Administrator's progress report

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address(es) of administrator(s)	PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP 7 More London Riverside London SE1 2RT	
	Administrators of the above company attach a progress repo	ort for the period
	from	to
	(b) 26 March 2016	(b) 31 August 2016
(b) Insert dates		
	Signed MM	
	Joint Administrator	
	Dated 30 September 2016	

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Joint administrators' progress report from 26 March 2016 to 31 August 2016

London Mining Plc (in administration)

9 September 2016

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Abbreviations and definitions

The following table shows the abbreviations and insolvency terms that may be used during this report

Abbreviation or definition	Meaning
Company	London Mining Plc
LMCL	London Mining Company Limited
Administrators	Peter David Dickens and Russell Downs
firm	PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP
IR86	Insolvency Rules 1986
IA86	Insolvency Act 1986
Sch B1 IA86	Schedule B1 to the Insolvency Act 1986
HMRC	HM Revenue & Customs
prescribed part	The amount set aside for unsecured creditors from floating charge funds in accordance with section 176A IA86 and the Insolvency Act 1986 (Prescribed Part) Order 2003
secured creditors or Lenders	Creditors with security in respect of their debt, in accordance with section 248 IA86
preferential creditors	Claims for unpaid wages earned in the four months before the insolvency up to £800, holiday pay and unpaid pension contributions in certain circumstances
unsecured creditors	Creditors who are neither secured nor preferential
ROT claims	Claims to retention of title over goods supplied to the Company but not paid for before the Administrators' appointment
FATCA	Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act
CDOT	Crown Dependencies and Overseas Territories Reporting

Key messages

Why we've sent you this report

We are writing to update you on the progress of the administration of London Mining Plc since our last report dated 22 April 2016

You can still view our earlier reports on our website at www pwc co.uk/londonmining Please contact Sahil Aggarwal on +44 (0)207 804 2389 or at sahil aggarwal@uk pwc com if you need passwords to access the reports

How much creditors may receive

The following table summarises the possible outcome for creditors*, based on what we currently know

Class of creditor	Current estimate	Comments
Secured creditors	\$1 1m	
Preferential creditors	N/A	We do not expect any claims from preferential creditors
Unsecured creditors	\$250k	Maximum value of prescribed part before deductible costs

^{*}Please note this guidance on dividends is only an indication and should not be used as the main basis of any bad debt provision or debt trading

Distributions to the secured creditors under their security will depend upon the final level of Administration expenses, including the Administrators' fees. The overall outcome for the secured creditors is also subject to the developments in the receivership of LMCL, which is a guarantor of the Company's debt

The prescribed part fund is estimated to be c \$250k. The rate of any dividend to unsecured creditors will be dependent upon the final level of unsecured claims admitted in the estate and the costs of dealing with the prescribed part which are to be met from the prescribed part funds. We have asked for details of outstanding claims from unsecured creditors so that we can review them and agree valid claims for dividend purposes

What you need to do

If you haven't already done so, please send your claim to us A claim form can be downloaded from our website at www pwc co uk/londonmining or you can request one by telephoning Sahil Aggarwal on 0207 804 2389

Application to extend the administration

The administration has been extended once already, with secured creditors' consent, in order to realise the remaining assets and begin the process of reviewing claims. The administration is currently due to end on 15 October 2016

As the realisation of the Company's assets was not completed until July 2016 and we have yet to receive claims from a large number of creditors, it will not be possible to make a distribution to unsecured creditors and conclude the administration before the current end date

We have explored alternative options to end the administration and distribute the prescribed part funds held, but the advice we have received indicates that the Company needs to stay in administration at least until it distributes the prescribed part funds. In addition, updated tax clearance is required in light of the material recent recoveries.

For the above reasons, we are making an application to the High Court to extend our term of office by a further six months to 15 April 2017

Overview of what we've done to date

As explained in our earlier reports, the business and assets of the Company's principal operating subsidiary, LMCL, were sold by its joint receivers on 31 October 2014. As part of the overall transaction, the Company sold its intellectual property rights in LMCL for \$100k, which was subject to the secured creditors' fixed charge security.

The Company's other principal assets, being interests located in Greenland and Saudi Arabia, were sold in January and April 2015 respectively. Combined sale proceeds totalled \$1.6 million. Further consideration is not expected to be received in respect of these assets.

We have also recovered cash at bank of circa \$3 4 million, sundry debts of \$400k and realised chattel assets for \$65k A VAT refund of \$242k has been received following agreement of the Company's pre-appointment VAT position with HMRC In addition, a \$16k business rate refund has been recovered in respect of the Company's former leasehold premises

When we last reported, the key outstanding matters in the administration were as follows

South Africa

The Company held deferred consideration and guarantee claim interests in respect of its former investments in South Africa. Having explored options to pursue this claim, we accepted an offer to buy the claim. The sale completed on 1 July 2016.

Other interests

Realisations from the Company's interests in Colombia and other jurisdictions have been monitored throughout the administration. These remain unlikely to generate further realisations and the Company's interests in them will now need to be properly terminated.

In summary, we remain in office to continue to terminate the Company's remaining interests, agree unsecured creditor claims, seek updated tax clearance and make a first and final distribution from prescribed part funds

Progress since we last reported

South Africa

The Company held deferred consideration and guarantee claim interests in respect of its former investments in South Africa. The claim related to a c \$10m loss on an investment in a South Africa coal mine, which was guaranteed by five parties

We made a number of attempts to realise this claim and obtained South African counsel's advice on legal remedies which were not economic to pursue. We therefore explored a sale of the claim itself and in the absence of any other credible interest, accepted an offer from Acre Holdings Limited. Following secured creditors' consent, the sale completed on 1 July 2016 and consideration of \$80k has been received with potential for further deferred consideration, net of the cost of recovery.

The terms of sale provide for the buyer to distribute to the Company's creditors direct in the event that deferred consideration becomes payable after the administration has ended, subject to certain preconditions having first been satisfied

Realisation of other assets

Realisations from the Company's asset in Colombia are still considered unlikely and the Company's interest in this and other jurisdictions will now need to be properly terminated

Other issues

We need to seek clearance from HMRC that material transactions have not created any additional tax charge

Investigations and actions

Nothing has come to our attention during the period to suggest that we need to do any more work in line with our duties under the Company Directors' Disqualification Act 1986 and Statement of Insolvency Practice No 2

Our receipts and payments account

We set out in Appendix A an account of our receipts and payments in the administration from 26 March 2016 to 31 August 2016

Our expenses

We set out in Appendix B a statement of the expenses we've incurred in the period covered by this report and an estimate of our future expenses

The statement excludes any potential tax liabilities that we may need to pay as an administration expense in due course because amounts due will depend on the position at the end of the tax accounting period

Our fees

We set out in Appendix C an update on our remuneration which covers our fees, disbursements and other related matters in this case

Creditors' rights

Creditors have the right to ask for more information within 21 days of receiving this report as set out in Rule 2 48A IR86 Any request must be in writing Creditors can also challenge fees and expenses within eight weeks of receiving this report as set out in Rule 2 109 IR86 This information can also be found in the guide to fees at

http://www.icaew.com/en/technical/insolvency/creditors-guides

You can also request a copy free of charge by telephoning Sahil Aggarwal on +44 (0)207 804 2389

Next steps

We are making an application to the High Court to extend our term of office by a further six months to 15 April 2017, in order to agree unsecured claims, make a first and final distribution from the prescribed part and obtain tax clearance. We'll provide an update on this in our final report, which we will send to creditors at the end of the administration

If you've got any questions, contact Sahil Aggarwal on +44 (0)207 804 2389

Yours faithfully For and on behalf of London Mining Plc

Russell Downs Joint administrator

Peter David Dickens and Russell Downs have been appointed as joint administrators of London Mining Plc to manage its affairs, business and property as its agents without personal liability. Peter David Dickens and Russell Downs are licensed in the United Kingdom to act as Insolvency Practitioners by the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales.

The joint administrators are bound by the Insolvency Code of Ethics which can be found at https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/insolvency-practitioner-code-of-ethics

The joint administrators are Data Controllers of personal data as defined by the Data Protection Act 1998 PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP will act as Data Processor on their instructions Personal data will be kept secure and processed only for matters relating to the administration

Appendix A: Receipts and payments

	Estimated to per the di Statement of at 16 Octo	rectors' f Affairs as	As at 26 M	larch 2016	From 26 Mar Augus		To	taì
	Fixed charge	Floating charge	Fixed charge	Floating charge	Fixed charge	Floating charge	Fixed charge	Floating charge
	- 8m	\$m	8m	\$m	\$m	*m	#m	#m
Receipts								
Pre appointment bank balances recovered	•	3-4	-	3.4	-			3.4
Sundry debts and exchange rate adjustments	-	0.3		07	-			07
Sale of IPR	LO	-	01	•	-		01	•
Sale of office furniture and equipment	-	-		01		-		01
Pre-appointment refunds	•	-	•	03	-	-		03
Other asset realisations								
South Africa	-	-				01	-	01
Greenland	-	-	•	13		-		13
Saudi Arahia			03				03_	
	0.1	37	04	5.8		0.1	0.4	59
Payments								
Office costs - Salaries, rent, etc		<u> </u>	-	(12)			-	(12)
Legal and professional costs				(0.8)	•		-	(0.8)
Irrecoverable VAT			-	(0.1)	-	(01)	-	(0 2)
Pre-Administration costs			-	(o 2)			•	(0 2)
Administrators remuneration			-	(1.4)	•		-	(14)
Distributions to lenders			(0.1)				(01)	
			(0 1)	(3 7)		(0 1)	(01)	(3 8)
Cash at bank			03	2 1			03	2.1

- 1) An undicative exchange rate of £1 \$1 3099 has been used
 2) A US dollar equivalent of \$996k is held in GBP
 3) Sundry debts and exchange rate adjustments includes an unrealised exchange gain of \$300k
 4) All funds are held on interest bearing accounts.

Appendix B: Expenses

The following table provides details of our expenses Expenses are amounts properly payable by us as administrators from the estate and includes our fees, but excludes distributions to creditors. The table also excludes any potential tax habilities that we may need to pay as an administration expense because amounts becoming due will depend on the position at the end of the tax accounting period.

The table should be read in conjunction with the receipts and payments account at Appendix A, which shows expenses actually paid during the period and the total paid to date

\$'m	Unpaid expenses brought forward from preceding period	Incurred in the period and not paid	Cumulative accrued expenses	Expenses incurred that will not be drawn	Estimated future	Estimated total
Administrators' remuneration	12	0 2	14	(04)	0 0	10
Legal costs, records storage and other	00	0 1	01	-	01	02
Total	12	03	15	(04)	0 1	1 2

Notes

- 1) An indicative exchange rate of £ \$1 3099 has been applied
- 2) These costs are estimates and subject to exchange rate fluctuations

Appendix C: Remuneration update

Our fees were approved on a time costs basis by the secured creditors. To 26 August 2016 we have drawn fees of \$1.4 million in line with the approval given, as shown on the enclosed receipts and payments account

The time cost charges incurred in the period covered by this report are \$172,729. These have not yet been drawn and are subject to approval by the secured creditors. This amount does not reflect how much we will eventually draw as fees for this period.

We set out later in this Appendix details of our work to date, anticipated future work, disbursements, subcontracted work and payments to associates

Our hours and average rates

We set out below our costs summarised by work type. For indicative purposes only, the values for the period of this report have been converted at £1 \$1 3099

Table summarising costs by work type from 26 March to 31 August 2016

Aspect of assignment	Total hours	Total £	Indicative value in US\$	Average £/hour
Case management and compliance		1		
Strategy and planning	17 85	8,901	11,659	498 63
Statutory and other compliance	78 75	30,335	39,736	385 21
Reporting to / liaison with secured creditors	48 55	22,654	29,675	466 61
Asset protection and realisation	il li	[]		
Accounting and treasury	28 20	6,856	8,981	243 13
Other assets	62 75	33,289	43,605	530 50
Tax & VAT	13 00	6,966	9,125	535 83
Creditors and other stakeholders	11 00	4,611	6,040	419 20
Sale of business claim	28 80	18,252	23,908	633 75
Total	288 90	131,864	172,729	456 43

We are also required to set out a summary of the time costs incurred from the beginning of the administration which can be found below. These figures have been converted at £1 \$1 3099 for indicative purposes only and do not accurately reflect the final cumulative USD time costs of the Administrators on account of exchange rate movements.

Table summarising total costs by work type from the beginning of the administration

Aspect of assignment	Total hours	Total time cost	Indicative value in USD 8	Average hourly rate £
Case management and compliance]		
Strategy and planning	225 95	109,427	143,339	484 30
Statutory and compliance	639 75	243,664	319,175	380 87
Reporting to / haison with secured creditors	293 70	133,175	174,445	453 44
Asset protection and realisation				
Accounting and treasury	458 07	120,762	158,186	263 63
Transaction run-off (Sierra Leone)	935 15	417,256	546,564	446 19
Other assets	836 80	422,340	553,223	504 71
Tax & VAT	499 15	234,210	306,791	469 22
Creditors and other stakeholders	265 75	94,440	123,706	355 37
Sale of business claim	146 70	87,906	115,148	599 22

Total for the case	4,301 02	1,863,180	2,440,580	433 19

Our time charging policy and hourly rates

We and our team charge our time for the work we need to do in the administration. We delegate tasks to suitable grades of staff, taking into account their experience and any specialist knowledge that is needed and we supervise them properly to maximise the cost effectiveness of the work done. Anything complex or important matters of exceptional responsibility are handled by our senior staff or us

All of our staff who work on the administration (including our cashiers, support and secretarial staff) charge time directly to the case and are included in any analysis of time charged. Each grade of staff has an hourly charge out rate which is reviewed from time to time. Work carried out by our cashiers, support and secretarial staff is charged for separately and isn't included in the hourly rates charged by partners or other staff members. Time is charged in six minute units. The minimum time chargeable is three minutes (i.e. o.05 units). We don't charge general or overhead costs.

We set out below the maximum charge-out rates per hour for the grades of our staff who already or who are likely to work on the administration

Grade	Up to 30 June 2016 £	From 1 July 2016 £
Partner	825	840
Director	725	740
Senior manager	550	560
Manager	470	480
Senior associate – qualified	390	400
Senior associate - unqualified	290	295
Associate	245	250
Support staff	120	125

We call on colleagues in our Tax, VAT, Real Estate and Pensions departments where we need their expert advice. Their specialist charge-out rates vary but the following are the maximum rates by grade per hour

Grade	Up to 30 June 2016 £	From 1 July 2016 £
Partner	1,012	1,063
Director	931	978
Senior manager	944	995
Manager	565	595
Senior Associate / consultant	417	438
Associate / assistant consultant	204	217
Support staff	119	128

In common with many professional firms, our scale rates may rise to cover annual inflationary cost increases

Payments to associates

No payments were made to associates in the period covered by this report

 $Our\ work\ in\ the\ period$ Whilst this is not an exhaustive list, in the following table we provide more detail on the key areas of work -

Area of work	Work undertaken	Why the work was necessary	What, if any, financial benefit the work provided to creditors OR whether it was required by statute
Strategy and planning	 Monitoring of time spent by the Administrators and their staff to support allocation of work Reviews of costs against budget and consideration of future resource requirements Internal meetings to discuss key issues, preparation for prescribed part distribution and closure Considering requirements for administration 	To resolve outstanding matters in line with the purpose of the Administration to achieve a better outcome for creditors than would be the case if the Company went into liquidation (without first being in Administration)	The Administrators are required by statute to perform their functions as quickly and efficiently as possible
Statutory and compliance	Ongoing compliance with internal risk and quality procedures	To comply with regulatory requirements or	• Required by IA86/IR86, regulatory
	Maintaining internal systems, including electronic filing of correspondence	statute	requirement
	Management of company books and records and electronic data		
	 Drafting and distributing statutory progress report to 25 March 2016 		
	• Drafting statutory extension report to 31 August 2016		
Reporting to / liaison with secured creditors	Preparing detailed lender update and	To discuss progress of the Administration	The Administrators have a duty to act in

	request for approval of Administrators' fees • Updating Lenders on sale of South Africa guarantee claim and to obtain release of security • Responding to ad hoc Lender queries	the best interests of creditors as a whole • Enable sale of South Africa guarantee claim
Accounting and treasury	 Processing of receipts, payments and journals Reviewing and settling invoices for Administration expenses Undertaking regular bank reconciliations 	• Statutory duties to manage the affairs, business and property of the Company and keep proper books and records
Other assets		re that all le assets are ed To maximise realisations for the benefit of creditors as a whole
Tax & VAT		 Governance To ensure tax accounting is accurate for the benefit of creditors as a whole
Creditors and other stakeholders	queries from creditors and shareholders since the Adm • Corresponding with Jersey Bondholders claims in	The Administrators have a duty to act in the best interests of creditors as a whole reparation cribed part tion

	•	Adjudication of unsecured creditors' claims				
Sale of business claim	•	Dealing with pre- action correspondence received in regard to the sale of the LMCL business and assets	•	To defend potential claims against the Company and the Administrators	•	The Administrators' duty to preserve the Company's assets for the benefit of all creditors

 $\begin{tabular}{ll} Our future \ work \\ We still \ need to \ do \ the \ following \ work \ to \ achieve \ the \ purpose \ of \ administration \\ \end{tabular}$

Area of work	Work we need to do	Whether or not the work will provide a financial benefit to creditors		
Strategy and planning	Monitoring time spent by the Administrators and their staff to support allocation of work	The Administrators are required by statue to perform their functions as		
	Reviews of costs against budget and consideration of future resource requirements	quickly and efficiently as possible		
	 Internal meetings to discuss key issues and preparation for prescribed part distribution 			
	 Consideration for exit planning 			
Statutory and compliance	Compliance with internal risk and quality procedures	Required by IA86/IR86, regulatory requirement		
	 Maintaining internal systems, including electronic filing of correspondence 			
	Management of company books and records and electronic data			
	 Preparing a final progress report 			
	 Conducting case reviews 			
	 Closure preparation / books and records review 			
Reporting to / liaison with secured creditors	Conference calls / meetings and consultation with the Lenders regarding matters affecting administration, seeking approval of fees	The Administrators have a duty to act in the best interests of creditors as a whole		
	 Responding to Lenders' queries 			
Accounting and treasury	Processing receipts, payments and journals	Statutory duties to manage the affairs, business and property of		

	 Reviewing and settling invoices for Administration expenses 	the Company and keep proper books and records
	 Undertaking regular bank reconciliations 	
	 Processing prescribed part dividend distribution 	,
	 Arranging for closure of bank accounts on conclusion 	
Other assets	 Settle final costs for subsidiary companies 	To maximise realisations for the benefit of creditors
	Final assessment of any recovery in regard to Colombia and Greenland	as a whole
Tax & VAT	 Preparation and submission of final VAT return 	Governance
	 Obtaining further tax clearance in respect of South Africa sale proceeds 	To ensure tax accounting is accurate for the benefit
	 Consider whether final filings required in respect of FATCA, CDOT and equivalents 	of creditors as a whole
Creditors and other stakeholders	Dealing with general queries from creditors and shareholders	The Administrators have a duty to act in the best
	 Updating creditor information to reflect changes in contact details and claim amounts 	interests of creditors as a whole
	 Issuing notices and making prescribed part dividend distribution 	
	 Claims adjudication on unsecured creditors' claims including Jersey Bondholder guarantee claims 	

Disbursements

We don't need to get approval to draw expenses or disbursements unless they are for shared or allocated services provided by our own firm, including room hire, document storage, photocopying, communication facilities. These types of expenses are called "Category 2" disbursements and they must be directly incurred on the case, subject to a reasonable method of calculation and allocation and approved by the same party who approves our fees

Our expenses policy allows for all properly incurred expenses to be recharged to the administration and has been approved by secured creditors where required

The following disbursements arose in the period of this report

Category	Policy	Costs incurred
1	Travel – rail and taxi fares	£4 80
	Total	£4 80
	Indicative exchange rate £1:\$1.3099	\$6 29

Our relationships

We have no business or personal relationships with the parties who approve our fees or who provide services to the administration where the relationship could give rise to a conflict of interest

Details of subcontracted work

We have not subcontracted any work to third parties

Legal and other professional firms

We have instructed the following professionals on this case

Service provided	Name of firm / organisation	Reason selected	Basis of fees
Legal services, including Appointment related matters, Sale of business matters, Litigation support and advice, and Legal advice in respect of asset realisations	 Clifford Chance LLP Travers Smith LLP Werksmans Attorneys 	Specialist knowledge and experience, knowledge of local jurisdiction	Time costs

Legal advisors are required to submit time costs analyses and narratives in support of invoices rendered and seek prior approval before billing

Appendix D: Other information

Court details for the administration	High Court of Justice, Chancery Division, Companies Court, Court Case No 7398 of 2014		
Company's registered name	London Mining Plc		
Trading name	London Mining		
Registered number	05424040		
Registered address	7 More London Riverside, London SE1 2RT		
Date of the joint administrators' appointment	16 October 2014		
Joint administrators' names and addresses	Peter David Dickens and Russell Downs of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, 7 More London Riverside, London SE1 2RT		
Extension(s) to the initial period of appointment	12 months to 15 October 2016 by consent of the secured creditors		
Appointor's / applicant's name and address	The directors of the company c/o 7 More London Riverside, London SE1 2RT		
Split of the joint administrators' responsibilities	For the purposes of paragraph 100(2) Sch B1 IA86, in relation to the Company, all of the functions, powers and duties of Russell Downs and Peter David Dickens of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, 7 More London Riverside, London SE1 2RT (each an "Administrator" and together the "Administrators") may be exercised by all or any of the Administrators. In this statement references to an Administrator or the Administrators shall include reference to any person appointed to act jointly or concurrently as an administrator of the Company		