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## Notice of progress report in voluntary winding up



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Company name in full ABC Bridges Limited

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bold black capitals.

### 2 Liquidator's name

Full forename(s) Jonathan

Surname Lord

### 3 Liquidator's address

Building name/number 125/127 Union Street

Street

Post town Oldham

County/Region Lancashire

Postcode OL1 1TE

Country United Kingdom

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### Presenter information

You do not have to give any contact information, but if you do it will help Companies House if there is a query on the form. The contact information you give will be visible to searchers of the public record.

Jonathan Lord

Bridgestones Ltd

125/127 Union Street

Oldham

Lancashire

Postcode

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United Kingdom

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- ☐ The company name and number match the information held on the public Register.
- ☐ You have attached the required documents.
- ☐ You have signed the form.



### Important information

All information on this form will appear on the public record.



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You may return this form to any Companies House address, however for expediency we advise you to return it to the address below:

The Registrar of Companies, Companies House,  
Crown Way, Cardiff, Wales, CF14 3UZ.  
DX 33050 Cardiff.



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## **ABC BRIDGES LIMITED – IN LIQUIDATION**

### **PROGRESS REPORT AND ACCOUNT OF THE LIQUIDATOR PURSUANT TO SECTION 104A OF THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986**

**PERIOD: 21<sup>ST</sup> APRIL 2016 TO 20<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2017**

I write following my appointment as Liquidator of the above Company on 21<sup>st</sup> April 2016.

It is now 1 year since my appointment in this matter, and I am therefore writing to all members and creditors in accordance with Section 104A of The Insolvency Act 1986, to advise you of my dealings in the liquidation and to lay before you an account of my receipts and payments.

#### **Executive Summary**

The liquidation is now moving toward closure, and my duties are almost complete. A final meeting of creditors will be called in the next 3 months.

There will be no dividend to any class of creditor in this matter

#### **Background Information**

Company Name:	ABC Bridges Limited
Company Number:	06046141
Trading Address:	Unit 8 Trinity Farm, Cheltenham Road, Cirencester, Gloucestershire, GL7 7BH.
Current Registered Office:	125 / 127 Union Street, Oldham. OL1 1TE
Liquidator:	Jonathan Guy Lord
Liquidators Address:	125 / 127 Union Street, Oldham. OL1 1TE
Date of Appointment:	21 <sup>st</sup> April 2016

#### **Liquidator's Actions Since Appointment**

Following the Liquidator's appointment my first job was to quickly establish the position with the assets of the Company.

The Company had a large amount of plant & machinery stock and a motor vehicle, which I instructed Landwood Group Chartered Surveyors to deal with this on my behalf. We quickly had to negotiate a period of time to stay in the premises and this was agreed with the landlord.

The Company had a handful of 'bridges' that it had commenced work on however had not finished. Following the liquidators appointment contact was made with all of the customers who had their orders at the premises in various stages of completion to see if any of them still wished to purchase the bridge that they had ordered albeit in an unfinished capacity.

Following contact with all of the customers involved in this process, the vast majority of them did not wish to go ahead with the orders already started whilst we managed to negotiate settlement with a couple of customers for their bridges.

There was also a number of book debts that needed to be collected.

There is certain work that I am required by the insolvency legislation to undertake work in connection with the liquidation that provides no financial benefit for the creditors. *A description of the routine work undertaken since my appointment as Liquidator is contained in Appendix 2.*

### **Receipts And Payments**

My Receipts & Payments Account for the period from 21<sup>st</sup> April 2016 to 20<sup>th</sup> April 2017 is attached at Appendix 1.

The balance of funds are held in an interest bearing estate bank account.

### **Assets – Details Of Realisations To Date, And Any Assets That Remain To Be Realised**

The following assets were listed on the Company's statement of affairs, which was drawn up to the date of liquidation. I have made comments in relation to the progress made in collection of each asset.

#### **Plant & Machinery – Statement of Affairs value £11,000**

The Company had a large amount of plant and machinery that required to be sold. Following my appointment as Liquidator I instructed Landwood Group Chartered Surveyors ("LG") to market and sell these assets.

The assets were sold at auction. Fortunately I was able to store the assets at the premises after agreeing with the landlord about storage costs and I also ensured that the assets were insured during this period.

Included in these assets was a CNC Plasma cutter that was on hire purchase with Aldermore Finance. The agreement has 12 months to run and a settlement figure was provided.

Following the sale of the plant & machinery an amount of £19,318.48 + VAT has been received. No further realisations are expected in this regard.

#### **Motor Vehicles – Statement of Affairs value £4,500**

A motor vehicle was sold by Landwood Group for £3,000 + VAT to a third-party. No further realisations are expected in this regard.

#### **Work in Progress – Statement of Affairs value £Uncertain**

At the time of liquidation, the Company had 8 orders that remained unfinished. Following the Liquidators appointment contact was made with all of the customers who had outstanding orders with the Company.

Following major discussions, meetings and communication the majority of the customers no longer wished to proceed with the outstanding orders and there bridges were effectively sold for scrap.

However, 2 of the customers did want to proceed and had to incur their own costs in collecting the bridges in question.

An amount of £15,000.00 + VAT has been received from Landwood Group in relation to the work in progress. No further realisations are expected in this regard.

### **Book Debts – Statement of Affairs value £6,123**

The Company had a small amount of book debts outstanding in relation to contracts completed just prior to cessation of trade. The Statement of Affairs value The debtors have been deducted by 50% to allow for any disputed amounts following liquidation.

An amount of £6,240 has been received. No further realisations are expected in this regard and the remaining debts have been written off.

### **Goodwill – Statement of Affairs value £0.00**

Accounts up to 31st January 2015 state that the Company's goodwill had a value of £6,500. Due to the insolvent nature of the Company there is no estimated to realise value in this regard.

### **Stock – Not Listed on the Statement of Affairs**

A payment of £2,461.74 + VAT was received from Landwood Group for the Sale of the Company's stock. No further realisations are expected in this regard.

### **Cash at Bank – Not Listed on the Statement of Affairs**

After closure of the Company's bank account a payment of £12,689.88 was received from Santander. No further realisations are expected in this regard.

### **Bank Interest, Net of Tax**

Funds received by the Liquidator are lodged in an interest bearing account in the Company's name. Interest credited to this account becomes a receipt in the Liquidation. A sum of £1.31 has been received in this regard.

### **VAT Receipts**

The VAT aspect of Vat rated expenses incurred in the running of the Liquidation is reclaimable as a VAT Refund. If money is available in the estate account to pay these expenses then the subsequent VAT refund is a receipt of the Liquidation. The VAT refund represents expenses incurred after the Company entered Liquidation, and bears no relation to any claim the H M Revenue and Customs have lodged.

### **Prescribed Part**

There are provisions within the insolvency legislation that require a Liquidator, to set aside a percentage of a company's assets, for the benefit of the unsecured creditors in cases where the company gave a qualifying floating charge over its assets to a lender on, or after, 15 September 2003. This is known as the prescribed part of the net property. A company's net property is that which is left after paying the preferential creditors, but before paying the lender who holds a floating charge.

A Liquidator has to set aside:

- 50% of the first £10,000 of the net property; plus
- 20% of the property which exceeds £10,000;

up to a maximum prescribed part of £600,000.

There is no qualifying floating charge in this case so the prescribed part provisions do not apply.

## **DIVIDEND PROSPECTS**

Secured claims totalling £1,327.58, preferential claims totalling £7,391.18 and unsecured claims totalling £197,842.98 have been received, compared to the Statement of Affairs figure of £153,226.58.

This variation is the result of a number of creditors, not listed on the original estimated statement of affairs, having submitted proofs of claim subsequent to the creditor's meeting. The main creditor, by value, being Redundancy Payments Office to the sum of £37,753.82.

Due to lack of realisations no dividend is due to any class of creditors.

## **Payments**

Payments have been made from the liquidation account, as detailed below:

## **Specific Bond**

This is an insurance policy taken out by the insolvency practitioner. This policy covers the value of the assets within the liquidation against possible theft by the insolvency practitioner responsible. It is required by law to be taken out in any case where there are assets and is for the benefit of the creditors.

## **Public Notices**

The liquidation must be advertised at various times in The London Gazette by law. These entries represent the costs associated with placing the advertisements.

## **Agents/Valuers Fees & Disbursements**

The sum of £5,900 + VAT has been paid to Landwood Group for their assistance with the sale of the Company's assets. Landwood Group were also paid £3,954 + VAT for disbursements.

## **Legal Fees & Legal Disbursements (Pre)**

The sum of £235.60 + VAT has been paid to Freeths LLP in relation the adjournment of a winding up petition. Freeths LLP were also paid £75.00 + VAT for disbursements pre-appointment.

## **Rents Payable**

A payment of £2,625.00 was made to David Allberry & Company for rent for the period 11<sup>th</sup> April 2016 to 24<sup>th</sup> June 2016.

## **Insurance of Assets**

A fee of £304.50 was paid to AUA Insolvency Risk Services for insuring the Company's plant and machinery until it was sold.

## **Bank Charges**

All funds received into the liquidation are banked into an interest bearing account opened in the Company's name. A fee is imposed by the bank for the operation of this account. To date the sum of £7.20 has been paid in this regard.

## **Finance Settlement**

A fee of £3,263.81 has been paid to Hitachi Armada Asset Finance regarding the completion of a lease agreement.

## **Creditors Report Hosting**

A fee of £10.00 + VAT was paid to the creditor gateway for hosting the creditors report.

## **Duties and Investigations**

A description of the routine work undertaken in the liquidation to date is attached at Appendix 2:

I have carried out investigations into the Company's practices and the reason behind the Company's failure as well as an investigation into the affairs of the Company, and have found no assets other than those disclosed above.

In view of the low prospects of a repayment to creditors in this matter, and in order to reduce costs, I do not propose to spend time formally agreeing claims. I will hold claims, and I will only adjudicate on their validity if it becomes likely that a dividend will be paid.

I have undertaken a preliminary review of the Company's financial records and minutes for the 2 years and 4 months prior to liquidation to identify any unusual or exceptional transactions.

I have used the bank statements and books and records to compare the information within the statement of affairs to that contained in the last accounts produced by the Company to ascertain whether all significant assets can be identified and material movements in asset values can be explained.

I have undertaken an investigation into the conduct of the Directors. In accordance with my statutory duty I have submitted a Conduct Report to the Insolvency Services of the pursuant to the Company Directors Disqualification Act 1986 regarding the director. This report is confidential so I cannot disclose its content.

## **Outcome of investigation**

My investigations have not revealed any further actions that can be taken to recover assets or funds to assist creditors in recovering their losses.

## ***LIQUIDATORS' REMUNERATION***

My remuneration was previously authorised by the creditors at a meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> April 2016/by a written resolution dated 21<sup>st</sup> April 2016. My remuneration was authorised on a time cost basis based on a fees estimate of £55,815.00. The fees estimate acts as a cap and I cannot draw remuneration in excess of that estimate without first seeking approval from the creditors. My total time costs to 20<sup>th</sup> April 2017



amount to £41,304.00, representing 136.50 of hours work at an average charge out rate of £302.59 per hour.

I have drawn remuneration of £36,032.38 + VAT.

A detailed schedule of my time costs incurred to date compared with my original fees estimate is attached as Appendix 3.

As at 20<sup>th</sup> April 2017 I do not anticipate that the total time costs I will incur in this matter in respect of the categories of work for which I am being remunerated on a time cost basis will exceed the total estimated remuneration I set out in my fees estimate when my remuneration was authorised by the creditors.

Further information about creditors' rights can be obtained by visiting the creditors' information micro-site published by the Association of Business Recovery Professionals (R3) at <http://www.creditorinsolvencyguide.co.uk/>. A copy of 'A Creditors Guide to Liquidators' Fees' also published by R3, together with an explanatory note which shows Bridgestones' fee policy are available at the link <http://www.bridgestones.co.uk/technical.html>. Please note that there are different versions of the Guidance Notes and in this case you should refer to the October 2015 version.

## LIQUIDATORS' EXPENSES

I have not been able to draw any expenses in this matter.

I have not incurred any expenses in the period since my appointment as Liquidator:

Type of expense	Amount incurred/ accrued in the reporting period
None	£0.00

I have incurred the following category 2 disbursements in the period since my appointment as Liquidator:

Type of category 2 disbursement	Amount incurred/ accrued in the reporting period
Printed Paper being 116 sheets at £0.15	£17.40
Copy Paper being 642 sheets at £0.10	£64.20
Box Storage being 1 Box at £2.50 per box per month	£30.00

I have used the following agents or professional advisors in the reporting period:

Professional Advisor	Nature of Work	Basis of Fees
Landwood Group	Valuer/Auctioneer	Percentage of realisations
Freeths LLP	Solicitors	Time costs

The choice of professionals was based on my perception of their experience and ability to perform this type of work and the complexity and nature of the assignment. I also considered that the basis on which they will charge their fees represented value for money. I have reviewed the charges they have made and am satisfied that they are reasonable in the circumstances of this case.

## **FURTHER INFORMATION**

An unsecured creditor may, with the permission of the court or with the concurrence of 5% in value of the unsecured creditors (including the creditor in question), request further details of the Joint Liquidators' remuneration and expenses within 21 days of receipt of this report. Any secured creditor may request the same details in the same time limit.

An unsecured creditor may, with the permission of the court or with the concurrence of 10% in value of the creditors (including the creditor in question), apply to court to challenge the amount and/or basis of the Joint Liquidators' fees and the amount of any proposed expenses or expenses already incurred within 8 weeks of receipt of this report. Any secured creditor may make a similar application to court within the same time limit.

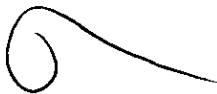
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## **SUMMARY**

All matters pertaining to the liquidation have now been concluded and the liquidation will shortly be passed through for closure.

If these matters are not resolved within the next 12 months, a further annual progress report will be issued.

If creditors have any queries regarding the conduct of the Liquidation, or if they want hard copies of any of the documents made available on-line, they should contact Bridgestones on the above telephone number, or by email to [ian@bridgestones.co.uk](mailto:ian@bridgestones.co.uk)



**Jonathan Lord**  
**Liquidator**

## Appendix 2

### 1. Administration

- Case planning - devising an appropriate strategy for dealing with the case and giving instructions to the staff to undertake the work on the case.
- Setting up physical case files.
- Setting up the case on the practice's electronic case management system and entering data.
- Issuing the statutory notifications to creditors and other required on appointment as office holder, including gazetting the office holder's appointment.
- Obtaining a specific penalty bond.
- Convening and holding general meetings of creditors and members (as applicable).
- Dealing with all routine correspondence and emails relating to the case.
- Opening, maintaining and managing the office holder's estate bank account.
- Creating, maintaining and managing the office holder's cashbook.
- Undertaking regular bank reconciliations of the bank account containing estate funds.
- Reviewing the adequacy of the specific penalty bond on a quarterly basis.
- Undertaking periodic reviews of the progress of the case.
- Overseeing and controlling the work done on the case by case administrators.
- Preparing, reviewing and issuing annual progress reports to creditors and members.
- Filing returns at Companies House.
- Preparing and filing VAT returns.
- Preparing and filing Corporation Tax returns.

### 2. Creditors

- Obtaining information from the case records about employee claims.
- Completing documentation for submission to the Redundancy Payments Office.
- Corresponding with employees regarding their claims.
- Liaising with the Redundancy Payments Office regarding employee claims.
- Dealing with creditor correspondence, emails and telephone conversations regarding their claims.
- Maintaining up to date creditor information on the case management system.
- Issuing a notice of intended dividend and placing an appropriate gazette notice.
- Reviewing proofs of debt received from creditors, adjudicating on them *and formally admitting them for the payment of a dividend*.
- Requesting additional information from creditors in support of their proofs of debt in order to adjudicate on their claims.
- Calculating and paying a dividend to creditors, and issuing the notice of declaration of dividend.
- Paying tax deducted from the dividends paid to employees.

### 3. Investigations

- Preparing a report or return on the conduct of the directors as required by the Company Directors Disqualification Act.

**ABC Bridges Limited - In Creditors Voluntary Liquidation**  
**Liquidator's Abstract of Receipts & Payments**

**From 21 April 2016 To 20 April 2017**

<b>S of A £</b>	<b>As Previously Reported</b>	<b>21/04/16 to 20/04/17</b>	<b>Total £</b>
<b>RECEIPTS</b>			
5,500 Plant & Machinery	NIL	NIL	NIL
5,500 Plant & Machinery	NIL	19,318.48	19,318.48
4,500 Motor Vehicles	NIL	3,000.00	3,000.00
NIL Stock	NIL	2,461.74	2,461.74
NIL WIP	NIL	15,000.00	15,000.00
6,123 Book Debts	NIL	6,240.00	6,240.00
NIL Cash at Bank	NIL	12,689.88	12,689.88
NIL Bank Interest Net of Tax	NIL	1.31	1.31
21,623	NIL	58,711.41	58,711.41
<b>PAYMENTS</b>			
Statement of Affairs Fee	NIL	6,000.00	6,000.00
Agents/Valuers Fees (1)	NIL	5,900.00	5,900.00
Legal Fees	NIL	235.60	235.60
Statutory Advertising	NIL	173.88	173.88
Rents Payable	NIL	2,625.00	2,625.00
Insurance of Assets	NIL	304.50	304.50
Bank Charges	NIL	7.20	7.20
Finance Settlement	NIL	3,263.81	3,263.81
Creditor report hosting	NIL	10.00	10.00
Liquidator's Remuneration	NIL	36,032.38	36,032.38
Agent's disbursements	NIL	3,954.00	3,954.00
Legal Disbursements (Pre)	NIL	75.00	75.00
Vat Receivable	NIL	60.04	60.04
Specific Bond	NIL	70.00	70.00
	NIL	(58,711.41)	(58,711.41)
<b>CASH IN HAND</b>			
	NIL	NIL	NIL

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No

Analysis of Time Costs for the Period from 21 April 2016 to 20 April 2017

Classification of work function	Hours							Average Hourly Rate (£)
	Insolvency Practitioner	Director	Senior Manager	Manager	Case Administrator	Cashiering	Support Staff	
Administration and Planning	15.00	0.00	24.10	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	307.24
Realisation of Assets	22.90	0.00	34.70	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	315.54
Creditors	3.70	0.00	16.10	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	275.51
Investigation	4.00	0.00	14.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	281.08
Total Hours	45.60	0.00	89.40	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	136.50
Total Fees Claimed (£)	19,608.00	0.00	21,456.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	41,304.00
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Hourly Rate Range	From	To
Insolvency Practitioner	430.00	430.00
Director	0.00	0.00
Senior Manager	240.00	240.00
Manager	0.00	0.00
Case Administrator	0.00	0.00
Cashier	0.00	0.00
Assistants & Support Staff	0.00	0.00