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### The Insolvency Act 1986 Administrator's progress report

1	Name of Company		Company number	
	Aussie Group Limited		05534109	
	In the The High Court of Justice	e (full name of court)	Court case number 11187 of 2011	
(a) Insert full name(s) and address(es) of administrator(s)	I/We (a) Jason Daniel Baker FRP Advisory LLP 10 Furnival Street London EC4A 1YH		Geoffrey Paul Rowley FRP Advisory LLP 10 Furnival Street London EC4A 1YH	
(b) Insert date	administrator(s) of the a  From  (b) 23 December 2011	above company attach a prog	gress report for the period  To  (b) 22 June 2012	
	Signed	Joint Administrator		

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# Aussie Group Limited (In Administration)

## Receipts and Payments Account From 23 December 2011 To 22 June 2012

	Fixed Charge	Floating Charge	Total
Receipts	£	£	£
Sales	0 00	39,573 20	39,573 20
Goodwill	29,000.00	0.00	29,000 00
Plant & Equipment	0.00	40,499.00	40,499.00
Contracts	0.00	1 00	1.00
Commercial Books & Records	0.00	1 00	1 00
Stock	0.00	499.00	499.00
Book debts	0.00	32,033.03	32,033.03
Cash at bank	0.00	2,836.81	2,836.81
Rent	0.00	20,000.00	20,000 00
Property insurance	0 00	2,046.90	2,046.90
VAT Payable	0 00	1,083.64	1,083.64
Bank interest	0.00	5 43	5.43
Sales refund	0.00	130 00	130.00
	29,000.00	138,709.01	167,709.01
Payments			
Sub Contractors	0.00	24,441 43	24,441.43
Consumable stores	0.00	2,046.90	2,046.90
Security Fees	0.00	25,000.00	25,000 00
Vehicle Running Costs	0.00	5,450.94	5,450. <del>9</del> 4
Clydesdale Bank	29,000.00	0 00	29,000.00
Agent's fees	0 00	5,000.00	5,000.00
Statutory Advertising	0 00	<b>76</b> 50	76.50
Rents Payable	0.00	20,000 00	20,000.00
VAT Receivable	0.00	<u>7,131.49</u>	7,131.49
	29,000.00	89,147.26	118,147.26
Balance	0.00	49,561.75	49,561.75
	29,000.00	138,709.01	167,709.01

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Creditors	6 15	76 90	20.00			20 121	20,000	10 000
Unsecured Creditors		21 55	66 94			56.43	CZ 881,22	250.87
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Trading forecasting/ Monitoring	5	8 40	57 44			66 54	13,439 00	201 97
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Total Hours	25.00	30	2	2,12				

Disbursements for the period 23 December 2011 to 22 June 2012

	Value £
Car/Mieage Recharge	35 25
Company Search	13 00
Parking	2 20
Postage	255 75
Sundnes/General	214 60
Travel	46 10
Grand Total	999

300-500 150-350 85-250 60-250

Partner Manager Other Professional Support

FRP Charge out rates

Grade

Mileage is charged at the HMRC rate prevailing at the time the cost was incurred

AUSSIE GROUP LIMITED (IN ADMINISTRATION) STATEMENT OF EXPENSES FOR THE 6 MONTH PERIOD ENDED 22 JUNE 2012

Expenses	Total paid to date of progress report period per R and P	Costs committed not yet paid at reporting date	Total Expenses for the 6 months ended 22 June 2012 £
	2 C	75 000	000 04
Security Fees	000,62	27,000	
SNR Denton	0	15,944	15,944
Dundas Wilson Legal Fees	0	38,835	38,835
Joint Administrators' fees	0	188,703	188,703
Joint Administrators' disbursements	0	292	267
	25,000	269,048	294,048



**To All Creditors** 

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date 19 July 2012

Please ask for: Matt Kesek

Dear Sirs

## AUSSIE GROUP LIMITED (IN ADMINISTRATION) ("THE COMPANY") IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE: NO. 11187 of 2011

Further to my appointment as Joint Administrator of the above Company on 23 December 2011, I provide my progress report on this administration for the period 23 December 2011 to 22 June 2012 ("the period") in accordance with Rules 2.47 of the Insolvency Rules 1986. This report should be read in conjunction with the Joint Administrators' Proposals report dated 17 February 2012

#### I attach:

Appendix A - Statutory information regarding the Company and the appointment of the Administrators

Appendix B - Form 2.24B, formal notice of the progress report

Appendix C - Receipts and payments account

Appendix D - Details of my firms' time costs and disbursements incurred in the period

Appendix E - Statement of expenses incurred in the period

#### 1. The Administration

- 1.1 The secured creditor, Clydesdale Bank PLC ("Clydesdale") appointed Jason Baker and Geoff Rowley of FRP Advisory LLP ("FRP"), Joint Administrators of the Company on the 23 December 2011.
- 1.2 The objective(s) of the administration were:-

a) To rescue the Company as a going concern, failing which

- b) To achieve 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), failing which
- c) To realise property in order to make a distribution to one or more secured or preferential creditors.
- 1.3 The Joint Administrators confirm that objectives a) and b) cannot be achieved due to the level of the Company's liabilities. As such, it is considered that objective c) only will be achieved.
- 1.4 The appointment of the Joint Administrators included a declaration that during the period of the administration they may act jointly or severally as Administrators of the Company.
- Statutory information about the Company and the appointment of Administrators is attached at Appendix A.

#### 2. The Administrators' Proposals

- 2.1 In accordance with Paragraph 49 of Schedule B1 to the Insolvency Act 1986, the Joint Administrators proposed that:
  - a) They continue to manage the business, affairs and property of the Company in order to achieve the purpose of the Administration. In particular that they:
    - Dispose of the Company's ownership of such assets at such time(s) on such terms as they consider expedient
    - II. Investigate and, if appropriate, pursue any claims that the Company may have against any person, firms or company whether in contract or otherwise, including any officer of former officer of the Company or any person, firm or company which supplies or has supplied goods or services to the Company.
    - In addition, they do all such things and generally exercise all their powers as Administrators as they in their discretion consider desirable or expedient in order to achieve the purpose of the administration or protect and preserve the assets of the Company or maximise the realisations of those assets, or of any purpose incidental to these proposals.
  - b) The administration shall continue (subject to the statutory provisions relating to automatic termination) until the realisable assets of the Company have been realised and all liabilities incurred during the administration have been discharged or until such a time as deemed appropriate by the Administrators At this stage the Company shall be dissolved or placed into liquidation as outlined below.
  - c) If they think the Company has no property which might permit a distribution to its unsecured creditors, or if they also consider that an exit from the administration into liquidation is not appropriate they will send a notice to the Registrar of Companies in accordance with Paragraph 84 of Schedule B1 to the Insolvency Act 1986 and three months after the filing of the notice the Company will be deemed to be dissolved
  - d) If they are of the view that it is appropriate for the Company to move from administration into liquidation, whether compulsory or voluntary, the Joint Administrators be authorised to take steps to place the Company into whichever liquidation process they, at their discretion, deem appropriate. Pursuant to Paragraph 83 of Schedule B1 to the Insolvency Act 1986, should the creditors not nominate a Liquidator; the proposed Liquidators are to be Jason Daniel Baker and Geoffrey Paul Rowley. Any act to be done by the Joint Liquidators may be done by all or any one of them. Pursuant to Para 83(7)(a) and Rule 2 117A(2)(b) of the Insolvency Rules 1986, creditors may nominate a different person as the proposed Liquidator, provided that the nomination is made after the receipt of these proposals and before these proposals are approved.

As the Joint Administrators considered that the Company had insufficient property to enable a distribution to be made to the unsecured creditors, the following sections of the Administrators' proposals, (e, f and g) required the consent of each secured creditor and the majority of voting preferential creditors (as appropriate).

- e) The Joint Administrators' fees plus VAT should be approved on a time cost basis charged at the charge out rates prevailing at the time the work is undertaken, to be drawn when the Joint Administrators' see fit. A schedule of current charge out rates are set out in in Appendix D [to the Joint Administrators' proposals report dated 17 February 2012].
- f) The Joint Administrators' discharge from liability shall take effect in accordance with Paragraph 98 of Schedule B1 to the Act 30 days following either the Company entering into liquidation or filing the notice of moving from administration to dissolution.

- g) Mileage can be recharged and drawn at the HMRC approved mileage rate prevailing at the time the mileage was incurred.
- There were no amendments or deviations from the Proposals which were deemed accepted on 1 March 2012

#### 3 Progress of the Administration

- The initial strategy was to "hold the business together" and trade it over the Christmas period to fulfil customer orders and preserve the goodwill whilst assessing an orderly disposal of the assets thereafter.
- 3.2 The staff and sub-contractors had not been paid for December so trading was dependent on their cooperation. Additionally, the Joint Administrators were informed that the Intellectual Property ("IP") license under which the Company operated had been terminated with effect from 16 December 2011.
- 3.3 A number of third parties did express interest in the business, however, without the IP this interest quickly fell away. One of these parties also contacted the Directors to negotiate an agreement to use the IP but we understand that this was not successful.
- Nonetheless, a sale as a going concern would provide customers with uninterrupted services and avoid the significant issues and costs should a shut-down have been necessary, in addition, to significant contractual claims that would similarly arisen
- 3.5 At the outset of the administration trading, the Joint Administrators and their staff liaised with suppliers and contractors to try and ensure an uninterrupted trading period.
- As previously advised, a trading loss was expected for the administration trading period, with a total trading loss of £53k incurred.
- 3.7 The majority of the loss can be attributed to the site security costs which, whilst essential during the administration trading period, were higher than would usually be expected for that period due to the increased hourly charge out rates over the Christmas bank holidays. The sub-contractor payment rates were also increased for the trading period to avoid "walk-outs" to enable the business to continue to provide an un-interrupted service to customers.
- A sale of the business and unencumbered assets of the business was negotiated with the Director through a new company, Aussie 2012 Limited, with a draft contract being issued on 5 January 2012
- 3.9 The sale consideration was £70k, split £41k for the assets and £29k for the goodwill, payable upon completion. The sale allowed for the staff to transfer under TUPE to the purchaser who would settle all salary arrears including the pre administration period. The sale completed on 11 January 2012.
- Furthermore, the sale contract contained provisions to enable funds held in another account to which ownership is disputed to be held in escrow. The dispute results from sales made after the termination of the Intellectual Property license on 16 December 2011 that were received by Aussie Storage Limited. These funds of £135k were paid into an escrow account upon the appointment of the Joint Administrators pending agreement of ownership.
- 3.11 The pre-appointment debtor ledger totalling £115k was also excluded from the sale agreement Unfortunately, the majority of this ledger is extremely old and for relatively small sums so collection has been difficult; litigation would be costly and not economic. There are also a number of disputed amounts on the ledger. It is unlikely there will be significant further realisations although to date £32k has been recovered.
- 3.12 The purchaser obtained a license to occupy both leasehold premises and agreed to discharge passing rent. The premises in Fulham were vacated at the end of January and the site in Wheatley vacated prior to March quarter date

- 3.13 There have been a number of claims received from customers for damage caused to their possessions. The Joint Administrators' staff have continued to assist these customers with their claims
- 3.14 A copy of the Joint Administrators' receipts and payment account to date is attached as Appendix C.

#### 4. Investigations

4.1 Part of my duties include carrying out proportionate investigations into what assets the Company has, including any potential claims against directors or other parties, and what recoveries could be made. I have reviewed the Company's books and records and accounting information, requested further information from the directors, and invited creditors to provide information on any concerns they have concerning the way in which the company's business has been conducted.

I have now completed my statutory duty to investigate and report on the conduct of the Directors to the Insolvency Service, although the contents of this report are confidential

#### 5. Estimated Outcome

#### **Outcome for Secured Creditor**

- 5.1 Clydesdale was owed £225k (plus accruing interest and charges) at the date of administration. They received £29k from the sale of the fixed charge assets.
- There is unlikely to be any further fixed charge realisations in this case and Clydesdale are likely to suffer a significant shortfall under its fixed charge.
- 5.3 Although the funds released from escrow will become a floating charge asset, there is unlikely to be net property available for distribution under the secured creditors floating charge.
- 5.3 The Bank holds an unlimited personal guarantee from the director, Brian Burgess.

#### **Outcome for Preferential Creditors**

- All employee liabilities were settled by Aussie 2012 Limited after the sale of the business and assets under the TUPE regulations. However, there have been two unpaid wages claims from employees who left the Company just prior to the Administration and it is likely there will be preferential claims in this regard.
- It is unlikely there will be any net property after costs available for distribution to the preferential creditors.

#### **Outcome for Unsecured Creditors**

- Unsecured creditors as recorded by the directors total £417k although this does not include the HM Revenue & Customs claim of approximately £500k.
- 5.7 The information available at present indicates that a dividend will not be available to unsecured creditors.

#### 6. Administrators' Remuneration, Disbursements and Expenses

Turning to our own costs in this matter, our remuneration as Administrators is based on computerised records of all time spent on the administration of this case. Matters dealt with during the assignment are dealt with by different members of staff depending on the level of complexity and experience required. Time is charged to the case in maximum of 6 minute units. Charge-out rates are based on individual expertise, qualification and grade. The costs of the firm's support staff are not directly charged to the estate unless dealing with directly identifiable case specific matters. Charge out rates are reviewed at least annually, details of FRP charge out rates are included at

Appendix D. A breakdown of our time costs incurred during the period of this report, (and also since appointment), in accordance with Statement of Insolvency Practice 9 is set out at Appendix D. To date, I have not drawn any fees in this matter.

- The Administrators' disbursements are a recharge of actual costs incurred by the Administrators on behalf of the Company. Mileage payments made for expenses relating to the use of private vehicles for business travel, which is directly attributable to the insolvency estate, are paid by FRP at the HMRC approved mileage rate prevailing at the time the mileage was incurred. Details of disbursement incurred during the period of this report are set out in Appendix D.
- I attach at Appendix E a statement of expenses that have been incurred during the period covered by this report including a cumulative summary of expenses incurred to date.
- Creditors have a right to request further information from the Administrators under Rule 2.48A of the Insolvency Rules 1986 and further have a right to challenge the Administrators' remuneration and other expenses, which are first disclosed in this report, under Rule 2.109 of the Insolvency Rules 1986 Further details of these rights can be found in the Creditors' Guide to Fees which you can access using the following link http://www.frpadvisory.com/fees-guide.html and select the one for administrations. Alternatively a hard copy of the relevant guide will be sent to you on request. Please note there is a time limit for requesting information being 21 days following the receipt of this progress report. There is a time limit of 8 weeks following the receipt of this report for a Court application that the remuneration or expenses are excessive.

If you have any queries about this report or the progress of the administration, please do not hesitate to contact Matt Kesek at this office

Dated: 19 July 2012

Jason Baker

**Joint Administrator** 

Insolvency Practitioner Licensed in the United Kingdom by the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England & Wales

The Joint Administrators act as agents of the Company and without personal liability.

The affairs, business and property of the Company are being managed by Jason Daniel Baker and Geoffrey Paul Rowley who were appointed Joint Administrators on 23 December 2011.

#### **Aussie Group Limited (in Administration)**

#### **Statutory Information**

**COMPANY DETAILS:** 

Other trading names:

Aussie Man & Van Rentals Limited

Date of incorporation:

11 August 2005

Company number:

05534109

Registered office:

10 Furnival Street

London EC4A 1YH

Previous registered office

Mount manor House, 16 The Mount, Guildford,

Surrey, GU2 4HN

Directors

Brian Burgess

Shaun Tillery

Company secretary

**Dustin Burgess** 

#### **ADMINISTRATION DETAILS:**

Date of notice of appointment of Administrators By Floating Charge Holder presented to Court:

23 December 2011

Names of Joint Administrators:

Jason Daniel Baker and Geoffrey Paul Rowley

Address of Joint Administrators.

FRP Advisory LLP 10 Furnival Street

London EC4A 1YH

The appointment of the Joint Administrators included a declaration that they are acting jointly or severally as Administrators of the Company

Date of appointment of Administrators.

23 December 2011

Court in which administration proceedings were brought

The High Court of Justice

Court reference number

11187

Application for administration order made by:

Qualifying Floating Charge Holder

The EC Regulation on Insolvency Proceedings will apply in this matter and accordingly the Administration will constitute main proceedings.