The Insolvency Act 1986

# Notice of result of meeting of creditors

2.23B

Name of Company Thornton Sports Limited

Company number 05365778

In the

High Court, Leeds District Registry

[full name of court]

Court case number 409 of 2016

(a) Insert full name(s) and address(es) of the administrator(s) We, (a) John Russell of Begbies Traynor (SY) LLP, Kendal House, 41 Scotland Street, Sheffield S3 7BS Sheffield North@Begbies-Traynor com and Joanne Louise Hammond of Begbies Traynor (SY) LLP, Kendal House, 41 Scotland Street, Sheffield S3 7BS

\* Delete as applicable

hereby report that \*a meeting / an adjourned meeting of the creditors of the above company was held at

(b)

Business of meeting conducted by correspondence pursuant to paragraph 58 of Schedule B1 to the Insolvency Act 1986 and Rule 2 48 of the Insolvency Rules 1986

(b) insert place of meeting(c) insert date of meeting\* Delete as applicable

en (c) Closing date specified in Form 2 25B 13 July 2016 at which

- \*1 Proposals / revised proposals were approved
- \*2 Proposals / revised proposals were modified and approved-

The modifications made to the proposals are as follows

(d) None

(d) Give details of the modifications (if any)

- \*3 -The proposals-were-rejected-
- \*4 The meeting was adjourned to (e) on
- (e) insert time and date of adjourned meeting
- \*5 Other resolutions (f)



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(f) Details of other resolutions passed

- (1) 'That the joint administrators' proposals for achieving the purp. 2 of the administration, as set out in the document entitled Statement of proposals for achieving the purpose of administration, be and hereby are approved"
- (2) "That the joint administrators' remuneration be fixed by a combination of a set amount of £15,000 plus 20% of realisations in relation to the book debts
- (3) "That the joint administrators be authorised to draw disbursements for services provided by their firm and/or entities within the Begbies Traynor group, in accordance with their firm's policy, details of which accompanied their Statement of proposals for achieving the purpose of administration."
- (4) 'That the unpaid pre-administration costs as detailed in the joint administrators' Statement of proposals for achieving the purpose of administration, be approved for payment.'
- (5) 'That the joint administrators be discharged from liability in respect of any actions of theirs as administrators, pursuant to Paragraph 98 of Schedule B1 to the Insolvency Act 1986, with effect from the date their appointment as joint administrators ceases to have effect "

The revised date-for-automatic end to administration is

\*Delete as applicable

A creditors' committee \*was / was not formed

Signed Mannaco Joint Administrators

Dated

15/7/16

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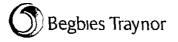
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The affairs, business and property of the Company are being managed by the joint administrators, who act as the Company's agents and without personal liability

### Thornton Sports Limited (In Administration)

Statement of proposals for achieving the purpose of administration pursuant to Paragraph 49 of Schedule B1 to the Insolvency Act 1986 and Rule 2.33 of the Insolvency Rules 1986

### **Important Notice**

This statement of proposals has been produced for the sole purpose of advising creditors pursuant to the provisions of the Insolvency Act 1986. The report is private and confidential and may not be relied upon, referred to, reproduced or quoted from, in whole or in part, by creditors for any purpose other than this report to them, or by any other person for any purpose whatsoever. Any estimated outcomes for creditors included in these proposals are illustrative only and cannot be relied upon as guidance as to the actual outcomes for creditors.

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### 1. INTERPRETATION

Expression	<u>Meaning</u>					
"the Company"	Thornton Sports Limited (In Administration)					
"the administration"	The appointment of administrators under Schedule B1 of the Act on 4 May 2016					
"the administrators", "we", "our", "us"	John Russell of Begbies Traynor (SY) LLP, Kendal House, 41 Scotland Street, Sheffield, S3 7BS, <a href="mailto:Sheffield North@Begbies-Traynor.com">Sheffield North@Begbies-Traynor.com</a>					
	and					
	Joanne Louise Hammond of Begbies Traynor (SY) LLP, Kendal House, 41 Scotland Street, Sheffield, S3 7BS					
"the Act"	The Insolvency Act 1986 (as amended)					
"the Rules"	The Insolvency Rules 1986 (as amended)					
"secured creditor" and "unsecured creditor"	Secured creditor, in relation to a company, means a creditor of the company who holds in respect of his debt a security over property of the company, and "unsecured creditor" is to be read accordingly (Section 248(1)(a) of the Act)					
"secunty"	(i) In relation to England and Wales, any mortgage, charge, lien or other security (Section 248(1)(b)(i) of the Act), and					
	(II) In relation to Scotland, any security (whether hentable or moveable), any floating charge and any right of lien or preference and any right of retention (other than a right of compensation or set off) (Section 248(1)(b)(II) of the Act)					
"preferential creditor"	Any creditor of the Company whose claim is preferential within Sections 386, 387 and Schedule 6 to the Act					

### STATUTORY INFORMATION

Name of Company

Thornton Sports Limited

Trading name(s)

The company traded as part of the Thornton Sports group

Date of Incorporation

15 February 2005

Company registered number

05365778

Company registered office

Kendal House, 41 Scotland Street, Sheffield, S3 7BS

Former registered office

Unit 12 Metcalf Drive, Altham Industrial Estate, Altham,

Lancashire, BB5 5TU

Trading address

Unit 12 Metcalf Drive, Altham Industrial Estate, Altham,

Lancashire, BB5 5TU

Principal business activities

Contractor specialising in providing artificial sports pitches

Directors and details of shares held in

the Company (if any)

Shareholding

John Shepherd

See below

**David Saxby** 

See below

Colin Wright

See below

Company Secretary and details of the

shares held in Company (if any)

Name:

Shareholding

John Shepherd

See below

Share capital

190,065 Ordinary 'A' Shares of £1 each 535 Ordinary 'B' Shares of £1 each

Shareholders

**Davis Saxby** 

105,799 Ordinary 'A' Shares of £1 each 535 Ordinary 'B' Shares of £1 each

John Shepherd

31,600 Ordinary 'A' Shares of £1 each 215 Ordinary 'B' Shares of £1 each

Colin Wright

21,066 Ordinary 'A' Shares of £1 each 215 Ordinary 'B' Shares of £1 each

Sarah Lucas

31,600 Ordinary 'A' Shares of £1 each

### 2. DETAILS OF APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATORS

Date of appointment

4 May 2016

Date of resignation

N/A

Court

High Court, Leeds District Registry

Court Case Number

395 of 2016

Person(s) making appointment /

application

The Company's directors passed a board resolution approving the appointment of the Administrators

Acts of the administrators

The administrators act as officers of the court and as agents of the Company without personal liability. Any act required or authorised under any enactment to be done by an administrator may be done by any one or more persons holding the office of administrator.

from time to time

EC Regulation on Insolvency

Proceedings

The EC Regulation on Insolvency Proceedings (Council Regulation (EC) No 1346/2000) applies to these proceedings which are 'main' proceedings' within the meaning of Article 3 of the

Regulation

### STATUTORY PURPOSE OF ADMINISTRATION

Paragraph 3 of Schedule B1 to the Act provides as follows

- "3 (1) The administrator of a company must perform his functions with the objective of-
  - (a) rescuing the company as a going concern, or
  - (b) achieving a better result for the company's creditors as a whole than would be likely if the company were wound up (without first being in administration), or
  - realising property in order to make a distribution to one or more secured or preferential creditors
  - (2) Subject to sub-paragraph (4), the administrator of a company must perform his functions in the interests of the company's creditors as a whole
  - (3) The administrator must perform his functions with the objective specified in sub-paragraph (1)(a) unless he thinks either-
    - (a) that it is not reasonably practicable to achieve that objective, or
    - (b) that the objective specified in sub-paragraph (1)(b) would achieve a better result for the company's creditors as a whole
  - (4) The administrator may perform his functions with the objective specified in sub-paragraph (1)(c) only if-
    - (a) he thinks that it is not reasonably practicable to achieve either of the objectives specified in sub-paragraph (1)(a) and (b), and
    - (b) he does not unnecessarily harm the interests of the creditors of the company as a whole "

# 3. CIRCUMSTANCES GIVING RISE TO OUR APPOINTMENT

The Company traded as part of the Thornton Sports Group which consisted of five group companies, Thornton Sports Limited ("Sports"), Thornton Contracts Limited ("Contracts or the Company") Nordon Limited ("Nordon"), G T C Sports Limited ("GTC") and Protech Allweather Limited ("Protech"), together with one associated company, Soccerturf (UK) Limited ("Soccerturf")

Sports is the ultimate parent company and held a sought after framework agreement to supply and fit sports pitches for projects funded by official sporting bodies

Contracts was responsible for overseeing the installation and fitting of the sports pitches on behalf of Sports and also contracted directly with third party customers whose projects did not fall within the scope of the framework agreement

Nordon operated the manufacturing facility at Altham Industrial Estate which produced the artificial turf and other specialist sports surfaces

GTC was set up to supply and install complementary sporting products, for example athletics equipment and goal posts

Protech was based in Wigston, Leicestershire and was acquired by the Company in 2006 as a complementary business. Protech was responsible for the ongoing maintenance of artificial pitches installed by the companies and also accepted instructions for maintenance and remedial works on behalf of third party customers.

Soccerturf was set up by the directors to manufacture a specialist type of artificial turf using the facilities owned by Nordon

The companies' financial difficulties started when they began to experience product default issues in respect of two large contracts completed under the framework agreement. Following testing by the framework agreement's administrators, both pitches failed product durability tests and were deemed to be unsafe for the specific sports they were intended to be used for

Despite a lengthy period of investigation into Nordon's manufacturing procedures, the raw materials used in the process and the installation procedure undertaken by contracts, the companies could not determine the cause of the product default issue

The remedial costs associated with removing and reinstalling the two faulty pitches were estimated to total between £300,000 and £400,000. The companies did not have sufficient working capital to cover these costs and, even if the costs could be met, without being able to determine the cause of the product failure there was no guarantee that a newly manufactured pitch would pass the relevant tests.

In addition, the companies' product liability insurers advised that they were not able to process a claim for the faulty pitches until the cause of failure had been determined

The companies' directors and an additional shareholder of Sports, Sarah Lucas, provided Contracts with short term loans in November 2015 to boost the companies' cashflow. These loans are supported by a debenture incorporating fixed and floating charges against Contracts.

It subsequently became apparent that Sports had received a double payment in error in respect of one of the faulty pitches. The companies were not able to fund the repayment of these monies and were imminently expecting a claim for payment from the customer.

As a result of the product liability issues, the companies were not able to accept any new instructions under the framework agreement and were under significant pressure from the administrators to remedy the onsite issues. The directors were concerned that the framework agreement would shortly be revoked which would have had a further detrimental impact on the companies' cashflow.

As a result of the circumstances outlined above, the directors were referred to Begbies Traynor by the companies' accountants, Brown McLeod

Following a review of the companies' financial positions, it was concluded that Contracts could no longer continue to trade without a further cashflow injection. The directors advised that they were not in a position to introduce any further funds and did not think they would be able to source alternate funding through a third party given the product default issues.

It was also concluded that Nordon could not continue to manufacture and sell its products for specialist sports pitches without resolving the product issues and Sports was rendered insolvent by virtue of the overpayment claim

The group structure was so intertwined that the failure of Contracts, Sports and Nordon had a knock on effect on both GTC and Protech. Soccerturf also became insolvent as a result of the failure of the group companies and its intercompany debts.

It was recommended that the directors take immediate steps to place the companies' into Administration and therefore John Russell and Joanne Hammond were appointed as Joint Administrators on 4 May 2016

### STATEMENT OF AFFAIRS

The directors' have prepared a statement of affairs of the Company as at 4 May 2016 which is attached at Appendix 2. It makes no provision for the costs of the administration or any subsequent liquidation or voluntary arrangement.

Our comments on the statement of affairs are as follows

As detailed at section 5 of this report, Lesley Keats have been instructed to pursue the collection of the Company's contract debts. Leslie Keats have provided a best and worst case valuation of the likely realisations. For the purposes of their statement of affairs, the directors have used the midpoint between the two valuations for their estimated to realise value. We consider that this is an appropriate assumption to have made.

The statement of affairs does not make reference to the companies' insurance claim against its product liability insurers. We are currently investigating which company within the group has standing to make the claim and also whether there is any possibility of recovery given the product liability issue has not been determined. We therefore concur with the directors' decision not to include the claim in the Company's statement of affairs.

### 5 THE ADMINISTRATION PERIOD

### Receipts and Payments

Attached at Appendix 1 is our account of receipts and payments from the commencement of administration, 4 May 2016 to 24 June 2016

Upon our appointment, the Company had a cash at bank balance of £834 (after the application of final account charges) These funds have been transferred to the Administration account

The sum of £74 has been paid to procure the advertisement of our appointment in the London Gazette

### Progress of the Administration

The Company's principal asset is its contract debtor book which comprises of outstanding debts, applications, retentions and work in progress. We have instructed construction debt specialists, Leslie Keats, to assist in the collection of these sums.

Immediately prior to our appointment, we undertook a strategic review of the Company's ongoing project with the assistance of Leslie Keats and the Company's directors to highlight any on-site issue which needed to be addressed in order to protect the value in the debtors' ledger

Following the appointment, a full review of all past, current and future projects was undertaken to make sure all the necessary backup documentation was available. Where appropriate, we have highlighted contracts where a novation to a third party contractor would result in an increased realisation and Leslie Keats have negotiated agreements in this respect.

Leslie Keats have now provided us with a detailed report of the Company's contract debts which indicate a book value of £288,000. They have provided a best case estimated to realise value of £40,000 and a worst case value of nil

Estimated realisations are anticipated to be low compared to the book value as the majority of the outstanding debt relates to the projects where product default issues have been experienced

There are a number of intercompany balances which may result in monies becoming available within the Administration. We are currently investigating these balances.

### 6. ESTIMATED OUTCOME FOR CREDITORS

The sums owed to creditors at the date of appointment as detailed in the directors' statement of affairs are as follows

### Secured creditors

There are no secured creditors

### Preferential creditors

Preferential claims of employees for arrears of wages, salary and holiday pay are estimated at £1,647

### **Unsecured creditors**

Claims of unsecured creditors were estimated at £3,585,451

On the basis of realisations to date and estimated future realisations we estimate an outcome for each class of the Company's creditor as follows

### Preferential creditors

Based upon realisations to date and estimated future realisations, we consider there will be sufficient funds available to enable a dividend to be paid to the preferential creditors

### Prescribed Part for unsecured creditors pursuant to Section 176A of the Act

Section 176A of the Act provides that, where the company has created a floating charge on or after 15 September 2003, the administrator must make a prescribed part of the Company's net property available for the unsecured creditors and not distribute it to the floating charge holder except in so far as it exceeds the amount required for the satisfaction of unsecured debts. As there is no secured creditor, there will be no floating charge distribution and consequently no prescribed part.

### Unsecured creditors

As detailed above, a distribution to unsecured creditors is dependent upon the level of realisations achieved in respect of the Company's contract debts. As such, it is too early to provide any estimate of the quantum of dividend that may be available. An update in this respect will be provided in our next report.

### Effect of administration on limitation periods under the Limitation Act 1980

As explained in our initial correspondence confirming our appointment as administrators, the Limitation Act 1980 continues to apply to all debts due from the Company. Case law indicates that where a company is in administration, time does not stop running for limitation purposes pursuant to the Limitation Act 1980. If you have any concerns in relation to your claim against the Company becoming time-barried during the course of the administration, we strongly recommend that you seek independent legal advice on the options available to you to prevent this

### OUR PROPOSALS FOR ACHIEVING THE PURPOSE OF THE ADMINISTRATION

### Purpose of the Administration

We are required to set out our proposals for achieving the purpose of the administration which in this context means one of the objectives specified in paragraph 3 of Schedule B1 to the Act as set out at section 3 of this report above

For the reasons set out in this report, we consider that it is not reasonably practicable to achieve the objective specified in sub-paragraph 3(1)(a) re rescuing the Company as a going concern. This is because of the extent of its insolvent status and the inability to source additional funding whilst the product default issues cannot be identified.

The objective specified in sub-paragraph 3(1)(b), namely, achieving a better result for the Company's creditors as a whole than would be likely if the Company was wound up without first being in Administration may be achieved but this is dependent upon the sale of the successful collection of the debtors' ledger. This is the objective that we will be pursuing in these circumstances.

Notwithstanding the above, the objective specified on sub-paragraph 3(1)(c) will be achieved, as it is anticipated there will be a distribution to the Company's preferential creditors

In order that the purpose of the administration may be fully achieved, we propose to remain in office as administrators in order to conclude the realisation of the Company's property. The principal matters to deal with in this respect are

- The collection of the Company contractual debts with the assistance of Leslie Keats,
- The review of the Company's product liability insurance policy and the possibility of a claim for the faulty product.

Following these events we propose to finalise distributions to preferential creditors

### Exit from Administration

The exit from Administration will be dependent upon whether or not funds become available from the collection of the contract debts for the Company's unsecured creditors

In circumstances where we are of the opinion that a distribution will be made to the unsecured creditors of the Company then our proposed exit route will be via creditors voluntary liquidation

We do not have the power to make a distribution to unsecured creditors in the administration without the permission of court. It is considered that the court will only grant such permission in exceptional circumstances where the normal course for making distributions to unsecured creditors in a voluntary liquidation is inappropriate. Additionally, there may be matters for enquiry concerning a company's affairs which are not within the scope of an administrator's powers and which can only be properly dealt with by a liquidator.

Consequently, as soon as we are satisfied that we have fully discharged our duties as administrators and that the purpose of the administration has been fully achieved, we propose to implement the provisions of Paragraph 83 of Schedule B1 to the Act whereby on the registration of a notice sent to the Registrar of Companies, our appointment as administrators shall cease to have effect and the Company will automatically be placed into creditors' voluntary liquidation Paragraph 83(7) provides

The liquidators for the purpose of the winding up shall be-

- (a) a person nominated by the creditors of the company in the prescribed manner and within the prescribed period, or
- (b) If no person is nominated under paragraph (a), the administrators

We confirm that as part of our proposals we propose that we, or in the event of there being a subsequent change of persons appointed as administrator, the individuals in office as such immediately prior to the Company being placed into liquidation, do act as joint liquidators in the subsequent winding up of the Company. Creditors may nominate a different person as the proposed liquidator provided that the nomination is made after the receipt of the proposals and before the proposals are approved. The appointment of a person nominated as liquidator takes effect by the creditors' approval, with or without modification, of our proposals.

It is proposed that for the purpose of the winding up, any act required or authorised under any enactment to be done by the joint liquidators is to be done by all or any one or more of the persons for the time being holding office

However, in the event that we determine that special circumstances apply in this matter and it would therefore be more cost effective to the Company's creditors to make an application to court to facilitate a distribution of funds within the Administration we will do so. This would only incur in circumstances where we consider that there are no matters for a liquidator to investigate which fall outside of the scope of the Administrators' powers.

In circumstances where we consider that the Company will have insufficient property to enable a distribution to be made to unsecured creditors our proposed exit route will be via the dissolution of the Company Consequently, as soon as we are satisfied that we have fully discharged our duties as administrators and that the purpose of the administration has been fully achieved, we propose to implement the provisions of Paragraph 84 of Schedule B1 to the Act. Under these provisions, on the registration of a notice sent by us to the Registrar of Companies, our appointment as administrators ceases to have effect, and at the end of three months the Company will automatically be dissolved.

Where an administrator sends such a notice of dissolution to the Registrar of Companies, he must also file a copy of the notice with the court and send a copy to each creditor of the Company, and on application by any interested party the court may suspend or disapply the automatic dissolution of the Company

However, it may transpire that it is not possible to finalise the administration as envisaged within one year of the date of our appointment. In particular, this situation will anse if we are not able to conclude the collection of contractual debts. Yet Paragraph 76 of Schedule B1 to the Act provides that the appointment of an administrator shall cease to have effect at the end of the period of one year beginning with the date on which it takes effect. However, our term of office may be extended either by court order for a specified period or by consent of the creditors for a specified period not exceeding twelve months. It may therefore become necessary at some future time for us to seek creditor consent to extending the period of the administration for up to a further twelve months following the anniversary of our appointment in order to ensure that the objective of the administration can be fully achieved.

We are seeking that the joint administrators' be discharged from liability in respect of any actions of theirs as administrators, pursuant to Paragraph 98 of Schedule B1 to the Insolvency Act 1986, with effect from the date their appointment as joint administrators ceases to have effect.

### 8. PRE-ADMINISTRATION COSTS

In the period before the Company entered administration, we carried out work consisting of reviewing the companies' financial positions and advising the directors on the most appropriate options available to them In addition, we undertook a review of the Company's contractual debts and on site issues in order to formulate a strategy to implement immediately following appointment in order to maximise realisations. We also assisted the directors with the documentation required to facilitate the appointment and complied with our statutory and regulatory pre-appointment procedures.

The Work was carried out pursuant to an agreement made between us and the Company entered into on 27 April 2016 ("the Agreement") The Agreement provides for the payment of our fees and the discharge of expenses incurred by us (collectively referred to as "the pre-administration costs") in carrying out the Work

The Work was carried out before the Company entered administration because we consider that the Work has furthered the achievement of the objective of administration being pursued, namely achieving a better result for the Company's creditors as a whole than would be likely if the Company were wound up (without first being in administration

The pre-administration costs are broken down as follows

Description	Name of recipient	Net amount £	VAT£	Gross amount £
Our fees in relation to the Work	Begbies Traynor	2,484 00	496 80	2,980 80
Legal Fees	DLA Piper UK LLP	864 50	172 90	1,037 40
Quantity Surveyors' Fees	Leslie Keats	945 00	189 00	1,134 00
TOTAL PRE-ADMINISTRATION COSTS		4,293 50	858 70	5,152 20

The pre-administration costs are unpaid and we are seeking that they be paid as an expense of the administration. Pursuant to Rule 2 67A of the Rules, approval to discharge such costs ("the unpaid pre-administration costs") as an expense is required from the creditors' committee, or in the absence of a committee, or if the committee does not make a determination, by way of a resolution of creditors. Payment of the unpaid pre-administration costs requires separate approval and is not part of our proposals subject to approval pursuant to Paragraph 53 of Schedule B1 to the Act.

In order to provide sufficient information to consider approval of the payment of the unpaid pre-administration costs, a Pre-Administration Time Costs Analysis and a pre-administration Time Costs Summary appear at

Appendix 3 These show the number of hours spent by each grade of staff involved in the case and give the average hourly rate charged. They also provide an explanation of the work undertaken prior to our appointment.

### 9. REMUNERATION AND DISBURSEMENTS

### Remuneration

We propose that the basis of our remuneration be fixed under Rule 2 106 of the Rules by a combination of the statutory bases for fixing remuneration. We propose to charge a fixed fee of £15,000 to cover the cost of complying with our statutory and regulatory duties together with a fee equating to 20% of realisations achieved in respect of the Company's contract debts.

It is for the creditors' committee to approve the basis of our remuneration under Rule 2 106 of the Rules, but if no such committee is appointed it will be for the creditors to determine

Appendix 3 sets out our firm's hourly charge out rates, our fees estimate and the time that we and our staff have spent in attending to matters arising in the administration since 4 May 2016

### Disbursements

We propose that disbursements for services provided by our firm and/or entities within the Begbies Traynor group, be charged in accordance with our firm's policy, details of which are set out at Appendix 3. These disbursements will be identified by us and will be payable subject to the approval of those responsible for determining the basis of our remuneration.

### Estimate of expenses

We are required by the Rules to provide creditors with details of the expenses that we consider will be, or are likely to be, incurred in the course of the administration. This information also appears at Appendix 3

### Expenditure incurred to date

Brown McLeod has incurred costs of £500 plus VAT. These costs relate to the time spent bringing the Company's accounting records up to date and assisting the directors with their statement of affairs.

Leslie Keats costs to date are £3,628 45

### 10. OTHER INFORMATION TO ASSIST CREDITORS

### Report on the conduct of directors

We have a statutory duty to investigate the conduct of the directors and any person we consider to be or have been a shadow or de facto director during the period of three years before the date of our appointment, in relation to their management of the affairs of the Company and the causes of its failure. We are obliged to submit confidential reports to the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills

As administrators of the Company we are required by best practice guidance to make enquiries of creditors as to whether they wish to raise any concerns regarding the way in which the Company's business was conducted prior to the commencement of the administration, or wish to bring to our attention any potential recoveries for the estate. If you would like to bring any such issues to our attention please do so in writing to the address detailed at Section 1 of this report. This request for information is standard practice and does not imply any criticism or cause of action against any person concerned in the management of the Company's affairs.

### Investigations carried out to date

We have undertaken an initial assessment of possible actions in relation to the manner in which the business was conducted prior to the administration of the Company and potential recoveries for the estate in this respect

### 11. CONCLUSION

Pursuant to paragraph 58 of Schedule B1 to the Act, our proposals will be considered at an initial meeting of the Company's creditors conducted by means of a postal in accordance with the Notice of conduct of business by correspondence (Form 2 25B) accompanying this document. In the event that creditors are seeking that a creditors' committee be formed and their nomination as a member of the committee, they need to ensure that they attach and return the completed resolutions with Form 2 25B by the closing date detailed in the form. Directions on how to complete the resolutions are provided with the resolutions.

Rule 2 48(7) provides that a creditor or creditors of the Company whose debts amount to at least 10% of the total debts of the Company, may requisition a meeting of creditors, rather than the meeting being conducted by correspondence. Any such requisition must be in the prescribed manner in accordance with Rule 2 37 and be made within 5 business days of the date on which our statement of proposals is sent out.

Subject to the approval of our proposals at the initial creditors' meeting, we will report on progress again approximately six months after the commencement of the administration, or at the conclusion of the administration, whichever is the sooner

John Russell Joint Administrator

Date 24 June 2016

# **ACCOUNT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS**

4 May 2016 to 24 June 2016

# Thornton Sports Limited (In Administration) Joint Administrators' Abstract of Receipts & Payments To 24/06/2016

£	£	S of A £
	834 28	ASSET REALISATIONS Cash at Bank
834 28		outin at Same
		COST OF REALISATIONS
(72.74)	73 74	Statutory Advertising
(73 74)		
760 54		
	===	REPRESENTED BY
14 75		VAT Receivable
745 79		Bank Balance
760.54	<del></del>	

# DIRECTORS' STATEMENT OF AFFAIRS AS AT 4 MAY 2016

### Statement of affairs

	Name of Company	Company number
	Throbas Sprits Ltd	8FF23E20
	In the	Court case number
	HIGH COURT, WEDS DISTRICT REGISTRY.	409 0+ 2016
(a) Insert name and address of registered office of the company	Statement as to the affairs of (a) THICKNION SPORTS LIMIT	ED 41 SCOTLAND
	STREET SHEFFIELD S3 7BS	<del></del>
(b) Insert date	on the (b) 4 Hay 20 (C 20), the date that the comp	pany entered administration
	Statement of Truth	
	I believe that the facts stated in this statement of affairs are a full, tru affairs of the above named company as at (b) u may 2016 administration.	
	Full name Toky Stepland	
	Signed	
	Dated 10 JUNE 2016	

### A – Summary of Assets

Assets	Book	Estimated to
Assets subject to fixed charge:	Value £	Realise , £
Absolution fixed charge.	Nil.	Ala
Assets subject to floating charge:	lia	A/a
Uncharged assets		1.0
Aged Debhas (Sch 2). Inter. Corpay Outside	544,391	180,000
1977 (Sch 2) 1941	406,479	500,8
Bak (Sch 3)	2,302	993
later- Coppay Louis (Sols 4)	4,255,634	1.5
Estimated total assets available for preferential creditors	1,960,499	E153,995

### A1 – Summary of Liabilities

	<del></del> -		Estimated to realise £
Estimated total assets available for preferential creditors (carried from page A)	£	£	153,995
Liabilities Preferential creditors:-	ı		
Estimated deficiency/surplus as regards preferential creditors		£	2.09,221
Estimated prescribed part of net property where applicable (to carry forward)	£		·
Estimated total assets available for floating charge holders		£	182,945
Debts secured by floating charges	£		·
Estimated deficiency/surplus of assets after floating charges	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	£	289,221
Estimated prescribed part of net property where applicable (brought down)	£		_
Total assets available to unsecured creditors		£	288,628
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Note: You must include all creditors and identify all creditors under hire-purchase, chattel leasing or conditional sale agreements and customers claiming amounts paid in advance of the supply of goods or services and creditors claiming retention of title over property in the company's possession,

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### DIRECTORS' STATEMENT OF AFFAIRS

### Notes to the Directors' Statement of Affairs

- The contract debts have been professionally valued by Messrs Leslie Keats and Eddisons Commercial Limited following our appointment. Full details of these assets and the likely realisations have been detailed in the above report.
- The claims of the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills represent employees' estimated claims under The Employment Rights Act 1996 in respect of arrears of pay to a maximum of £800 per employee and holiday pay which are claimed preferentially, and pay in lieu of notice, redundancy pay and arrears of pay in excess of £800 which are non-preferential
- 3 The claim of HM Revenue & Customs represents PAYE and NIC outstanding for the month prior to appointment
- The claim of HM Revenue & Customs represents VAT outstanding for the quarter prior to appointment
- 5 Creditors' claims are subject to agreement and will not be prejudiced by omission from the Statement of Affairs or by inclusion in a different amount from that claimed
- The estimated total deficiency, including the calculation of the prescribed part of the Company's net property, is subject to the costs of administration and distribution for which no provision is made in the statement of affairs

### REMUNERATION AND EXPENSES

Total time spent to 24 June 2016 on this assignment amounts to 158 70 hours at an average composite rate of £239 17 per hour resulting in total time costs to 24 June 2016 of £37,956 00

To assist creditors in determining this matter, the following further information appears in this appendix

- Begbies Traynor (SY) LLP's charging policy
- □ [Pre-administration Time Costs
- Narrative summary of time costs incurred
- Table of time spent and charge-out value
- The Administrators' fees estimate incorporating details of the work that the Administrators consider that they will need to undertake to administer the administration
- Details of the expenses that the Administrators consider will be, or are likely to be, incurred

In addition, a copy of 'A Creditors Guide to Administrators' Fees (E&W) 2015' which provides guidance on creditors' rights can be obtained online at <a href="https://www.begbies-traynor.com/creditorsguides">www.begbies-traynor.com/creditorsguides</a> Alternatively, if you require a hard copy of the Guide, please contact my office and I will arrange to send you a copy

Finally, the Association of Business Recovery Professionals (R3) has set up a website that contains a step-by-step guide designed to help creditors navigate their way through an insolvency process which includes information in relation to remuneration. You can access the website at the following address <a href="http://www.creditonnsolvencyguide.co.uk/">http://www.creditonnsolvencyguide.co.uk/</a>

### **BEGBIES TRAYNOR CHARGING POLICY**

### INTRODUCTION

This note applies where creditor approval is sought to make a separate charge by way of expenses or disbursements to recover the cost of facilities provided by the firm. Best practice guidance indicates that such charges should be disclosed to those who are responsible for approving the office holder's remuneration, together with an explanation of how those charges are calculated

### EXPENSES INCURRED BY OFFICE HOLDERS IN RESPECT OF THE ADMINISTRATION OF INSOLVENT ESTATES

Best practice guidance classifies expenses into two broad categories

- Category 1 disbursements (approval not required) specific expenditure that is directly related to the case and referable to an independent external supplier's invoice. All such items are charged to the case as they are incurred.
- Category 2 disbursements (approval required) items of expenditure that are directly related to the case which include an element of shared or allocated cost and are based on a reasonable method of calculation, but which are not payable to an independent third party
  - (A) The following items of expenditure are charged to the case (subject to approval)
    - Car mileage is charged at the rate of [45] pence per mile,
    - Storage of books and records (when not chargeable as a Category 1 disbursement) is charged
      on the basis that the number of standard archive boxes held in storage for a particular case
      bears to the total of all archive boxes for all cases in respect of the period for which the storage
      charge relates
  - (B) The following items of expenditure will normally be treated as general office overheads and will not be charged to the case although a charge may be made where the precise cost to the case can be determined because the item satisfies the test of a Category 1 disbursement
    - Telephone and facsimile
    - Printing and photocopying
    - Stationery

### **BEGBIES TRAYNOR CHARGE-OUT RATES**

Begbies Traynor is a national firm. The rates charged by the various grades of staff that may work on a case are set nationally, but vary to suit local market conditions. The rates applying to the Sheffield office as at the date of this report are as follows.

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Grade of staff	Charge-out rate (£ per hour) 1 May 2011 – until further notice
Partner	395
Director	345
Senior Manager	310
Manager	265
Assistant Manager	205
Senior Administrator	175
Administrator	135
Trainee Administrator	110
Support	110
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Time spent by support staff such as secretarial, administrative and cashiering staff is charged directly to cases. It is not carried as an overhead

Time is recorded in 6 minute units

### PRE ADMINISTRATION TIME COSTS SUMMARY

CASE NAME Thornton Sports Limited

CASE TYPE ADMINISTRATION

OFFICE HOLDERS John Russell AND Joanne Louise Hammond

DATE OF APPOINTMENT 4 May 2016

### 1 CASE OVERVIEW

1 1 This overview is intended to provide sufficient information to enable the body responsible for the approval of pre-administration costs to consider the level of those costs in the context of the case

### 1 2 Time costs information

Details of the time spent by each grade of staff prior to the appointment of the administrators and the overall average hourly charge out rate for the pre-administration work are set out in the attached table

Full details of the work undertaken by the administrators and their staff prior to appointment are set out below and in the Administrators' Statement of Proposals

### 13 Overview of work undertaken prior to appointment

Full details of the work undertaken in the period prior to appointment are included in our report In summary, this includes a review of the companies' financial positions, providing the directors with advice in relation to the options available to them, undertaking a review of the on-going contracts to determine critical issues, complying with our statutory and regulatory pre-appointment procedures and assisting the directors with the process of putting the company into Administration

### 14 Complexity of work undertaken prior to appointment

Due to the nature of the work, the pre-appointment time recorded relates to the Insolvency Practitioners who are appointed Several on-site meeting were held during which time the Company's financial position was review and a high level review of the Company's operation and on-going contracts was undertaken

### 15 Exceptional responsibilities

Exceptional care was taken to ensure that all critical issues were identified prior to the appointment to ensure that there were no on-site safety issues and that the Companies' assets were protected to the best extent possible

### 16 The proposed Administrators' effectiveness

The provision of the services detailed above ensured that the companies were placed into Administration in a timely manner and that the optimum strategy was put in place immediately following appointment. We believe that this work will therefore enhance the return to creditors

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### 17 The views of the creditors

Due to the time critical nature of the issues the companies' were experiencing, there was not sufficient time to consult creditors prior to our appointment

### 18 Approval of fees, expenses and disbursements incurred in the period prior to appointment

The Administrators are seeking a resolution in relation to their pre-administration costs as follows that the unpaid pre-administration costs detailed in the joint administrators' Statement of Proposals for achieving the purpose of administration, be approved for payment

# 19 Expenses and disbursements incurred in the period prior to appointment where payment is proposed to be made to Begbies Traynor and/or another entity with Begbies Traynor Group

### Category 2 Disbursements

Pursuant to the resolution being sought in relation to the unpaid pre-administration costs, the following Category 2 disbursements and disbursements which should be treated as Category 2 disbursements are proposed to be charged in relation to the period prior to appointment

Other amounts paid or payable to the office hol	der's firm
Type and purpose	Amount £
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TOTAL	22 95

### 1 10 Other professionals employed & their costs

The Joint Administrators engaged DLA Piper UK LLP to provide legal services and Leslie Keats to assist with the review and collection of the Company's contract debts. Both firms are known to the Administrators and have a track record of providing an excellent service. Both firms will be remunerated on a time cost basis.

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### **Thornton Sports Limited**

### SUMMARY OF TIME COSTS AND EXPENSES

This summary, which should be read in conjunction with the Time Costs Analysis for the period of the report attached, is intended to provide sufficient information to enable the body responsible for the approval of our fees to consider the level of our fees and expenses in the context of the case

What work has been done since we were appointed, why was that work necessary and what has been the financial benefit (if any) to creditors?

Details of the types of work that generally fall into the headings mentioned below are available on our firm's website - <a href="http://www.begbies-traynorgroup.com/work-details">http://www.begbies-traynorgroup.com/work-details</a> Under the following headings we have explained the specific work that has been undertaken on this case. Not every piece of work has been described, but we have sought to give a proportionate overview which provides sufficient detail to allow creditors to understand what has been done, why it was necessary and what financial benefit (if any) the work has provided to creditors.

The costs incurred in relation to each heading are set out in the Time Costs Analysis which is attached

### General case administration and planning

To date 25.9 hours has been spent in relation to case administration and planning at a cost of £8,576.00

This includes preparing our internal case strategy document, completing money laundering requirements and inputting necessary information onto our system

This also covers a significant amount of time which has been spent collating the required information to enable the Administrators to undertake their role effectively. This has necessitated numerous on-site meetings

Whilst the above is not necessarily of benefit to the Company's creditors, it is necessary to allow the joint administrators to undertake their role effectively

### Compliance with the Insolvency Act, Rules and best practice

To date a total of 12 hours have been spent in relation to compliance with the Act, Rules and best practice. This has a total cost of £2,661 00

The work undertaken in this regard includes preparing post appointment statutory letters, including changing the Company's registered office, writing to the Company's director to request the Company's statement of affairs, liaising with the Company's accountants in relation to the statement of affairs and writing to the Company's former bankers etc

In addition, time has been spent communicating with a local third party bank with a view to opening an account for the Company in Administration

The case was also reviewed to ascertain the level of realisations anticipated with a bond being prepared to cover any funds received into the case

Finally, time has also been spent preparing the joint administrators' proposals and a fee estimate in line with statute

The above is anticipated to assist creditors as it will allow the joint administrators to effectively manage any funds received into the administration and will also provide creditors with further information in relation to the case

### Investigations

To date, 0.1 hours have been spent on investigations. This has resulted in time costs of £26.50

A minimal amount of time has been spent carrying out searches on the directors

There is no financial benefit to the creditors however, we are required to carry out these searches

### Realisation of assets

To date 5.4 hours have been spent in relation to realising the Company's assets. This has a cost of £1,527.00

The majority of this time has been spent assisting with the collection of the contract debts, this has included a review Leslie Keats advice, on-site meeting, reviewing the Company's records, reconciling bank statements and assisting with contract novations

We have secured the transfer of the Company's cash at Bank balance and continue to liaise with the Company's bankers to ensure any further receipts are transferred in a timely manner

This work has directly benefitted creditors as the higher the level of realisations achieved, the greater the prospect of a dividend to unsecured creditors

### Trading

As the Company ceased to trade upon our appointment, no time has been incurred under this heading

Dealing with all creditors' claims (including employees), correspondence and distributions

To date 12.8 hours have been spent dealing with creditor claims, correspondence and distributions at a cost of £2,391.00

The majority of this time relates to our internal employment specialist who assisted the Company's employees with their claims for redundancy, pay in lieu of notice, wage arrears and holiday pay. In addition, we have liaised with the Company's pension scheme supervisors.

We have also corresponded with a number of unsecured creditors

Whilst the there is no financial benefit to creditors from this work, it was necessary to ensure that the Company's creditors were engaged in the Administration process and the Company's former employees received the information they require in a timely manner

Other matters which includes meetings, tax, litigation, pensions and travel

To date 8.9 hours have been incurred on matters that fall within this category. Time costs have reached a sum of £1,753.50

We have incurred time travelling to and from site to have a number of meeting with the directors and Leslie Keats

### Time Costs Analysis

An analysis of time costs for the period of the report is attached showing the time spent by each grade of staff on the different types of work involved in the case, and giving the total costs and average hourly rate charged for each work type

Please note that the analysis provides details of the work undertaken by us and our staff following our appointment only Information in relation to our pre-appointment time can be found in our Pre Appointment Time Cost Summary which is also enclosed with this report

What work remains to be done, why is this necessary and what financial benefit (if any) will it provide to creditors?

### General case administration and planning

The joint administrators will be required to undertake periodic reviews of the case and to update their case strategy to ensure that the case is being progressed appropriately

Effective case management and planning benefits creditors generally as it ensures that the administration is progressed in a strategic matter. It also ensures that our duties are carried out correctly and effectively, with realisations being achieved as quickly as possible.

### Compliance with the Insolvency Act, Rules and best practice

The Insolvency Act, Rules and best practice require us to undertake various activities during the course of the administration, which include the following

- 1 Providing creditors with the result of the meeting by correspondence,
- 2 Obtaining approval of the resolutions contained within our letter to creditors dated 24 June 2016,
- 3 Providing creditors with six monthly progress reports,
- 4 Producing a final report once we have concluded the administration,
- 5 Advertising and distributing any dividends to unsecured creditors once all realisations have been received and creditor claims have been agreed,
- 6 Making an application to court for permission to distribute to the Company's creditors from the administration,

Whilst creditors will not directly benefit from some of the above, they will benefit from the information that they receive They will also benefit from the actions taken to allow a dividend to be issued

### Investigations

The joint administrators are required to undertake an initial investigation into the director's actions in respect of the Company and to determine whether or not further detailed investigations are required. This investigation will include a review of the Company's books and records, the Company's accounting system, bank statements, management and filed accounts and any payments made to connected parties.

A confidential report on the director's conduct will then be prepared and issued to the Department for Business Innovation and Skills

We are aware that the Company received a double payment from one of its customers and we propose to expend some time reviewing the companies' bank statements to understand where these monies have been spent and the circumstances which lead to the double payment being made

Unless any antecedent transactions are uncovered as a result of our findings, there will not be any benefit to creditors of this work being undertaken. However, as this work is a statutory requirement, these costs cannot be avoided

### Realisation of assets

We will continue to assist Leslie Keats with the collection of the Company's contract debts, review the possibility of a distribution from the other group comapnies and explore any other possible realisations

This work will directly benefit creditors as it will result in monies becoming available for distribution

### Trading

As the Company has not traded in administration, no costs will be incurred in this regard

Dealing with all creditors' claims (including employees), correspondence and distributions

The joint administrators will undoubtedly receive queries and correspondence from the Company's creditors and we aim to respond to these in both a timely and effective manner

We will continue to assist the Company's employees and will agree and finalise their claims in due course

As we are hopeful that a dividend will be available to the Company's unsecured creditors, time will be spent adjudicating and agreeing creditor claims. Time will also be spent effecting the distribution

The above work will benefit the Company's creditors as it will result in a distribution being issued

### Other matters which includes meetings, tax, litigation, pensions and travel

It is proposed that the initial meeting of creditors be held by correspondence and therefore this should reduce the amount of time spent in relation to physical meetings

Depending upon what our investigations highlight the following matters may or may not be required during the course of the administration

- 1 Submitting final tax returns and assessing whether any funds are due to the Company,
- 2 Attending meetings with the Company's director, creditors and other stakeholders,
- 3 Travel to any meetings,
- 4 Travel to the purchaser's site to review the Company's books and records,
- 5 Dealing with any media enquiries.
- 6 Dealing with any pension scheme,
- 7 Travel to site to collect the Company's books and records

Any benefit to creditors will be dependent upon the nature of the work required. An update in this regard will therefore be provided in our next report to creditors.

### How much will this further work cost?

In accordance with our fee estimate, we anticipate that the total costs of the Administration will be in the region of £15,000 plus 20% of any net realisations achieved in respect of the Company's contract

### **Expenses**

Details of the expenses that we expect to incur in connection with the work that remains to be done referred to above, as well as expenses that we have already incurred, are set out in the estimate of anticipated expenses attached at appendix 3

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### THORNTON SPORTS LIMITED

# DETAILS OF THE EXPENSES THAT THE ADMINISTRATORS CONSIDER WILL BE, OR ARE LIKELY TO BE INCURRED DURING THE COURSE OF THE ADMINISTRATION

No.	Type of expense	Description	Estimate £
1	Advertisements	Of appointment, meetings, dividends etc	148 00
2	Bond	An Insolvency Practitioner is required to have a bond in place to protect the estate from misappropriation of funds	210 00
3	Legal fees and disbursements	The fees of any solicitors and/or barristers instructed to assist the Insolvency Practitioner and their anticipated disbursements	2,000 00
4	Debt collection fees and disbursements	The fees of any third party instructed by the Insolvency Practitioner to assist with the collection of the debts of the insolvent entity and their anticipated disbursements	10,000 00
5	Bank charges	An Insolvency Practitioner is required to operate a separate bank account in relation to the insolvent entity's estate	100 00
6	Travel	Mileage	100 00

For the avoidance of any doubt, the above estimate relates to the period of administration only, it does not relate to any expenses that will or may be incurred in any insolvency procedure following the administration