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1 Company details

Company number 0 6 2 4 5 1 2 1

Company name in full RNP Associates Limited

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Please complete in typescript or in
bold black capitals.

2 Liquidator's name

Full forename(s) Martin FP

Surname Smith

3 Liquidator's address

Building name/number 15 Colmore Row

Street Birmingham

Post town B3 2BH

County/Region

Postcode

Country

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Full forename(s) Nicola J

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① Other liquidator

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RNP Associates Limited
(In Liquidation)

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Telephone Alan Hands
contact
Date 26 October 2020

TO ALL MEMBERS & CREDITORS WHOSE ADDRESSES ARE KNOWN

Dear Sirs

RNP Associates Limited ("the Company") – In Creditors' Voluntary Liquidation

This is my report to members and creditors following the second anniversary of my appointment as Joint Liquidator and should be read in conjunction with my last progress report

Dains Business Recovery Limited uses personal information in order to fulfil the legal obligations of our Insolvency Practitioners under the Insolvency Act and other relevant legislation, and also to fulfil the legitimate interests of keeping creditors and others informed about the insolvency proceedings. You can find more information on how Dains Business Recovery Limited uses your personal information on our website at www.dains.com/privacy.

If you have any queries regarding this report or the conduct of the liquidation in general, you should contact Alan Hands by email at ahands@dains.com, or by phone on 0121 200 7918.

Yours faithfully
for RNP Associates Limited



Martin FP Smith
Joint Liquidator

ahands@dains.com

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RNP Associates Limited (“the Company”) – In Creditors’ Voluntary Liquidation

LIQUIDATORS’ PROGRESS REPORT TO MEMBERS AND CREDITORS

For the year ending 29 August 2020

1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

My duties and functions as Liquidator are the realisation of the Company’s assets, the agreement of the claims of creditors, investigation of the directors’ conduct and the company’s affairs generally, and the eventual distribution of the Liquidation funds between the creditors in accordance with their legal entitlements. The realisations made since my appointment, comprise of Office Equipment & Furniture, Book Debts and Cash at Bank. Further realisations, in respect of Book Debts are anticipated in this matter.

2. STATUTORY INFORMATION

Company name:	RNP Associates Limited
Registered office:	15 Colmore Row, Birmingham, B3 2BH
Former registered office:	Concorde House, Union Drive, Boldmere, Sutton Coldfield, West Midlands, B73 5TE
Registered number:	06245121
Joint Liquidators’ names:	Martin FP Smith and Nicola J Meadows
Joint Liquidators’ address:	15 Colmore Row, Birmingham, B3 2BH
Joint Liquidators’ date of appointment	30 August 2018
Actions of Joint Liquidators’	Any act required or authorised under any enactment to be done by a Liquidator may be done by either or both of the Liquidators acting jointly or alone

3. LIQUIDATORS’ ACTIONS SINCE APPOINTMENT

- The specific penalty bond was reviewed to ensure that the level of cover was adequate to protect the realisations made in the Liquidation.
- VAT has been reclaimed on expenses of the Liquidation by submitting form VAT 426, following the deregistration of the Company for VAT dated 12 August 2011.
- The bank accounts held at Metro Bank and Bank of Scotland have been regularly reconciled.
- All corporation tax returns for the period in Liquidation have been submitted to HM Revenue & Customs in a timely manner.
- I have reported the progress of the Liquidation to members, creditors, and the Registrar of Companies.

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- I have complied with my statutory duties in accordance with the Insolvency Act 1986.
- I have continued to liaise with the solicitors with regards to the ongoing enquiries into the Crown claims.
- Liaising with the Former Director with regards to the WIP and outstanding Book Debts.

There is certain work that I am required by the insolvency legislation to undertake 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 A.

4. RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

My Receipts & Payments Account for the period from 30 August 2019 to 29 August 2020 is shown at Appendix B. All figures are shown net of VAT.

The balances of funds are held in two liquidation estate bank accounts.

5. ASSETS

5.1 Leasehold Property

As mentioned in my previous report, John Pye and Sons Limited ("JP SL") were instructed to value a Leasehold Property and valued the leasehold improvements at £500. Therefore, due to the small sum involved this amount was written off.

5.2 Office Equipment & Furniture

JP SL were also instructed to value the office equipment and furniture ("the Equipment") and subsequently assist with its sale, the estimated to realise value being £10,700.

The former directors were interested in acquiring the Equipment and were invited to submit best and final offers for its purchase. The highest bid was subsequently accepted; however, upon inspection of the assets by the successful party it was claimed that they were not in their original condition and therefore the original offer was retracted and a significantly lower offer was submitted.

Upon JP SL's advice, it was agreed that the assets be placed for sale at public auction with all interested parties being given the opportunity to purchase the Equipment.

I am please report a sale was completed for the Equipment in the amount of £6,361 plus VAT. The payable VAT of £1,272.50 will be paid to HM Revenue and Customs ("HMRC").

5.3 Work in Progress ("WIP")

As previously informed, a majority of contracts contained insolvency clauses and so were terminated upon my appointment, those contracts which were able to continue were negotiated by the directors with the existing clients.

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The directors were asked to reconcile the contracts which had been taken over and negotiations entered into to confirm the value of the benefit derived from those contracts.

I am now in receipt of those reconciliations and the estimated balances due in respect of the WIP. I will continue to liaise with the directors to collect the amounts outstanding.

5.4 Book Debts

The Statement of Affairs estimated £200,000.00 in respect of Book Debts, around £85,206 was received into the bank account in respect of debtors before the balance was remitted to me. I have continued liaising with the directors and the debtors directly in respect of realising the outstanding amounts in respect of the book debts. The sum totalling £40,545.08 has been recovered to date, of which a further £10,872.60 was recovered in the period of this report.

5.5 Cash at Bank

Cash at Bank was estimated to realise £198,143 as per the estimated Statement of Affairs. I requested the balances from the various Company bankers and the amount of £285,349.35 has been received from all accounts. The final balance received included some debtors who had paid into the Company bank account before the balance was remitted to the liquidation account as mentioned at point 5.4.

5.6 Intellectual Property ("IP")

JPSL also conducted a valuation of the IP which consisted of the Company telephone number and website address, it was estimated to realise £5,000. The sale of the IP is still on-going and Aaron and Partners Solicitors were instructed to advise on the legalities surrounding any such sale.

5.7 Intercompany Loans

As previously informed, a number of intercompany balances were recorded on the management accounts as owing to the Company. It is understood that the majority (if not all) of these balances should have been historically written off.

Notwithstanding, one of the debtors (RNP Steels Limited) had been placed into Creditors' Voluntary Liquidation therefore, any balance owed would need to be agreed by the liquidator should an amount be due.

6. LIABILITIES

6.1 Secured Creditors / Fixed Charge

An examination of the Company's mortgage register held by the Registrar of Companies, showed that the Company has no current charges over its assets.

6.2 Preferential Creditors

Employee claims in respect of unpaid wages and holiday pay were estimated to be £5,775. To date no claim has been received from the Redundancy Payments Service.

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6.3 Secured Creditors / Floating Charge

There are provisions of 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 granted a "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 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; and
- 20% of the remaining net property up to a maximum of £600,000.

There are no floating charge creditors in this matter so the prescribed part provision will not apply.

6.4 Crown Creditors

The statement of affairs included £122,347 owed to HMRC in respect of PAYE, VAT and Corporation Tax. HMRC's final claim of £1,320,609.41 has been received; however, the majority of this claim is made up of 'regulation 80' claims against the Company relating to the purchase of an Offshore Bond for tax relief.

Aaron and Partners solicitors have been instructed to provide advice in respect of the treatment of these schemes and any potential action needed in respect of them.

6.5 Non-preferential unsecured Creditors

The statement of affairs included 26 non-preferential unsecured creditors with an estimated total liability of £1,323,218. I have received claims from 12 creditors at a total of £2,455,497.70. I have not received claims from 11 creditors with original estimated claims in the statement of affairs of £18,691.76.

7. DIVIDEND PROSPECTS

7.1 Secured Creditors

There are no Secured creditors in this matter.

7.2 Preferential Creditors

A distribution to the preferential creditors is likely once the claim from the Redundancy Payments Service ("RPS") has been received and subsequently agreed. I am yet to receive a claim from the RPS.

7.3 Floating Charge Creditors

There are no floating charge creditors in this matter.

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7.4 Unsecured Non-Preferential Creditors

Based on current known information about assets and liabilities it is likely that a dividend will be paid to unsecured creditors; however, I am unable to declare a distribution at present due to the amounts due in respect of the on-going HMRC claim not yet being quantified.

8. INVESTIGATIONS INTO THE COMPANY'S AFFAIRS

I undertook an initial investigation into the Company's affairs to establish whether there were any potential asset recoveries or conduct matters that justified further investigation, taking account of the public interest, potential recoveries, the funds likely to be available to fund an investigation, and the costs involved. I am required by the Statements of Insolvency Practice to undertake such an initial investigation and the work detailed below has been undertaken in connection with that initial investigation.

Specifically, I recovered, listed and reviewed the Company's accounting records; obtained and reviewed copy bank statements for the 12 months prior to the Company ceasing to trade from the Company's bankers; and compared the information in the Company's last set of accounts with that contained in the statement of affairs lodged in the Liquidation and made relevant enquiries.

Within three months of my appointment as Liquidator, I am required to submit a confidential report to the Secretary of State to include any matters which have come to my attention during the course of my work which may indicate that the conduct of any past or present Director would make them unfit to be concerned with the management of the Company. I confirm that my report has been submitted.

A further extensive review of the Company's bank account statements was undertaken to establish any transactions that may require further investigations. No such transactions came to light, as they were in relation to the Book Debt receipts mentioned earlier.

9. PRE-APPOINTMENT REMUNERATION

The members and creditors previously authorised the payment of a fee of £7,500 plus disbursements plus VAT for my assistance with preparing the statement of affairs and for assisting the director in seeking a decision from the creditors on the nomination of a Liquidator.

This fee has been paid in full from first realisations on appointment and is shown in the enclosed receipts and payments account.

10. LIQUIDATORS' REMUNERATION

My remuneration up to a blended rate of £65,637.50 was previously authorised by creditors by correspondence vote on 30 August 2018 to be drawn on a time costs basis plus disbursements and VAT.

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My total time costs to 29 August 2019 amount to £146,875.51, representing 578.17 of hours work which have been charged at an average charge out rate of £254.04 per hour. A total of £68,947.25 was charged in the period between 30 August 2019 and 29 August 2020 for 279.67 hours work, at an average charge out rate of £246.53 per hour.

I have drawn remuneration of £65,637.50 to date. At present, I am not seeking any increase to my fees. A schedule of my time costs incurred to date, is attached at Appendices C and D.

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 Dains Business Recovery Limited's fee policy are available at the link <https://www.r3.org.uk/technical-library/england-wales/technical-guidance/fees>. Please note that there are different versions of the Guidance Notes and in this case, you should refer to the April 2017 version.

Additional information in relation to Liquidator's fees in accordance with SIP 9 is attached. This provides details of the firm's policy in relation to staffing, the use of sub-contractors and disbursements. Please note, in common with all professional firms, the charge out rates may increase from time to time over the period of the administration of each insolvency case.

11. LIQUIDATORS' EXPENSES

I have incurred the following expenses in the period of this report: -

Type of expense	Amount incurred in the reporting period
Office Holders Expenses	£185.04
Agents/Valuers Fees	£7,079.15
Legal Fees	£23,816.66
Legal Disbursements	£710.10
Stationery & Postage	£25.01
Storage Costs	£35.73
Professional Advisors	£500.00
Insurance of Assets	£403.20

I have not incurred any category 2 disbursements in this matter.

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

Professional advisor	Nature of work	Basis of fees
Aaron & Partners LLP	Enquiries into creditor and director claims	Time costs plus VAT
John Pye & Sons Limited	Valuation and sale of assets	£5,554.15 plus VAT
Cumber Consultancy	Enquiries; advice and reporting re: pension schemes	£1,525.00 plus VAT
Cloud Central	Secured data migration	£500.00 plus VAT

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Aaron & Partners LLP were instructed to assist with the Regulation 80 claims from HM Revenue and Customs, the sale of the Company assets and also advise in respect of ongoing insurance claims against the Company. Payment of their fees are ongoing, of £23,816.66 plus VAT has been paid to date.

JPSL, were instructed to value and sell the Company's assets. Their associated costs of sale amounting to £5,554.15 plus VAT has been settled from the sale proceeds.

Clumber Consultancy were instructed to make statutory enquiries into the Company's pension scheme. Their fee of £1,525 plus VAT has been settled in full.

Cloud Central were instructed to assist me with the secure extraction and migration of data held on the Company's computer servers. Their fee of £500 plus VAT was settled in full.

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.

12. 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 their 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 unsecured creditors (including the creditor in question), apply to Court to challenge the amount of remuneration charged by the Joint Liquidators as being excessive, and/or the basis of the Joint Liquidators' remuneration, and/or the amount of the expenses incurred as being excessive, within 8 weeks of their receipt of this report. Any secured creditor may make a similar application to court within the same time limit.

To comply with the Provision of Services Regulations, some general information about Dains Business Recovery Limited can be found in the attached summary sheet.

13. SUMMARY

The Liquidation will remain open until the debt recovery matters have been completed and all matters in respect of the regulation 80 claims have been concluded. Due to the potential legal enquiries and anticipated disputes, I am unable to give a timescale for the resolution of these matters.

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If you have any queries regarding the conduct of the Liquidation, or would like a hard copy of any of the documents made available on-line, you should contact Alan Hands on 0121 200 7918, or by email at ahands@dains.com.



Martin FP Smith
JOINT LIQUIDATOR

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Appendix A

1. Administration

This represents the work involved in the routine administrative functions of the case by the office holder and their staff, together with the control and supervision of the work done on the case by the office holder (and their managers and staff). It does not give direct financial benefit to the creditors, but has to be undertaken by the office holder to meet their requirements under the insolvency legislation and the Statements of Insolvency Practice, which set out required practice that office holders must follow.

- Supervising the work of sub-contractors instructed on the case to assist in dealing with pension schemes; obtaining reports and updates from them on the work done; and checking the adequacy of the work done.
- Dealing with all routine correspondence and emails relating to the case.
- Opening, maintaining and managing the office holder's estate bank account.
- 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

Employees - The office holder needs to deal with the ex-employees in order to ensure that their claims are processed appropriately by the Redundancy Payments Office (RPO). The office holder is required to undertake this work as part of their statutory functions.)

Claims of creditors - the office holder needs to maintain up to date records of the names and addresses of creditors, together with the amounts of their claims as part of the management of the case, and to ensure that notices and reports can be issued to the creditors. The office holder also needs to deal with correspondence and queries received from creditors regarding their claims and dividend prospects as they are received. The office holder is required to undertake this work as part of his statutory functions.

- Obtaining information from the case records about employee claims.
- Completing documentation for submission to the Redundancy Payments Office.
- Corresponding with employees regarding their claims.
- Supervising the work of sub-contractors instructed on the case to assist in dealing with employee claims; obtaining reports and updates from them on the work done; and checking the adequacy of the work done.
- 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.

3. Realisation of Assets

- Corresponding with debtors and attempting to collect outstanding book debts.
- Dealing with ongoing disputes from debtors in attempting to recover the book debts.
- Liaising with the bank regarding the closure of the account and the transfer of post appointment credits.
- Liaising with agents to regarding the valuation and sale of the Company assets.

4. Investigations

- Recovering the books and records for the case.
- Listing the books and records recovered.
- Liaising with my solicitors with regards to the ongoing legal enquiries with the Crown claims.

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Martin FP Smith
Liquidator

A Schedule of the Liquidators' timecosts
from 30 August 2018 to 29 August 2020

Classification of Work Function	Hours					Time Cost £	Average Hourly Rate £
	Partner	Other Senior Professionals	Assistants & Support Staff	Cashier & Secretaries	Total Hours		
ADMINISTRATION & PLANNING							
Case Planning	2.52	37.22	11.82	0.00	51.56	11,906.00	230.92
Administrative set-up	0.70	14.58	2.55	0.00	17.83	4,100.25	229.96
Appointment notification	1.30	0.00	0.00	0.20	1.50	561.50	374.33
Maintenance of records	26.45	28.42	10.38	55.22	120.47	28,949.42	240.30
Statutory reporting	0.62	6.17	0.00	0.00	6.79	1,637.25	241.13
INVESTIGATIONS							
SIP 2 review	1.50	15.17	2.38	0.00	19.05	4,520.50	237.30
CDDA reports	2.15	4.42	0.00	0.00	6.57	1,864.50	283.79
Investigating antecedent transactions	2.38	7.67	4.80	0.00	14.85	3,698.25	249.04
REALISATION OF ASSETS							
Identifying, securing, insuring assets	47.95	9.25	2.05	2.77	62.02	22,415.67	361.43
Retention of title	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Debt collection	7.50	15.25	100.25	0.00	123.00	27,521.25	223.75
Property, business and asset sales	8.35	60.00	0.75	0.00	69.10	17,039.25	246.59
TRADING							
Management of operations	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Accounting for trading	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
On-going employee issues	5.95	28.25	0.00	1.17	35.37	8,970.17	253.61
CREDITORS							
Communication with creditors	8.45	20.33	1.08	7.35	37.21	9,511.00	255.60
Creditors' claims (including employees and other preferential creditors')	7.18	5.42	0.25	0.00	12.85	4,180.50	325.33
Total Hours	123.00	252.15	136.31	66.71	578.17		
Total Fees Claimed £	49,815.00	56,761.50	28,626.50	11,672.51		146,875.51	
Average Rate £	405.00	225.11	210.01	174.97			254.04

A Schedule of the Liquidators' timecosts
from 30 August 2019 to 29 August 2020

Classification of Work Function	Hours					Time Cost £	Average Hourly Rate £
	Partner	Other Senior Professionals	Assistants & Support Staff	Cashier & Secretaries	Total Hours		
ADMINISTRATION & PLANNING							
Case Planning	0.67	0.30	10.93	0.00	11.90	2,665.00	223.95
Administrative set-up	0.00	4.42	2.55	0.00	6.97	1,529.25	219.40
Appointment notification	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.20	0.20	35.00	175.00
Maintenance of records	9.58	24.92	9.13	25.43	69.06	15,856.33	229.60
Statutory reporting	0.10	6.17	0.00	0.00	6.27	1,428.00	227.75
INVESTIGATIONS							
SIP 2 review	0.00	0.00	2.25	0.00	2.25	472.50	210.00
CDDA reports	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Investigating antecedent transactions	0.93	0.00	4.80	0.00	5.73	1,386.00	241.88
REALISATION OF ASSETS							
Identifying, securing, insuring assets	22.27	6.25	1.92	2.10	32.54	11,194.25	344.02
Retention of title	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Debt collection	5.30	8.25	94.08	0.00	107.63	23,760.25	220.76
Property, business and asset sales	3.33	8.58	0.58	0.00	12.49	3,403.75	272.52
TRADING							
Management of operations	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Accounting for trading	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
On-going employee issues	3.67	0.00	0.00	0.00	3.67	1,485.00	404.63
CREDITORS							
Communication with creditors	3.80	5.83	0.50	5.17	15.30	3,860.67	252.33
Creditors' claims (including employees and other preferential creditors')	3.33	2.08	0.25	0.00	5.66	1,871.25	330.61
Total Hours	52.98	66.80	126.99	32.90	279.67		
Total Fees Claimed £	21,458.25	15,061.50	26,670.00	5,757.50		68,947.25	
Average Rate £	405.03	225.47	210.02	175.00			246.53

Practice Fee Recovery Policy for Dains Business Recovery Limited

Introduction

The insolvency legislation was changed in October 2015, with one or two exceptions, for insolvency appointments made from that time. This sheet explains how we intend to apply the alternative fee bases allowed by the legislation when acting as office holder in insolvency appointments. The legislation allows different fee bases to be used for different tasks within the same appointment. The fee basis, or combination of bases, set for a particular appointment is/are subject to approval, generally by a committee if one is appointed by the creditors, failing which the creditors in general meeting, or the Court.

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/>. Details about how an office holder's fees may be approved for each case type are available in a series of guides issued with Statement of Insolvency Practice 9 (SIP 9) and can be accessed at <https://www.r3.org.uk/technical-library/england-wales/technical-guidance/fees/>. Alternatively, a hard copy may be requested from Dains Business Recovery Limited, 15 Colmore Row, Birmingham, B3 2BH. Please note that we have provided further details in this policy document.

Once the basis of the office holder's remuneration has been approved, a periodic report will be provided to any committee and also to each creditor. The report will provide a breakdown of the remuneration drawn. If approval has been obtained for remuneration on a time costs basis, i.e. by reference to time properly spent by members of staff of the practice at our standard charge out rates, the time incurred will also be disclosed, whether drawn or not, together with the average, or "blended" rates of such costs. Under the legislation, any such report must disclose how creditors can seek further information and challenge the basis on which the fees are calculated and the level of fees drawn in the period of the report. Once the time to challenge the office holder's remuneration for the period reported on has elapsed, then that remuneration cannot subsequently be challenged.

Under some old legislation, which still applies for insolvency appointments commenced before 6 April 2010, there is no equivalent mechanism for fees to be challenged.

Time cost basis

When charging fees on a time costs basis we use charge out rates appropriate to the skills and experience of a member of staff and the work that they perform. This is combined with the amount of time that they work on each case, recorded in 6 minute units with supporting narrative to explain the work undertaken.

Chargeout Rates

Grade of staff	Current charge-out rate per hour, effective from 1 April 2014 £
Partner – appointment taker	405
Senior Manager	330
Manager	245
Supervisor	225
Case Administrator	210
Cashier & Support Staff	80 - 195

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Where necessary and appropriate, members of staff from other departments of the practice will undertake work on a case. They will be charged at their normal charge out rate for undertaking such work.)

These charge-out rates charged are reviewed on 1 April each year and are adjusted to take account of inflation and the firm's overheads.

Time spent on casework is recorded directly to the relevant case using a computerised time recording system and the nature of the work undertaken is recorded at that time. The work is generally recorded under the following categories:

- Administration and Planning
- Investigations
- Realisation of Assets
- Creditors
- Trading
- Case specific matters
- Employee matters

In cases where we were appointed prior to 1 October 2015, most of our fees were recovered on a time costs basis and appropriate authority was obtained from the creditors or the committee as set down in the legislation. The legislation changed on 1 October 2015 and on new appointments we now only seek time costs for the following categories:

- Case specific matters
- Investigations
- Trading

When we seek time costs approval we have to set out a fees estimate. That estimate acts as a cap on our time costs so that we cannot draw fees of more than the estimated time costs without further approval from those who approved our fees. When seeking approval for our fees, we will disclose the work that we intend to undertake, the hourly rates we intend to charge for each part of the work, and the time that we think each part of the work will take. We will summarise that information in an average or "blended" rate for all of the work being carried out within the estimate. We will also say whether we anticipate needing to seek approval to exceed the estimate and, if so, the reasons that we think that may be necessary.

The disclosure that we make should include sufficient information about the insolvency appointment to enable you to understand how the proposed fee reflects the complexity (or otherwise) of the case, any responsibility of an exceptional kind falling on the office holder, the effectiveness with which the office holder has carried out their functions, and the value and nature of the property with which the office holder has to deal.

If we subsequently need to seek authority to draw fees in excess of the estimate, we will say why we have exceeded, or are likely to exceed the estimate; any additional work undertaken, or proposed to be undertaken; the hourly rates proposed for each part of the work; and the time that the additional work is expected to take. As with the original estimate, we will say whether we anticipate needing further approval and, if so, why we think it may be necessary to seek further approval.

Percentage basis

The legislation allows fees to be charged on a percentage of the value of the property with which the office holder has to deal (realisations and/or distributions). Different percentages can be used for different assets or types of assets. In cases where we were appointed prior to 1 October 2015, most of our fees were recovered on a time costs basis and appropriate authority was obtained from the creditors or the committee

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as set down in the legislation. The legislation changed on 1 October 2015 and we now seek remuneration on a percentage basis more often. A report accompanying any fee request will set out the potential assets in the case, the remuneration percentage proposed for any realisations and the work covered by that remuneration, as well as the expenses that will be, or are likely to be, incurred. Expenses can be incurred without approval, but must be disclosed to help put the remuneration request into context.

The percentage approved in respect of realisations will be charged against the assets realised, and where approval is obtained on a mixture of bases, any fixed fee and time costs will then be charged against the funds remaining in the liquidation after the realisation percentage has been deducted.

The disclosure that we make should include sufficient information about the insolvency appointment to enable you to understand how the proposed fee reflects the complexity (or otherwise) of the case, any responsibility of an exceptional kind falling on the office holder, the effectiveness with which the office holder has carried out their functions, and the value and nature of the property with which the office holder has to deal.

If the basis of remuneration has been approved on a percentage basis then an increase in the amount of the percentage applied can only be approved by the committee or creditors (depending upon who approved the basis of remuneration) in cases where there has been a material and substantial change in the circumstances that were taken into account when fixing the original level of the percentage applied. If there has not been a material and substantial change in the circumstances then an increase can only be approved by the Court.

Fixed fee

The legislation allows fees to be charged at a set amount. Different set amounts can be used for different tasks. In cases where we were appointed prior to 1 October 2015, most of our fees were recovered on a time costs basis and appropriate authority was obtained from the creditors or the committee as set down in the legislation. The legislation changed on 1 October 2015 and we now seek remuneration on a fixed fee basis more often. A report accompanying any fee request will set out the set fee that we proposed to charge and the work covered by that remuneration, as well as the expenses that will be, or are likely to be, incurred. Expenses can be incurred without approval, but must be disclosed to help put the remuneration request into context.

The disclosure that we make should include sufficient information about the insolvency appointment to enable you to understand how the proposed fee reflects the complexity (or otherwise) of the case, any responsibility of an exceptional kind falling on the office holder, the effectiveness with which the office holder has carried out their functions, and the value and nature of the property with which the office holder has to deal.

If the basis of remuneration has been approved on a fixed fee basis then an increase in the amount of the fixed fee can only be approved by the committee or creditors (depending upon who approved the basis of remuneration) in cases where there has been a material and substantial change in the circumstances that were taken into account when fixing the original level of the fixed fee. If there has not been a material and substantial change in the circumstances then an increase can only be approved by the Court.

Members' voluntary liquidations and Voluntary Arrangements

The legislation changes that took effect from 1 October 2015 did not apply to members' voluntary liquidations (MVL), Company Voluntary Arrangements (CVA) or Individual Voluntary Arrangements (IVA). In MVLs, the company's members set the fee basis, often as a fixed fee. In CVAs and IVAs, the fee basis is set out in the proposals and creditors approve the fee basis when they approve the arrangement.

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All bases

With the exception of Individual Voluntary Arrangements and Company Voluntary Arrangements which are VAT exempt, the officeholder's remuneration invoiced to the insolvent estate will be subject to VAT at the prevailing rate.

Agent's Costs

Charged at cost based upon the charge made by the Agent instructed, the term Agent includes:

- Solicitors/Legal Advisors
- Auctioneers/Valuers
- Accountants
- Quantity Surveyors
- Estate Agents
- Other Specialist Advisors

In new appointments made after 1 October 2015, the office holder will provide details of expenses to be incurred, or likely to be incurred, when seeking fee approval. When reporting to the committee and creditors during the course of the insolvency appointment the actual expenses incurred will be compared with the original estimate provided.

Disbursements

In accordance with SIP 9 the basis of disbursement allocation in respect of disbursements incurred by the Office Holder in connection with the administration of the estate must be fully disclosed to creditors. Disbursements are categorised as either Category 1 or Category 2.

Category 1 expenses are directly referable to an invoice from a third party, which is either in the name of the estate or Dains Business Recovery Limited, 15 Colmore Row, Birmingham, B3 2BH, in the case of the latter, the invoice makes reference to, and therefore can be directly attributed to, the estate. These disbursements are recoverable in full from the estate without the prior approval of creditors either by a direct payment from the estate or, where the firm has made payment on behalf of the estate, by a recharge of the amount invoiced by the third party. Examples of category 1 disbursements are statutory advertising, external meeting room hire, external storage, specific bond insurance and Company search fees.

Category 2 expenses are incurred by the firm and recharged to the estate; they are not attributed to the estate by a third party invoice and/or they may include a profit element. These disbursements are recoverable in full from the estate, subject to the basis of the disbursement charge being approved by creditors in advance. Examples of category 2 disbursements are photocopying, internal room hire, internal storage and mileage.

It is proposed that the following Category 2 disbursements are recovered:

Mileage is charged at a rate of up to 45p per mile
External disbursements are recovered at cost

PROVISION OF SERVICES REGULATIONS SUMMARY SHEET FOR DAINS BUSINESS RECOVERY LIMITED

The following information is designed to draw the attention of interested parties to the information required to be disclosed by the Provision of Services Regulations 2009.

Trading Name

Dains Business Recovery Limited – Registered Company number 10115314 (also trading as “DBRL”). Registered office at St. Johns Court, Wiltell Road, Lichfield, Staffordshire, WS14 9DS. Registered in England and Wales.

Licensing Body

Martin Frederick Peter Smith and Nicola Joanne Meadows are licensed to act as Insolvency Practitioners in the United Kingdom by the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (“ICAEW”).

Martin FP Smith is a fellow of the ICAEW (“FCA”) and fellow of Association of Business Recovery Professionals (“FABRP”).

Nicola J Meadows is an affiliate of the ICAEW, a fellow of Association of Certified Chartered Accountants (“FCCA”) and a fellow of Association of Business Recovery Professionals (“FABRP”).

Rules Governing Actions

All IPs are bound by the rules of their professional body, including any that relate specifically to insolvency. The rules of the professional body that licences Martin FP Smith and Nicola J Meadows can be found at <http://www.icaew.com/en/members/regulations-standards-and-guidance/insolvency/insolvency-regulations-and-guidance>. In addition, IPs are bound by the Statements of Insolvency Practice (SIPs), details of which can be found at <https://www.r3.org.uk/what-we-do/publications/professional/statements-of-insolvency-practice>.

Ethics

All IPs are required to comply with the Insolvency Code of Ethics and a copy of the Code can be found at which the Code of Ethics can be found at <http://www.icaew.com/en/technical/insolvency/insolvency-regulations-and-standards>.

Data Protection Act and Copyright

Dains Business Recovery Limited uses personal information in order to fulfil the legal obligations of our Insolvency Practitioners under the Insolvency Act and other relevant legislation, and also to fulfil the legitimate interests of keeping creditors and others informed about the insolvency proceedings. You can find more information on how Dains Business Recovery Limited uses your personal information on our website at www.dains.com/privacy.

Bribery Act 2010

Dains Business Recovery Limited is committed to applying the highest standards of ethical conduct and integrity in its business activities. Every employee and individual acting on Dains Business Recovery Limited's behalf is responsible for maintaining our reputation and for conducting company business honestly and professionally.

Dains Business Recovery Limited take a zero-tolerance approach to bribery and corruption and are committed to acting professionally, fairly and with integrity in all our business dealings and relationships wherever we operate.

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Dains Business Recovery Limited requires all those who are associated with it to observe the highest standards of impartiality, integrity and objectivity.

Dains Business Recovery Limited prohibits anyone acting on its behalf from:

- bribing another person. A bribe includes the offering, promising or giving of any financial or other type of advantage;
- accepting a bribe. This includes requesting, agreeing to receive or accepting any financial, or another kind of advantage;
- bribing a foreign public official; and
- condoning the offering or acceptance of bribes.

Dains Business Recovery Limited will:

- avoid doing business with others who do not accept our values and who may harm our reputation;
- maintain processes, procedures and records that limit the risk of direct or indirect bribery;
- promote awareness of this policy amongst its staff, those acting on its behalf and entities with which it has any commercial dealings;
- investigate all instances of alleged bribery, and will assist the police, and other authorities when appropriate, in any resultant prosecutions. In addition, disciplinary action will be considered against individual members of staff;
- review this policy regularly and update it when necessary.

Complaints

At Dains Business Recovery Limited we always strive to provide a professional and efficient service. However, we recognise that it is in the nature of insolvency proceedings for disputes to arise from time to time. As such, should you have any comments or complaints regarding the administration of a particular case then in the first instance you should contact the IP acting as office holder.

If you consider that the IP has not dealt with your comments or complaint appropriately you should then put details of your concerns in writing to our complaints officer, MFP Smith, Dains Business Recovery Limited, 15 Colmore Row, Birmingham, B3 2BH. This will then formally invoke our complaints procedure and we will endeavour to deal with your complaint under the supervision of a senior partner unconnected with the appointment.

Most disputes can be resolved amicably either through the provision of further information or following negotiations. However, in the event that you have exhausted our complaints procedure and you are not satisfied that your complaint has been resolved or dealt with appropriately, you may complain to the regulatory body that licences the insolvency practitioner concerned. Any such complaints should be addressed to The Insolvency Service, IP Complaints, 3rd Floor, 1 City Walk, Leeds, LS11 9DA, and you can make a submission using an on-line form available at www.gov.uk/complain-about-insolvency-practitioner; or you can email insolvency.enquiryline@insolvency.gov.uk; or you may phone 0300 678 0015. Information on the call charges that apply is available at <https://www.gov.uk/call-charges>.

Professional Indemnity Insurance

Dains Business Recovery Limited's Professional Indemnity Insurance is provided by Arch Insurance. This professional indemnity insurance provides worldwide coverage, [excluding professional business carried out from an office in the United States of America or Canada, and any action for a claim brought in any court in the United States of America or Canada].

VAT

Dains Business Recovery Limited is registered for VAT under registration no. 241 1416 53.