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Full forename(s)	Vincent John	Other supervisor Use this section to tell us about	
Surname	Green	another supervisor.	
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First Clarity Limited (Company Voluntary Arrangement) ("the Company")

**Annual Progress Report to 2 January 2019** 

Mark Newman Vincent John Green

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#### 1. Introduction

- 1.1 The director's proposal for a CVA was approved by creditors at a meeting of creditors held on 3 January 2013 and Mark Newman and Vincent John Green were appointed Joint Supervisors.
- 1.2 This Progress Report summarises the progress of the CVA for the period from 3 January 2018 to 2 January 2019. ("the Reporting Period") and the prospects for the full implementation of the CVA.
- 1.3 Statutory information relating to the Company is attached at Appendix I.

#### 2. Variation to the Proposal

- 2.1 In the Reporting Period, the Company was unable to adhere to the terms of the CVA and the Joint Supervisors circulated to creditors a report in connection with a virtual meeting of creditors to consider variations to the proposal.
- 2.2 The meeting was convened for 9 April 2018, it was adjourned to 12 April 2018 and 18 April 2018. On 18 April 2019, creditors approved the following modified variations to the proposal:

#### Voluntary Contributions

That the monthly contributions will total £572,000.

That the contributions received of £500,000 be accepted as the contributions up to 2 January 2018.

That monthly contributions of £3,000 be paid for a further 24 months commencing from 3 January 2018 and that these be paid on the last day of each month.

That the arrears of voluntary contributions of £9,000 be paid by the Company by 31 December 2018.

#### • Evolok Limited debt

That the Evolok Limited ("Evolok") debt with a book value of £327,000 be sold to a third party for the sum of £100,000 and that the sale proceeds be paid into the CVA by 31 May 2018.

That the Evolok debt no longer comprises a CVA asset following receipt of the sale proceeds.

#### Creditors Dividend

That a dividend be paid to creditors of approximately 35 pence in the £. That creditors will not receive a dividend of 55 pence in the £ but will receive approximately 35 pence in the £.

#### Duration

That the duration of the CVA be extended by 27 months, until 2 April 2020, for the purpose of receiving 24 additional voluntary contributions, plus 3 months to finalise the CVA.

That the duration of the CVA be extended to 87 months.



#### Prospects for implementation

- 2.3 Based on performance to date, it is anticipated that the CVA will be successfully implemented, as per the varied terms of the CVA Proposal. The CVA has a further 13 months to run.
- 2.4 If the Company continues to pay the required contributions and the costs are in line with that estimated, it is anticipated that the total dividend to be paid to unsecured creditors will be in the region of 35 pence in the £. This is in accordance with the varied terms of the proposal.

#### 3. Receipts and Payments

3.1 Attached at **Appendix II** is the Joint Supervisors' Receipts and Payments Account for the Review Period and for the CVA as a whole. The contents are in the main self-explanatory.

#### Voluntary Contributions

- 3.2 Under the terms of the CVA Proposal, the Company was required to make monthly contributions of not less than £6,000 plus additional profit related contributions, such that not less than £100,000 was paid in each year of the CVA in addition to any other funds. Voluntary contributions were to equal or exceed a total of £555,000.
- 3.3 In accordance with the varied terms of the proposal, as approved by creditors on 18 April 2018, the contributions of £500,000 due for the period up to 2 January 2018 was accepted. It was agreed that monthly contributions of £3,000 per month would be payable for a further 24 months from 3 January 2018 to 2 January 2020.
- 3.4 In this reporting period, contributions of £64,000 were due to be received. This includes the payment of arrears of £28,000 as per the previous progress report. The sum of £55,000 has been paid.
- 3.5 Total contributions to 2 January 2019 should have totalled £536,000 and £527,000 has been received.
- 3.6 The Joint Supervisors do not consider this breach to be material. The Company has assured the Joint Supervisors that the arrears will be brought up to date by 28 February 2019.

#### Evolok Debt

- 3.7 The Evolok debt was sold to a third party for the sum of £100,000. The sale proceeds were to be paid into the CVA by 31 May 2018. Payment was received on 1 June 2018.
- 3.8 The Evolok debt no longer comprises a CVA asset following receipt of the sale proceeds.



#### 4. Other Matters

#### Provision of financial information

- 4.1 In accordance with paragraph 4.6 of the proposal, management accounts should be prepared on a quarterly basis and supplied to the Joint Supervisors within four weeks of the end of each period.
- 4.2 The Company has been late in providing some of the management information throughout the CVA, but subsequently remedied the breach.
- 4.3 The last management accounts received and reviewed by the Joint Supervisors were for the 3 month period ending 31 December 2018.
- 4.4 As previously reported, in accordance with paragraph 4.7 of the proposal, the Company was required to provide the Joint Supervisors with final accounts within three months of 31 July each year to enable progress to be monitored. It has been noted that the Company's turnover has reduced significantly throughout the CVA from £2,650,396 in 2013 to £478,127 in 2018.
- 4.5 The Joint Supervisors have not been informed of any post CVA creditor claims which would result in a further breach to the CVA, save arrears payable to HMRC which were settled under an HMRC Time to Pay Arrangement.

#### Profit related contributions / Review of income and expenditure

- 4.6 In accordance with paragraph 3.4.15 of the proposal, if the Company makes profits of more than £144,000 per annum after tax, by reference to the Company's financial year end accounts for that year to 31 July, then 50% of any amount over £144,000 will be paid into the CVA within four months of the accounting year end. Throughout the CVA, the Company has not made sufficient profits and no profit related contributions have been paid.
- 4.7 The Joint Supervisors are required to conduct a quarterly review of the Company's business income and expenditure and may require an increase in voluntary contributions if deemed to be appropriate. From the information provided to the Joint Supervisors by the Company, there has not been a rise in the Company's net income throughout the CVA, which would permit an increase in voluntary contributions.

#### Post CVA approval liabilities

- 4.8 As per the previous annual progress report, HMRC advised that there were post-CVA tax and VAT liabilities due by the Company amounting to £88,914.45 as at 9 January 2017.
- 4.9 The director advised in this reporting period that the breach was remedied and, on current information, the post CVA HMRC liabilities are up-to-date.

#### 5. The Joint Supervisors' Fees and Expenses

5.1 The CVA terms provide that the Joint Supervisors are remunerated on the basis of time properly incurred by them and their staff in the administration of the CVA at the Joint Supervisors' standard charge-out rates applicable at the time.



- 5.2 Appendix III provides a breakdown of the time costs between the grades of staff allocated to the administration of this matter for the Reporting Period and for the whole of the CVA.
- 5.3 During the Review Period, time costs totalling £12,555.50 have been incurred. The Joint Supervisors time costs for the whole of the CVA amount to £76,539.60.
- 5.4 These time costs were incurred in carrying out the tasks listed in **Appendix IV** of which the following were the most material:
  - 5.4.1 Administration and Planning: complying with the statutory and regulatory duties as regards filing, maintaining records, managing a cash book and bank account, conducting periodic case reviews and drafting this progress report;
  - 5.4.2 Administration and Planning: Monitoring the Company's compliance with the terms of the CVA and taking necessary steps in the event of any delayed compliance with, or breaches of, the terms
  - 5.4.3 Administration and Planning: monitoring and processing the Company's payment of voluntary contributions;
  - 5.4.4 Creditors: responding to creditors' queries; logging creditors' claims and supporting information; maintaining the database as regards creditors' contact details and claims; and
  - 5.4.5 Case Specific Matters: Liaising with the Company as regards the variations described previously in the report and seeking creditors' approval of the proposed variations;
- 5.5 The attached breakdown shows that a significant proportion of the time costs incurred relate to Administration and Planning, which in the main relates to undertaking statutory duties. Whilst these tasks have not had a direct benefit in enhancing realisations for the insolvent estate, they have assisted in the efficient and compliant progressing of the administration, which has ensured that the Joint Supervisors and their staff have carried out their work to high professional standards. In addition, the time spent supervising the Company's compliance with the CVA terms and in reacting swiftly to the breaches has increased the likelihood that the CVA will be implemented successfully.
- 5.6 Time has also been spent in dealing with creditors' claims and unclaimed dividends, which has required the Joint Supervisors to seek additional information from creditors.
- 5.7 The CVA Proposal disclosed that the Joint Supervisors' fees for administering and completing the CVA were estimated to be £52,500, excluding disbursements. In view of the time costs incurred to date, the variation to the CVA, the extended term of the CVA and the anticipated work to conclude the CVA, it was previously reported that our final time costs of the Joint Supervisors over the duration of the CVA would be £88,484, excluding disbursements. On current information, the Joint Supervisors do not expect their time costs to exceed the estimate.

#### Expenses & Disbursements

- 5.8 The CVA terms also entitles the Joint Supervisors to draw, from the funds held in the CVA, their firm's disbursements.
- 5.9 The expenses and disbursements incurred and paid in the Reporting Period and also since the commencement of the CVA are as follows:



Expenses / Disbursements	Incurred in reporting period	Paid in Reporting Period	Total incurred in the CVA	Total Paid in the CVA
Expenses				
Solicitors' fees -	0.00	0.00	552.50	552.50
Howard Kennedy Fsi LLP Solicitors provided advice on the payment of interest on Employment Tribunal judgments awarded to former employees.				
Category 1 Disbursements				
Specific Bond	0.00	0.00	420.00	420.00
Train Travel Costs	86.60	86.60	481.20	481.20
Postage	115.30	80.44	279.52	244.66

- 5.10 The category 1 disbursements paid in the Reporting Period totalling £167.04 represent the reimbursement of actual out of pocket payments made in relation to the CVA.
- 5.11 We have no authority to draw category 2 disbursements.
- 5.12 Guidance in respect of insolvency practitioners' fees is available to download at:

http://www.insolvency-practitioners.org.uk/regulation-and-guidance/guides-to-fees

5.13 Information about insolvency processes can be found on the R3 website at:

http://www.creditorinsolvencyguide.co.uk/

- 5.14 A hard copy of this guidance information will be provided on request.
- 5.15 Crowe U.K. LLP's charge out rate and disbursements policy is attached at **Appendix V**.

#### 6. Creditors' Claims and Dividends

6.1 The creditors' claims admitted for dividend purposes are summarised as follows:

Creditor	Estimated on the Statement of Affairs £	Claims Admitted £
Preferential Creditors' Claims		
Employees & RPS	26,625.00	27,928.26
TOTAL	26,625.00	27,928.26
Unsecured Creditors' Claims		
Trade and Expense	17,909.00	23,817.68
Employees' Unsecured Claims	109,630.00	106,635.64
Director's Current Account	1,356.00	None
Landlord	33,493.00	15,516.68
HMRC – VAT & PAYE	1,292,612.00	1,380,078.76
TOTAL	£1,455,000.00	1,526,048.76



#### Preferential Creditors'

- 6.2 A preferential claim of £17,704.57 was received from the Redundancy Payments Service, in respect of payments made to former employees for holiday pay and arrears of wages (limited preferentially to £800 per person).
- 6.3 A number of employees made redundant prior to the approval of the CVA, made claims to the Employment Tribunal and their hearings were held following the Joint Supervisors appointment. The Joint Supervisors have adjudicated the preferential creditors' claims and reviewed the Employment Tribunal judgments, some of which were rejected in part, and confirm that the agreed preferential claims total £27,928.26.
- 6.4 A distribution to preferential creditors of 100 pence in the £ was declared and paid on 4 March 2014, with a provision for unsettled preferential claims.
- 6.5 Equalising dividends of 100 pence in the £ were declared and paid on 17 March 2014, 20 March 2014 and 6 August 2014, thereby discharging all preferential creditors in full.
- 6.6 The preferential payments were subject to tax deduction, the balance of which was paid to HMRC.
- 6.7 At the date of this report, two of the preferential dividend cheques had not been cashed, totalling £0.47. This sum is now held in an unclaimed dividend account with Svenska Handelsbanken AB.

#### Unsecured Creditors'

- 6.8 The dividend prospects as set out in the CVA Proposal were based on the creditors' claims estimated at that time totalling £1,455,000.
- 6.9 The total claims admitted for dividend of £1,526,048.76 are greater than the total listed in the CVA Proposal. This sum included 3 creditor claims who were not included on the Statement of Affairs and of whom the Joint Supervisors became aware since the Joint Supervisors appointment, together with a claim from Redundancy Payments Service in respect of notice and redundancy pay for the Company's former employees.
- 6.10 The Joint Supervisors have not received claims from 3 creditors with original estimated claims in the Statement of Affairs of £13,899.31. The Joint Supervisors received verbal notification that one of these creditors, with a claim of £11,394.51, no longer wants to claim in the CVA and formal written notification of their intention to withdraw their claim has been requested. The director of the Company was also listed as a creditor for the sum of £1,356 and he has now provided written confirmation that he does not intend to claim in the CVA. It should be noted that these creditors have been excluded from dividends paid.
- 6.11 The increased quantum of admitted claims was a contributing factor in the Company not adhering to the original terms of the CVA. The unsecured creditors agreed for the rate of dividend to be reduced from 55 pence in the £ to 35 pence in the £.
- 6.12 The following dividends have been declared to the unsecured creditors' to date:

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Dividend	Date Declared	Rate of Dividend	Amount Paid (£)	
First and Interim	18 August 2014	5.25 pence in the £	80,117.59	
Second and Interim	26 March 2015	4.26 pence in the £	65,009.70	
Third and Interim	14 March 2016	4.26 pence in the £	65,009.70	
Fourth and Interim	18 January 2017	4.06 pence in the £	61,957.60	
Fifth and Interim	30 November 2017	4.67 pence in the £	71,266.47	
	Total	22.50 pence in the £	343,361.06	

The Joint Supervisors anticipate declaring a further dividend within the next two months.

Unclaimed Dividends

- 6.13 At the date of this report, the sum of £2,435.61 is held on behalf of creditors in respect of unclaimed preferential and unsecured dividends. The sum of £0.49 is held in respect of preferential dividends and £2,435.12 in respect of unsecured dividends. These funds are held in a separate account, as shown on the attached receipts and payments account.
- 6.14 The Joint Supervisors have recently become aware that an unsecured creditor entered into Compulsory Liquidation. The unclaimed dividend funds declared to the creditor to date are to be sent the Official Receivers' Office shortly.
- 6.15 It should be noted that some of the tax held on the unclaimed unsecured distributions to employees has yet to be paid to HMRC.

#### 7. Conclusion

- 7.1 The CVA is progressing as anticipated and the Joint Supervisors will continue to monitor the Company's adherence to its terms, taking appropriate steps in line with the CVA terms where necessary.
- 7.2 Provided that the CVA continues to progress as planned, the Joint Supervisors will issue a further progress report shortly after the next anniversary of the CVA.
- 7.3 A sixth interim dividend is to be declared to the unsecured creditors shortly.
- 7.4 Should you have any questions or queries regarding this report, please contact the Case Administrator dealing with this matter, Blyss Nicholls, on 01892 700200 or by email on recoverysolutions@crowe.co.uk.

Dated this 27 February 2019

Mark Newman Joint Supervisor



#### Appendix I

#### Statutory Information

Company Name	First Clarity Limited
Previous Names	None
Proceedings	Company Voluntary Arrangement
Court	In the High Court of Justice
Court Reference	9368 of 2012
Date of Appointment	3 January 2013
Joint Supervisors	Mark Newman and Vincent John Green
Registered office Address	Crowe U.K. LLP, 4 Mount Ephraim Road, Tunbridge Wells, Kent TN1 1EE
Company Number	05870648

### Voluntary Arrangement of First Clarity Limited Joint Supervisors' Summary of Receipts & Payments

Statement of Affairs £		From 03/01/2018 To 02/01/2019 £	From 03/01/2013 To 02/01/2019 £
<u></u>	ASSET REALISATIONS	<del></del>	
	Business Rates Refund	NIL	3,255.66
555,000.00	Voluntary Contributions	55,000.00	527,000.00
327,838.00	Evolok inter-company account	100,000.00	100,000.00
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	COST OF REALISATIONS	·	,
(52,500.00)	Joint Supervisors' Fees	16,350.95	75,853.55
(1,000.00)	Joint Supervisors' Cat 1 Disbursement	167.04	1,145.86
,	Legal Fees	NIL	552.50
	<b>J</b>	(16,517.99)	(77,551.91)
	PREFERENTIAL CREDITORS	, ,	, ,
	RPS's preferential claim	NIL	17,704.57
(26,625.00)	Employees' Arrears of Pay & Holiday P	NIL	10,223.22
•		NIL	(27,927.79)
	UNSECURED CREDITORS		
(17,909.00)	Trade & Expense Creditors	NIL	12,269.54
(109,630.00)	Employees' unsecured claims	NIL	14,647.39
(1,356.00)	Director's current account	NIL	NIL
(33,493.00)	Landlord	NIL	3,491.26
(1,292,612.00)	Taxation: VAT & PAYE	NIL	310,517.73
		NIL	(340,925.92)
(652,287.00)		138,482.01	183,850.04
	REPRESENTED BY Vat Receivable		110.50
	Bank 1 Current - Handelsbanken		181,303.93
	Bank 1 Deposit - SVENSKA - DIVI A/C		2,435.61
			183,850.04
			ML.

Mark Newman Joint Supervisor



#### Appendix III

#### Breakdown of the Joint Supervisors' Time Costs

#### Time Cost Summary for the period from 3 January 2018 to 2 January 2019

	Partner	Manager	Case Administrator	Total Hours	Time Cost £	Average Hourly Rate £
General Administration						
General Case Admin	3.70	0.10	22.50	26.30	3,848.25	146.32
Case Accounting			7.90	7.90	955.25	120.92
Statutory Matters	1.90	4.80	9.85	16.55	2,955.50	178.58
Strategy/Case Review	3.25	0.40		3.65	1,059.00	290.14
Creditors						<del></del>
Distributions			0.45	0.45	56.25	125.00
Employees			0.80	0.80	96.25	120.31
Unsecured Creditors			4.20	4.20	502.50	119.64
Case Specific Matters			27.00	27.00	3,082.50	114.17
Total Hours	8.85	5.30	72.70	86.85		144.57
Total Cost					12,555.50	



#### Time Cost Summary as at 2 January 2019

	Partner	Manager	Case Administrator	Total Hours	Time Cost £	Average Hourly Rate £
Administration & Planning						
General Case Admin	24.90	87.60	44.15	156.65	26,542.00	169.44
Case Accounting		23.75	41.91	65.66	8,332.35	126.90
Legal		0.80	0.55	1.35	180.50	133.70
Property Related		1.10		1.10	165.00	150.00
Statutory Matters	3.85	29.85	9.85	43.55	7,571.00	173.85
Strategy/Case Review	13.35	18.95	6.90	39.20	7,942.50	202.61
Tax & VAT	1.00	7.05	1.20	9.25	1,553.25	167.92
Creditors				<del></del>		
Distributions	2.30	32.55	9.55	44.40	6,797.75	153.10
Employees	3.50	16.10	5.05	24.65	4,148.25	168.29
Preferential Creditors	0.70	18.20	0.25	19.15	2,977.50	155.48
Unsecured Creditors	1.30	21.45	16.25	39.00	4,866.50	124.78
Case Specific Matters		13.60	28.80	42.40	5,463.00	128.84
Total Hours	50.90	271.00	164.46	486.36		157.37
Total Cost					76,539.60	

Joint Supervisors' fees drawn in accordance with the time cost resolution passed at the meeting on 3 January 2013

75,853.55



#### Appendix IV

#### **Full Details of Work Undertaken**

General Description	Includes					
	Administration and Planning					
Administration	Filing of documents Maintenance of statutory and case progression task lists/diaries Updating checklists Monitoring the Company's compliance with the terms of the CVA and taking necessary steps in the event of any delayed compliance with, or breaches of, the terms Periodic review of amount of contribution Reviewing quarterly/annual management accounts Liaising with Director and HMRC about finalisation of the pre appointment tax position of the company					
Case Accounting	Monitoring compliance with the terms of the VA as detailed below  Preparing correspondence opening and closing accounts Requesting bank statements Bank account reconciliations Correspondence with bank regarding specific transfers Maintenance of the estate cash book Banking remittances and issuing cheques/BACS payments					
Legal	Liaising with Howard Kennedy Solicitors regarding the payment of interest on Employment Tribunal judgments awarded to former employees.					
Property Related	Corresponding with the landlord regarding vacation of the Company's former trading premises and dilapidations.  Corresponding with Camden Borough Council regarding a business rates refund.					
Statutory Matters	Preparing the documentation and dealing with the formalities of appointment.  Case bordereau  Filing of documents to meet statutory requirements  Preparing annual progress reports to creditors and other parties					
Strategy / Case Review	Discussions regarding strategies to be pursued  Meetings with team members and independent advisers to consider practical, technical and legal aspects of the case  Periodic reviews of the application of ethical, anti-money laundering and anti-bribery safeguards					
Tax & VAT	Dealing with HMRC correspondence. Liaising with HMRC and the Company regarding tax and VAT submissions for the pre CVA period Communications with HMRC and the Company regarding post CVA liabilities					
Creditors						
Creditor Communication	Receive and follow up creditor enquiries via telephone Review and prepare correspondence to creditors and their representatives via fax, email and post Assisting employees to pursue claims via the RPO Finalising pre-appointment tax position					
Processing proofs of debt	Preparation of correspondence to potential creditors inviting submission of proofs of debt Receipt of proofs of debt Adjudicating on claims Request further information from claimants regarding claims Preparation of correspondence to claimant advising outcome of adjudication					



General Description	Includes
Dividend procedures	Preparation of correspondence to creditors advising of intention to declare distribution Preparation of distribution calculation Preparation of correspondence to creditors announcing declaration of distribution Preparation of cheques to pay distribution Preparation of correspondence to creditors enclosing payment of distribution Seeking unique tax reference from HMRC, submitting information on PAYE/NI deductions from employee distributions and paying over to HMRC Dealing with unclaimed dividends
Case Specific Ma	
Variation of proposal	Discussions and meetings with the Company regarding a possible variation to the existing CVA terms.  Corresponding with HMRC regarding the possible variation.  Communicating with the Company regarding the terms of the variation.  Preparation of notices, proxies/voting forms, report and proposed variations to all creditors  Collate and examine proofs and proxies/votes to conclude proposed variations  Where relevant, preparation of meeting file and draft minutes of meeting  Responding to queries and questions regarding proposed variations  Issuing notice of result



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The table below sets out the charge-out rates utilised by Recovery Solutions at Crowe U.K. LLP for charging staff time:-

Partner £375 per hour Director £290 per hour Senior Manager £250 per hour Manager £210 per hour Assistant Manager £180 per hour Senior Administrator £165 per hour Administrator £125 per hour Trainee/support staff £65 per hour

It should be noted that the above rates may increase from time to time over the period of the administration of each insolvency case. The above rates are effective from 1 April 2018. Time is charged in six minute units.

Category 1 disbursements are charged at the actual cost at which they are incurred and are directly attributable to the case. Category 1 disbursements include statutory advertising, specific bond insurance, external records storage and postage. Reimbursement of Category 1 disbursements does not require the approval of creditors.

Category 2 disbursements are those incurred by Crowe U.K. LLP and re-charged to the case and they may include a profit element. Category 2 disbursements are reimbursed from the case only when the basis of the disbursement charge has been approved by creditors in advance.

It is the firm's policy to recover the following disbursements:

Photocopying Re-charged at 10p per sheet

Internal room hire Charged at £50 per meeting held in house

Company searches £15 per corporate case
Mileage Charged at 45 pence per mile

#### **GUIDES TO FEES AND BEST PRACTICE**

Guidance in respect of insolvency practitioners' fees is available to download at:

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