst it was originally envisaged that these expenses

Expenses	Original expenses estimate £	Actual expenses incurred in the Review Period £	Actual expenses incurred to date £	Reason for any excess (if the expenses are likely to, or have, exceeded the original estimate)
				would be charged to the estate, this has been no longer allowed since 1 April 2021.
Stationery	85.00	Nil	36.00	Please be advised that whilst it was originally envisaged that these expenses would be charged to the estate, this has been no longer allowed since 1 April 2021.
TOTAL	21,786.00	7,744.00	55,226.95	

Details of the expenses paid in the Review Period and the Whole Period are shown in the Receipts and Payments account at Appendix 2.

On 28 September 2020, Creditors agreed that Category 2 disbursements could be drawn. Please note that some Category 2 expenses that have previously been approved and their estimated costs or basis of their cost provided as part of the expenses estimate may not be discharged from the estate from 1 April 2021. These are indicated in the table above.

Since 1 April 2021, where expenses include shared, allocated or associate costs, they are classed as Category 2 expenses and require the approval of Creditors.

Included with the report is a notice of decision procedure, a notice of invitation to establish a committee and a voting form to seek specific approval of the basis of the following expenses:

#### Cost to Closure

Having regard for the costs that are likely to be incurred in bringing this Administration to a close, the Joint Administrators consider that:

- the adjusted fees estimate is unlikely to be exceeded; and
- the original expenses estimate has been exceeded for the reasons given above.

The main reasons why the adjusted fees estimate has been exceeded are explained below:

#### Administration and Planning:

Due to the additional time and work carried out in respect of asset realisations, the administration of the case has continued for an extended period of time. This has therefore led to additional time being spent on administrative tasks such as formulating the most appropriate case strategy, maintaining electronic case files and electronic case details on IPS, Corporation Tax matters and completing case reviews. While these tasks have no direct benefit to creditors the Administrators are required by regulation to carry them out on a regular basis.

In addition to this, further time has been spent dealing with administrative and associated compliance requirements as a result of recently introduced legislative changes not anticipated at the outset.

#### Creditors:

The volume of correspondence and communications with creditors (both secured and unsecured) in this case has been considerably higher than was anticipated. Due to the additional work carried out, the time spent dealing with creditors has continued for an extended period. This has led to additional time being spent dealing with general correspondence.

#### Cashiering:

Due to the fact that additional assets have been realised, there has been a corresponding increase in cashiering work not anticipated at the outset. Also, the cashiering department have dealt with payments of the distributions to secured and preferential creditors, requiring additional time to be incurred.

## Investigations:

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However, given the limited realisations anticipated in this case, the Joint Administrators do not propose to request authority to draw fees in excess of the adjusted fees estimate.

## Payments to Associates

As previously reported, the Joint Administrators arranged for two of the Company's previous members of staff to undertake some of the work required to be undertaken, namely to assist in tasks pertaining to the Administration, including but not limited to responding to employee queries, preparing documentation, liaising with interested parties and our instructed agents, and assisting with the collection of assets. I am satisfied that taking this approach ensured that the best value and service was provided to creditors because of their existing knowledge of the Company and the rates charged are comparable with the market rate for such services. As such, a total of £11,550 has been charged for undertaking that work, which has been paid in full.

## Other professional costs

### Solicitors

As previously advised, Edwin Coe LLP were instructed by the Joint Administrators to advise on appropriate legal matters, including any legal issues arising on the sale of the Company's assets, and to prepare any legal documentation, as necessary. Additionally, as previously noted, Edwin Coe LLP provided a review of the validity of the Company's fixed and floating charge. Their costs have been agreed on the basis of their standard hourly charge out rates, plus disbursements and VAT. The Solicitors' time costs for the pre-appointment period totalled £3,901.50, and for the post-appointment period amount to £4,000 plus VAT and they have been paid in full.

Additionally, Edwin Coe LLP were instructed to provide the Joint Administrators with advice relating to an application to court to extend the Administration by a period of 12 months to 20 July 2023. Their costs were agreed on the basis of time costs (capped at £6,544) plus the counsel fees and Court Fee of £1,200 plus VAT. These costs have been paid in full.

The Joint Administrators have also made payment of £1.16 to iLaw as a payment for the VAT element of their disbursement invoice, in relation to the ongoing interchange claim.

### Agents & Valuers

As previously advised, SIA Group ("SIA"), who are professional independent agents with adequate professional indemnity insurance, were instructed to dispose of the Company's assets using the most advantageous method available. Their costs have been agreed on a time-cost basis, plus disbursements and VAT. The Agent's time costs from the date of appointment amount to £20,977.16 plus VAT which has been paid in full.

### Pension Agent

Clumber Consultancy ("Clumber") were instructed to deal with the Company's pension scheme. Clumber's fees were agreed at a fixed fee of £3,850 plus VAT. To date, £350 plus VAT has been paid to Clumber, and the Joint Administrators have concluded that the remaining work with regards to winding up the pension scheme should be undertaken internally.

All professional costs are reviewed and analysed before payment is approved.

### **Creditors' right to request information**

Any Secured Creditor, or Unsecured Creditor with the support of at least 5% in value of the Unsecured Creditors or with permission of the Court, may request in writing the Joint Administrators to provide additional information regarding remuneration or expenses to that already supplied within this report. Such requests must be made within 21 days of receipt of this report.

### **Creditors' right to challenge remuneration and/or expenses**

Any Secured Creditor, or Unsecured Creditor with the support of at least 10% in value of the Unsecured Creditors or with permission of the Court, may apply to the Court for one or more orders, reducing the amount or the basis of remuneration which the Joint Administrators are entitled to charge or otherwise challenging some or all of the expenses incurred.

Such applications must be made within 8 weeks of receipt by the applicant(s) of the progress report detailing the remuneration and/or expenses being complained of.

Please note that such challenges may not disturb remuneration or expenses disclosed in prior progress reports.

### **8. CONCLUSION**

The Administration will continue to conclude the ongoing asset realisation of the interchange claim. Once complete, dissolution or Liquidation, as appropriate, will be sought thereafter.

Should you have any queries concerning any of the above please do not hesitate to contact Darren McEvoy on 0203 856 6720 or by e-mail at [darren.mcevoy@quantuma.com](mailto:darren.mcevoy@quantuma.com).



Simon Bonney  
Joint Administrator

The affairs, business and property of Zest Food Ltd (in Administration) are managed by the Joint Administrators, who act as agents of the Company and without personal liability.



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## STATUTORY INFORMATION

Company Name	Zest Food Ltd
Former Trading Address	31-33 Baker Street, London, W1U 8EJ
Proceedings	In Administration
Date of Appointment	21 July 2020
Joint Administrators	Simon Bonney and Michael Kiely Quantuma Advisory Limited High Holborn House, 52-54 High Holborn, London, WC1V 6RL
Change in Office Holder	N/A
Registered Office Address	c/o Quantuma Advisory Limited High Holborn House, 52-54 High Holborn, London, WC1V 6RL
Company Number	05070252
Incorporation Date	11 March 2004

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THE JOINT ADMINISTRATORS' RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT AS AT 20 JANUARY 2023

Zest Food Ltd  
(In Administration)  
Joint Administrators' Summary of Receipts & Payments

Statement of Affairs £		From 21/07/2022 To 20/01/2023 £	From 21/07/2020 To 20/01/2023 £
	<b>SECURED ASSETS</b>		
28,001.00	Shop Fit, Equipment and Website	NIL	NIL
3,500.00	Fixed Asset Holding Account	NIL	NIL
1.00	Leasehold Premises	NIL	20,000.00
	Intellectual Property	NIL	1.00
	Book and Records	NIL	1.00
	Goodwill	NIL	10,000.00
		NIL	30,002.00
	<b>COSTS OF REALISATION</b>		
	Office Holders Fees	NIL	2,500.00
		NIL	(2,500.00)
	<b>SECURED CREDITORS</b>		
(9,387,688.00)	Latimer Investments Limited	NIL	20,000.00
		NIL	(20,000.00)
	<b>ASSET REALISATIONS</b>		
	Bank Interest Gross	3.08	8.00
5,831.00	Book Debts	NIL	NIL
95,043.00	Cash at Bank	NIL	96,497.55
	CVA - Unbanked Dividends	NIL	2,467.22
	Funds held in Solicitors' client account	NIL	4,400.00
	Furniture & Equipment	NIL	243.33
	HM Revenue & Customs JRS Grant	NIL	133,175.16
NIL	Other debtors - Group Companies	NIL	9,640.08
	Plant & Machinery	NIL	75,511.56
2,656.00	Prepayments	NIL	NIL
38,216.00	Rent Deposits	69,706.40	114,462.12
586.00	Stock	NIL	NIL
		69,709.48	436,405.02
	<b>COST OF REALISATIONS</b>		
	Agents/Valuers Fees (1)	NIL	20,977.56
	AML Search Fee	NIL	9.00
	Bank Charges	NIL	23.20
	Cleaning of premises	NIL	255.00
	Insurance of Assets	NIL	5,696.02
	Legal Fees (1)	7,744.00	15,646.66
	Office Holders Fees	NIL	97,000.00
	Pension agent costs	NIL	350.00
	Photocopying	NIL	14.40
	Postage	NIL	323.20
	Post-appointment staffing	NIL	11,550.00
	Pre-appointment fee	NIL	351.00
	Rents Payable	40,115.55	40,115.55
	Specific Bond	NIL	135.00
	Stationery	NIL	36.00
	Statutory Advertising	NIL	169.20
	Storage Costs	NIL	41.71
		(47,859.55)	(192,693.50)
	<b>PREFERENTIAL CREDITORS</b>		
(42,798.77)	Employee Arrears/Hol Pay	NIL	44,049.55
	Pension Schemes	NIL	8,033.70
		NIL	(52,083.25)
	<b>UNSECURED CREDITORS</b>		
(1,264,888.00)	Accruals	NIL	NIL

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Joint Administrators' Summary of Receipts & Payments

Statement of Affairs £		From 21/07/2022 To 20/01/2023 £	From 21/07/2020 To 20/01/2023 £
65,000.00	CVA Creditor / CVA Payments made	NIL	NIL
(790.00)	Department for Work and Pensions	NIL	NIL
(119,139.54)	Employees - Redundancy and Notice	NIL	NIL
(488,758.00)	HM Revenue and Customs - PAYE/NI	NIL	NIL
(257,340.00)	HM Revenue and Customs - VAT	NIL	NIL
(25,251.00)	Pension	NIL	NIL
(161,239.00)	Staff Payroll - Paid from Furlough Mon	NIL	160,274.12
(1,697,337.98)	Trade & Expense Creditors	NIL	NIL
		NIL	(160,274.12)
	DISTRIBUTIONS		
(31,451.00)	Ordinary Shareholders	NIL	NIL
		NIL	NIL
(13,237,847.29)		21,849.93	38,856.15
	REPRESENTED BY		
	Bank 1 Current		32,192.38
	Vat Control Account		6,663.77
			38,856.15



Simon James Bonney  
Joint Administrator

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SCHEDULE OF THE JOINT ADMINISTRATORS' TIME COSTS DURING THE REVIEW PERIOD  
AND THE WHOLE PERIOD

# Time Entry - SIP9 Time & Cost Summary

6006629 - Zest Food Ltd  
Project Code: POST  
From: 21/07/2022 To: 20/01/2023

Classification of Work Function	Partner	Manager	Other Senior Professionals	Assistants & Support Staff	Total Hours	Time Cost (£)	Average Hourly Rate (£)
Admin & Planning	5.95	0.35	7.55	4.50	18.35	5,878.75	320.37
Case Specific Matters	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Cashiering	0.40	0.00	0.20	2.10	2.70	485.50	179.81
Closing Procedures	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Creditors	2.20	0.00	8.50	0.50	11.20	3,443.50	307.46
Investigations	0.80	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.80	532.00	665.00
Pre Appointment	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Realisation of Assets	5.70	0.00	9.30	0.00	15.00	5,254.50	350.30
Trading	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Hours	15.05	0.35	25.55	7.10	48.05	15,594.25	324.54
Total Fees Claimed						0.00	
Total Disbursements Claimed						0.00	

# Time Entry - SIP9 Time & Cost Summary

6006629 - Zest Food Ltd  
Project Code: POST  
To: 20/01/2023

Classification of Work Function	Partner	Manager	Other Senior Professionals	Assistants & Support Staff	Total Hours	Time Cost (£)	Average Hourly Rate (£)
Admin & Planning	42.65	20.54	50.98	32.80	146.97	46,623.65	317.23
Case Specific Matters	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Cashiering	1.10	1.50	2.80	26.30	31.70	5,264.00	166.06
Closing Procedures	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Creditors	17.10	39.00	165.98	21.10	243.18	63,758.30	262.19
Investigations	2.80	1.20	50.90	30.50	85.40	19,737.50	231.12
Pre Appointment	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Realisation of Assets	23.60	37.70	26.00	0.00	87.30	34,126.00	390.90
Trading	0.60	0.00	0.20	0.20	1.00	355.00	355.00
Total Hours	87.85	99.94	296.86	110.90	595.55	169,864.45	285.22
Total Fees Claimed						99,500.00	
Total Disbursements Claimed						1,514.91	

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DETAILED NARRATIVE LIST OF WORK UNDERTAKEN BY THE JOINT ADMINISTRATORS  
DURING THE REVIEW PERIOD

Description of work undertaken	Includes
<u>ADMINISTRATION &amp; PLANNING</u>	
General Administration - Dealing with all routine correspondence and emails relating to the case.	
Case strategy & completing file reviews at 6 months.	Discussions regarding strategies to be pursued Meetings with team members and independent advisers to consider practical, technical and legal aspects of the case Periodic file reviews Periodic reviews of the application of ethical, anti-money laundering and anti-bribery safeguards Maintenance of statutory and case progression task lists/diaries Updating checklists
VAT & Corporation Tax matters and returns.	Preparation and filing of VAT Returns Preparation and filing of Corporation Tax Returns
<u>CREDITORS</u>	
Dealing with creditor correspondence, emails and telephone conversations.	Receive and follow up creditor enquiries via telephone Review and prepare correspondence to creditors and their representatives via email and post
Leases	Liaising with the Company's landlords with regards to the surrender of the remaining leases
Dealing with Pension Schemes	Corresponding with the PPF and the Pensions Regulator
Dealing with HMRC claims	
Annual/Progress Reports	Preparing, circulating and filing progress reports. Disclosure of sales to connected parties
<u>REALISATION OF ASSETS</u>	
Interchange Claim	Reviewing supporting documentation of interchange claim Liaising with solicitors regarding the pursuit of claims Liaising with third parties regarding the assignment of the claim
Rent Deposits	Liaising with the Company's landlords with regards to rent deposit refunds
Unbanked Cheque Receipts	
Arranging & Monitoring Insurance	Identification of potential issues requiring attention of insurance specialists Correspondence with insurer regarding initial and ongoing insurance requirements Reviewing insurance policies
<u>CASHIERING</u>	
Maintaining and managing the Office Holders' cashbook and bank account.	Preparing correspondence opening and closing accounts Requesting bank statements Correspondence with bank regarding specific transfers Maintenance of the estate cash book
Dealing with cheque requisitions	Issuing cheques/BACS payments
Dealing with deposit forms	Banking remittances



Description of work undertaken	Includes
Bank Reconciliations	
Preparing & Filing statutory Receipts & Payments accounts	Preparing and filing statutory Receipts and Payments accounts at Companies House

Current Charge-out Rates of the staff working on the case

Time charging policy

Support staff and executive assistants do not charge their time to each case except when the initial set up is being performed or when a sizeable administrative task or appropriate ad hoc duty is being undertaken

Support staff include secretarial and administrative support.

The minimum unit of time recorded is 6 minutes.

Rates are likely to be subject to periodic increase.

Grade of Staff	Rate from 23 June 2022	
	Regional Offices	London Offices
CEO/Managing Director	£495.00	£665.00
Appointment Taking Director	£450.00	£560.00
Director	£400.00	£525.00
Senior Manager	£345.00	£460.00
Manager	£325.00	£395.00
Assistant Manager	£295.00	£360.00
Senior Administrator	£250.00	£310.00
Administrator	£200.00	£275.00
Assistant Administrator	£160.00	£210.00
Case Accountant	£110.00	£140.00
Junior Administrator	£125.00	£165.00
Support Staff/Executive Assistant	£110.00	£140.00

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PROOF OF DEBT

PROOF OF DEBT - GENERAL FORM

Zest Food Ltd (in Administration)

Date of Administration: 21 July 2020

DETAILS OF CLAIM		
1.	Name of Creditor (if a company, its registered name)	
2.	Address of Creditor (i.e. principal place of business)	
3.	If the Creditor is a registered company: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For UK companies: its registered number</li> <li>For other companies: the country or territory in which it is incorporated and the number if any under which it is registered</li> <li>The number, if any, under which it is registered as an overseas company under Part 34 of the Companies Act</li> </ul>	
4.	Total amount of claim, including any Value Added Tax, as at the date of administration, less any payments made after this date in relation to the claim, any deduction under R14.20 of the Insolvency (England & Wales) Rules 2016 and any adjustment by way of set-off in accordance with R14.24 and R14.25	£
5.	If the total amount above includes outstanding uncapitalised interest, please state	YES (£ ) / NO
6.	Particulars of how and when debt incurred	
7.	Particulars of any security held, the value of the security, and the date it was given	
8.	Details of any reservation of title in relation to goods to which the debt relates	
9.	Details of any document by reference to which the debt can be substantiated. [The administrator may call for any document or evidence to substantiate the claim at his discretion.]	
10.	Give details of whether the whole or any part of the debt falls within any (and if so which) of the categories of preferential debts under section 386 of, and schedule 6 to, the Insolvency Act 1986	Category  Amount(s) claimed as preferential £
11.	If you wish any dividend payment that may be made to be paid in to your bank account please provide BACS details. Please be aware that if you change accounts it will be your responsibility to provide new information	Account No.:  Account Name:  Sort code:
AUTHENTICATION		
Signature of Creditor or person authorised to act on his behalf		
Name in BLOCK LETTERS		
Date		
If signed by someone other than the Creditor, state your postal address and authority for signing on behalf of the Creditor		
Are you the sole member of the Creditor?		YES / NO