In accordance with In accordance with Rule 18.7 of the Insolvency (England & Wales) Rules 2016 and Sections 92A, 104A and 192 of the Insolvency Act 1986.

# LIQ03 Notice of progress report in voluntary winding up



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2	Liquidator's name		
Full forename(s)	Paul		
Surname	Appleton		
3	Liquidator's address		
Building name/number			
treet	26 - 28 Bedford Row		
Post town	London		
County/Region			
Postcode	WC1R4HE		
Country			
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Liquidator's signature	Signature
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Signature date	

#### IN THE MATTER OF

#### **BLANCO INT LIMITED - IN LIQUIDATION**

#### <u>AND</u>

#### THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986

## THE LIQUIDATOR'S ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 104A OF THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986 AND

PART 18 OF THE INSOLVENCY (ENGLAND AND WALES) RULES 2016 FOR THE YEAR ENDED 9 NOVEMBER 2017

#### BLANCO INT LIMITED - IN LIQUIDATION Annual Progress Report pursuant to Section 104A of the Insolvency Act 1986

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#### Annual Progress Report pursuant to Section 104A of the Insolvency Act 1986

#### (a) Introduction

The Company was originally placed into Liquidation by a Special Resolution of the Members on 14 May 2013. The case was subsequently closed and the Company was dissolved on 27 July 2015.

The Company was restored to the Register on 18 February 2017, with the re-appointment of the Liquidator taking effect from 10 November 2016 at Companies House (the date the application was issued).

The Company is deemed to have continued in existence as if it had not been dissolved or struck off the Register and any assets are now held by the Liquidation Estate.

The rationale for re-instating the Company was that I was made aware of a rates refund by Hammersmith & Fulham Council in respect of back-dated business rates. Accordingly, on receipt of the refund, it was my intention to distribute the monies to creditors as a second dividend after satisfying the costs of the process. Creditors will recall that a dividend of 1p in the £ was distributed during the original Liquidation process.

This report provides an update on the progress of the Liquidation pursuant to Section 104A of the Insolvency Act 1986 for the year ended 9 November 2017.

#### Rule 18.3: Progress Report

#### (b) Statutory information

Company name:

Blanco Int Limited

Registered office:

1st Floor, 26 - 28 Bedford Row, London, WC1R 4HE

Company number:

06407085

Trading name:

Blanco

Trading address:

Westfield London Shopping Centre, Ariel Way, Shepherd's Bush,

London, W12 7SL

#### (c) Liquidator's name and address:

Paul Appleton, Office Holder Number: 8883, of David Rubin & Partners, and he may be contacted in writing at 26 - 28 Bedford Row, London, WC1R 4HE.

#### (d) Any changes in the Office Holder

I was re-appointed as Liquidator of the Company on 10 November 2016. There has not been a change in the Office Holder since the original appointment date.

### (e) Details of progress during the period and summary account of Receipts and Payments under review and cumulatively:

A Receipts and Payments Account is attached at Appendix A, which is further explained overleaf.

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### (e) Details of progress during the period and summary account of Receipts and Payments under review and cumulatively...Cont.

#### 1. Receipts

#### 1.1 Rates Refund

The sum of £22,292 was recovered in respect of a Rates Refund from Hammersmith & Fulham Council.

#### 1.2 Bank interest gross

The funds in hand are held in an interest bearing account with a High Street bank in the Office Holder's name as Liquidator of the Company.

Interest earned on the funds in hand amounts to £5.87. The funds have now been removed from interest bearing so there will be no further interest received.

#### 2. Payments

#### 2.1 Legal Fees for Restoration

The fees incurred by Apex Company Services Limited for assisting in restoring the Company to the register totalled £948 plus VAT.

#### 2.2 Statutory advertising

This represents the costs for the publishing of statutory advertising in the London Gazette in respect of the notice of the appointment of the Liquidator.

#### 2.3 Liquidator's Remuneration

Remuneration drawn during the year amounted to £18,350.

#### (f) Liquidator's Remuneration and Expenses

#### 1. Basis of remuneration

At the first meeting of creditors a resolution was passed approving that the basis of my remuneration as Liquidator be fixed by reference to the time properly spent by my staff and myself in attending to matters arising in the winding-up.

In accordance with the provisions of Statement of Insolvency Practice 9 ("SIP 9"), a schedule of my firm's charge-out rates was issued to creditors at the time the basis of the Liquidator's remuneration was approved. There has not been any material increase in the rates during this appointment. Our current hourly chargeout rates exclusive of VAT, which are charged in units of 6 minutes, are as detailed overleaf:-

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#### (f) Liquidator's Remuneration and Expenses...Cont.

	£
Senior / Managing Partners	450
Partners/Office holders	300 - 395
Managers / Senior Managers	250 - 295
Senior Administrators	180 - 220
Administrators	130 - 160
Cashiers and Assistants	120 - 160
Supports	110 - 120

Chargeout rates are normally reviewed annually in November, when rates are adjusted to reflect such matters as inflation, increases in direct wage costs, and changes to indirect costs such as Professional Indemnity Insurance.

#### 2. Staff allocation and the use of subcontractors

Our general approach to resourcing our assignments is to allocate staff with the skills and experience to meet the specific requirements of the case. The constitution of the case team will usually consist of a Partner, Manager, Senior Administrator and two Administrators. The exact constitution of the case team will depend on the anticipated size and complexity of the assignment and additional staff may be allocated to meet the demands of the case.

We have not utilised the services of any subcontractors in this case.

#### 3. Liquidator's remuneration

My time costs for the year under review are £10,501. This represents 42 hours and 24 minutes at an average rate of £248 per hour. I attach, as Appendix B, a Time Analysis which provides details of the activity during the year, analysed by staff grade.

In addition, the outstanding time incurred during the original Liquidation process totalled £8,256.

To view an explanatory note concerning Liquidators' remuneration issued by the Joint Insolvency Committee, please visit the Publications folder on our website at <a href="https://www.drpartners.com/cases">www.drpartners.com/cases</a>, using the following log-on details:

USERNAME: B461@drco.co.uk PASSWORD: 164Bas\*!

Alternatively, please contact this office to arrange for a copy to be sent to you.

Included in the work undertaken by me and my staff is the following:-

- i) Dealing with all matters pertaining to the restoration of the Company to the Register and notifying all relevant parties.
- ii) Applying for the rates refund from Hammersmith and Fulham Council.

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#### (f) Liquidator's Remuneration and Expenses...Cont.

- iii) Opening a designated bank account and dealing with the movement of funds.
- iv) Dealing with creditors' enquiries both by correspondence and by telephone and noting their claims. Reviewing the agreed claims and paying a dividend to creditors.
- v) Undertaking quarterly case reviews.
- vi) Sundry and administrative duties.

#### 4. Liquidator's expenses

Expenses incurred in the Liquidation are explained at (e) above in my comments on the Receipts and Payments Account.

#### 5. Creditors' rights - Rule 18.9 and Rule 18.34

- i) Within 21 days of the receipt of this report, a secured creditor, or an unsecured creditor (with the concurrence of at least 5% in value of the unsecured creditors) may request in writing that the Liquidator provides further information about his remuneration or expenses which have been itemised in this progress report.
- ii) Any secured creditor, or an unsecured creditor (with the concurrence of at least 10% in value of the unsecured creditors) may within 8 weeks of receipt of this progress report make an application to court on the grounds that the basis fixed for the Liquidator's remuneration, the remuneration charged or the expenses incurred by the Liquidator as set out in this progress report are excessive.

#### (g) Creditors and Distributions

#### (i) (a) Secured creditors

There are no Secured Creditors.

#### (b) Prescribed Part

Section 176A of the Insolvency Act 1986 provides for a prescribed part of the Company's net property to be retained from distribution to the floating charge holder, where the debenture was created on or after 15 September 2003 and made available for the satisfaction of unsecured debts.

This regulation does not apply as there are no Secured Creditors.

#### (ii) Preferential creditors

Employee preferential creditors were paid in full on 26 November 2013, during the original Liquidation process.

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#### (g) Creditors and Distributions...Cont.

#### (iii) Unsecured creditors

The claims of 16 unsecured creditors totalling £1,174,795 were agreed during the original Liquidation process compared to 22 creditors totalling £1,080,558 disclosed on the ESOA. A dividend of 1 penny in the £ was paid to Unsecured Creditors on 4 April 2014.

On review of the creditor position earlier this year, it was assessed that the above figure included 9 employee surplus claims of £8,658, the largest of which was £2,162. Given the level of funds available for a dividend, it was established that the maximum amount payable to any individual employee would be £5, (before tax). Given this scenario and the fact that it had been 3.5 years since the first dividend was paid and some of the employees had likely left the country, it was determined that the employees be excluded from the dividend, as the cost of distributing to them (and dealing with the tax element) would outweigh the benefit.

Consequently, by deducting the employee claims, total claims ranking for a second and final dividend were £1,166,136.83.

#### (iv) Notice of Intended Dividend

On 20 September 2017, a second and final dividend of 0.25 pence in the pound was paid to Unsecured Creditors as detailed above.

#### (h) Details of what remains to be done

All assets have been realised. I am currently waiting for all the dividend cheques to be encashed, at which point I will take steps to close the Liquidation. In the scenario that certain dividend cheques remained unclaimed they will either be paid to the Insolvency Service, or bona vacantia, as appropriate.

#### (i) Next report

I am required to provide a further report on the progress of the Liquidation within two months of the end of the next anniversary of the Liquidation, unless I have concluded matters prior to that, in which case I will write to all creditors with my Final Account which will conclude my administration of the Liquidation.

I trust you will find this report adequate for your purposes but should you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact in the first instance either my Senior Manager, Adam Shama, or his colleague, Ella Damman-Smith at this office.

P.P PAUL APPLETON - LIQUIDATOR

DATE: 21 NOVEMBER 2017

David Rulai & Portres

#### **BLANCO INT LIMITED**

#### (IN LIQUIDATION)

#### Liquidator's Abstract of Receipts & Payments

#### for the period 10 November 2016 to 9 November 2017

	Realised 9 Nov 17 £
Receipts	
Rates Refund	22,291.99
Bank Interest Gross	5.87
	22,297.86
<u>Payments</u>	
Legal fees for Restoration	948.00
Statutory Advertising	84.60
Liquidator's Remuneration	18,349.92
	19,382.52
Receipts less Payments	2,915.34
Dividend to Unsecured Creditors	
0.25p in the £ on claims of £1,166,136.83	2,915.34
	Nil

#### BLANCO INT LIMITED - IN CREDITORS' VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION

## LIQUIDATOR'S TIME COSTS FOR THE PERIOD 10 NOVEMBER 2016 TO 9 NOVEMBER 2017 SIP 9 TIME SUMMARY

	Hours						
Classification of work function	Partners	Manager / Senior Manager	Admin / Senior Admin	Cashiers	Total hours	Total Cost £	Average hourly rate £
Statutory compliance, admin and planning			_				
IPS set up & maintenance	00:00	00:00	00:18	00:00	00:18	66.00	220.00
Statutory filings, circulars, notices, etc.	01:00	06:12	03:36	00:00	10:48	2,816.00	260.74
Case planning, strategy & control	00:00	02:42	02:54	00:00	05:36	1,212.50	216.52
Taxation: PAYE, C/Tax & VAT	00:00	00:42	01:12	00:00	01:54	362.50	190.79
Accounting & Cashiering	00:00	00:00	00:24	03:12	03:36	550.00	152.78
Case reviews & Diary maintenance	01:00	00:48	05:06	00:00	06:54	1,349.00	195.51
Tangible assets	04:00	00:12	04:06	00:00	08:18	2,515.00	303.01
Creditors							
Unsec'd Creditors: correspondence & claims	01:00	04:00	00:00	00:00	05:00	1,630.00	326.00
Total hours and costs	07:00	14:36	17:36	03:12	42:24	10,501.00	247.67

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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.

Contact name	Adam Shama	
Company name	David Rubin & Partners	
Address		
	26 - 28 Bedford Row	
Post town	London	
County/Region		
Postcode	W C 1 R 4 H E	
Country		
DX		
Telephone	020 7400 7900	

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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.

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

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