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Dear Sirs

Appleguild Limited - In Liquidation ("the Company") High Court of Justice No: 7381 of 2013

1 Introduction

1 1 Following my appointment as liquidator of the above company with on 1 May 2014, in accordance with rule 4 49B of the Insolvency Rules 1986 I now report on the progress of the liquidation for the year ended 30 April 2015 and attach

- Appendix A, an account of my receipts and payments for the year ended 30 April 2015 and also for the whole liquidation to that date
- Appendix B, a statement of the remuneration charged by the liquidator in the period 1 May 2014 to 30 April 2015 and a statement of expenses incurred in the period
- Appendix C, an analysis of time costs as required by Statement of Insolvency Practice 9
- Appendix D, an extract from the Insolvency Rules 1986 relating to creditors' rights to request additional information from the liquidator (rule 4 49E)
- Appendix E, an extract from the Insolvency Rules 1986 relating to creditors' rights to challenge the liquidator's remuneration or expenses if excessive (rule 4 131)

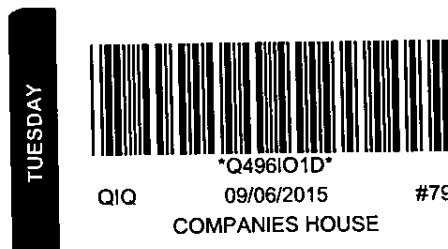
1 2 I am authorised by the Insolvency Practitioners Association to act as an insolvency practitioner

2 Statutory information

2 1 The Company's statutory details are as follows

Registered number 06336180

Registered office 4 Hardman Square, Spinningfields,
Manchester, M3 3EB



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3 Progress report

- 3 1 According to the Official Receiver's report to creditors dated 13 February 2014, the Company had cash at bank of £25,495. The Police have restrained the cash at bank under the Proceeds of Crime Act and I have been advised that it is unlikely that these monies will be released back to the Company pending the outcome of confiscation proceedings.
- 3 2 The winding up order was made on 29 January 2014, on the petition presented on 24 October 2013 by the Secretary Of State For Business, Innovation and Skills on the grounds of public interest.
- 3 3 Since my appointment, I have been investigating the Company's affairs and the events leading up to its insolvency. My investigations have not as yet revealed any assets owned by the Company.
- 3 4 There are no preferential creditors in this matter.
- 3 5 I have received unsecured claims totalling £81,456.
- 3 6 Unfortunately, there are insufficient funds available for a distribution to be made to creditors.

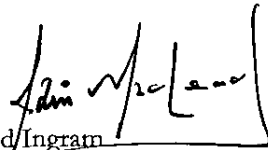
4 Liquidator's remuneration and expenses

- 4 1 On 24 June 2014 the creditors resolved that the liquidator's remuneration be calculated according to the time properly spent by the liquidator and his staff attending to matters arising in the liquidation, subject to a success fee of up to 50% of standard time costs to reflect the contingent nature of possible realisations. You will note from the SIP 9 table attached at Appendix C that time costs to date are £14,239 and from the receipts and payments account attached at Appendix A, that I have not drawn any fees. Time costs of £14,239 incurred in the period but not drawn as remuneration to date are disclosed in Appendix B.
- 4 2 Time is charged in units of 6 minutes. Background information regarding the fees of liquidators can be found at <http://www.insolvency-practitioners.org.uk> (navigate via 'Regulation and Guidance' to 'Creditors Guides to Fees'). Alternatively I will supply this information by post on request.
- 4 3 The hourly charge out rates used in calculating time costs for the current and prior period are as follows:

	£
Partners up to	615
Directors up to	515
Managers up to	470
Other senior professional up to	305
Administrators up to	230
Assistants and support staff up to	175

4 4 As set out in Appendix B, no expenses have been drawn at this stage

Yours faithfully
for and on behalf of Appleguild Limited

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David Ingram', enclosed within a rectangular box.

David Ingram
Liquifator

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Appleguild Limited - in liquidation
 Receipts and payments account
 from 1 May 2014 to 30 April 2015

	Statement of affairs Per OR £	Total £
Receipts		
		<u>0 00</u>
Payments		
○ R Remuneration		1,070 00
ISA Account Fees		88 00
		<u>1,158 00</u>
Balance - 30 April 2015		<u><u>(1,158.00)</u></u>
Made up as follows		
ISA		(1,158 00)
		<u><u>(1,158 00)</u></u>

**B Remuneration charged and expenses incurred by the liquidator
in the period 1 May 2014 to 30 April 2015**

	Charged/incurred in period 1/05/2014 to 30/04/2015	Cumulative charged/incurred to 30/04/2015	Of which paid to 30/04/2015
	£	£	£
Trading expenses			
Liquidator's fees	14,239 40	14,239 40	0 00
Time costs			
Expenses			
Land Registry	105 03	105 03	0 00
Statutory Advertising	101 52	101 52	0 00
Bond	10 00	10 00	0 00
Experian search	15 00	15 00	0 00

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SIP9 Analysis to 30 April 2015

Appendix C

SIP 9 WIP ANALYSIS	Partner Hrs	Manager Hrs	Senior Professional Hrs	Admin / Support Hrs	Total Hrs	Total £	Average Hourly £
Administration and Planning	0 40	3 85	3 32	22 25	29 82	6,182 15	£ 207 32
Investigations	0 00	12 75	2 45	10 60	25 80	7,154 25	£ 277 30
Realisation of Assets	0 00	0 00	0 00	0 20	0 20	31 00	£ 155 00
Creditors	0 00	0 00	0 30	5 00	5 30	872 00	£ 164 53
Grand Total	0.40	16.60	6.07	38.05	61.12	14,239.40	£ 232.97

Administration & Planning

Includes, case planning, statutory obligations (e g statutory returns), maintenance of cash and estate records, general correspondence, dealing with tax correspondence

Investigations

Includes, Investigation into Company's affairs and assets that may have been held prior to Liquidation

Realisation of Assets

Includes, realisation of property, dealing with Solicitors and liaising with our agents

Creditors

Includes, correspondence with unsecured creditors

D An extract from the Insolvency Rules 1986 relating to creditors' rights to request additional information from the liquidator

Rule 4 49E edited for application to a progress report in a winding-up by the court

- (1) If
 - (a) within the period mentioned in paragraph (2)
 - (i) a secured creditor, or
 - (ii) an unsecured creditor with the concurrence of at least 5% in value of the unsecured creditors (including the creditor in question), or
 - (b) with the permission of the court upon an application made within the period mentioned in paragraph (2), any unsecured creditor makes a request in writing to the liquidator for further information about remuneration or expenses set out in the progress report, the liquidator must, within 14 days of receipt of the request, comply with paragraph (3) except to the extent that the request is in respect of a matter which was previously included in a progress report
- (2) The period referred to in paragraph (1)(a) is 21 days of receipt of the progress report
- (3) The liquidator complies with this paragraph by either -
 - (a) providing all of the information asked for, or
 - (b) so far as the liquidator considers that
 - (i) the time or cost of preparation of the information would be excessive, or
 - (ii) disclosure of the information would be prejudicial to the conduct of the liquidation or might reasonably be expected to lead to violence against any person, or
 - (iii) the liquidator is subject to an obligation of confidentiality in respect of the information,
 giving reasons for not providing all of the information
- (4) Any creditor, who need not be the same as the creditor who requested further information, may apply to the court within 21 days of -
 - (a) the giving by the liquidator of reasons for not providing all of the information asked for, or
 - (b) the expiry of the 14 days provided for in paragraph (1),
 and the court may make such order as it thinks just
- (5) Without prejudice to the generality of paragraph (4), the order of the court under that paragraph may extend the period of 8 weeks provided for in Rule 4 131(1B) by such further period as the court thinks just
- (6) This Rule does not apply where the liquidator is the Official Receiver

**E An extract from the Insolvency Rules 1986 relating to
creditors' rights to challenge the liquidator's remuneration or
expenses if excessive**

Rule 4 131

- (1) Any secured creditor, or any unsecured creditor with either the concurrence of at least 10% in value of the creditors (including that creditor) or the permission of the court, may apply to the court for one or more of the orders in paragraph (4)
- (1A) Application by a creditor may be made on the grounds that -
 - (a) the remuneration charged by the liquidator,
 - (b) the basis fixed for the liquidator's remuneration under Rule 4 127, or
 - (c) expenses incurred by the liquidator,
 is or are, in all the circumstances, excessive or, in the case of an application under sub-paragraph (b), inappropriate
- (1B) The application must, subject to any order of the court under Rule 4 49E(5), be made no later than 8 weeks (or in a case falling within Rule 4 108, 4 weeks) after receipt by the applicant of the progress report or the draft report under Rule 4 49D, which first reports the charging of the remuneration or the incurring of the expenses in question ("the relevant report")
- (2) The court may, if it thinks that no cause is shown for a reduction, dismiss the application, but it shall not do so unless the applicant has had an opportunity to attend the court for a hearing, of which he has been given at least 5 business days' notice, but which is without notice to any other party
If the application is not dismissed under this paragraph, the court shall fix a venue for it to be heard, and give notice to the applicant accordingly
- (3) The applicant shall, at least 14 days before the hearing, send to the liquidator a notice stating the venue and accompanied by a copy of the application, and of any evidence which the applicant intends to adduce in support of it
- (4) If the court considers the application to be well-founded, it must make one or more of the following orders -
 - (a) an order reducing the amount of remuneration which the liquidator was entitled to charge
 - (b) an order fixing the basis of remuneration at a reduced rate or amount
 - (c) an order changing the basis of remuneration
 - (d) an order that some or all of the remuneration or expenses in question be treated as not being expenses of the liquidation
 - (e) an order that the liquidator or the liquidator's personal representative pay to the company the amount of the excess of remuneration or expenses or such part of the excess as the court may specify
 and may make any other order that it thinks just, but an order under sub-paragraph (b) or (c) may be made only in respect of periods after the period covered by the relevant report
- (5) Unless the court orders otherwise, the costs of the application shall be paid by the applicant, and are not payable as an expense of the liquidation