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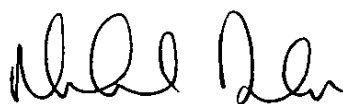
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A&S Displays Limited

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the liquidator(s) of the company attach a copy of my ~~our~~ progress report
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A&S Displays Limited
(In Liquidation)
Liquidator's Abstract of Receipts & Payments

Statement of Affairs		From 18/06/2010 To 17/06/2011
	SECURED ASSETS	
Uncertain	Surplus on Factoring Account	NIL
		NIL
	SECURED CREDITORS	
Uncertain	Factor 21 plc	NIL
		NIL
	ASSET REALISATIONS	
4,300 00	Plant, Machinery, Furniture & Stock	5,500 00
800 00	Motor Vehicles	800 00
4,506 56	Book Debts	4,055 00
	VAT Refund	118 26
	Insurance Refund	614 60
	Bank Interest Net of Tax	0 46
NIL	Factored Book Debts	NIL
		11,088 32
	COST OF REALISATIONS	
	Specific Bond	60 00
	Liquidator's Expenses	195 75
	Agent's Fees re Asset Valuation	800 00
	Legal Fees re Book Debt	405 50
	Statutory Advertising	180 00
		(1,641 25)
	PREFERENTIAL CREDITORS	
(5,925 33)	Employee Arrears/Hol Pay	NIL
		NIL
	UNSECURED CREDITORS	
(15,163 65)	Trade & Expense Creditors	NIL
(71,882 40)	Employees	NIL
(26,000 00)	Director	NIL
(211 68)	Barclays Bank Plc	NIL
(15,063 64)	HM Revenue & Customs - PAYE	NIL
(7,364 00)	HM Revenue & Customs - VAT	NIL
		NIL
	DISTRIBUTIONS	
(100 00)	Ordinary Shareholders	NIL
		NIL
(132,104.14)		9,447.07
	REPRESENTED BY	
	Vat Receivable	120 25
	Bank 1 Current	9,326 82
		9,447.07



Michael Durkan
Liquidator

A&S Displays Limited In Creditor's Voluntary Liquidation

1st Annual Progress Report

28 June 2011

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1. INTRODUCTION

- 1 1 I write further to the creditors' meeting held on 18 June 2010
- 1 2 The purpose of this report is to detail my acts and dealings together with the conduct of the liquidation since that meeting

2. BACKGROUND

- 2 1 The members' and creditors' meetings were held on 18 June 2010, when I was appointed liquidator of the company
- 2 2 The company's registered office is 17 Berkeley Mews, 29 High Street, Cheltenham, GL50 1DY
- 2 3 The company's former registered office was previously at Fairthorpe, Denham Green Lane, Uxbridge, UB9 5LA This was also the former trading address
- 2 4 The company's principal activity was the production and installation of exhibition stands and displays The company also generated some storage revenue from clients that wished to use the displays again at a later date
- 2 5 The main cause of failure was stated to be the effects of the recession In efforts to cut costs, at the start of 2009 the company's clients began to request that their stands be disposed of, which resulted in a significant loss of revenue from both the storage and re-installation aspects
- 2 6 Further loss of business occurred throughout 2009 as a result of major clients restructuring their marketing operations Efforts to obtain new contracts did not result in the level of work necessary to enable the company to manage its overheads and liabilities that had built up As a result the decision was taken to cease trading in May 2010 and place the company into voluntary liquidation

3. ASSET REALISATIONS

Surplus on Factoring Account

- 3 1 The company held a factoring agreement with Factor 21 plc ('Factor 21') At the time of my appointment, there was a nil balance on the company's sales ledger and the account was £796 14 in credit Factor 21 advised that their fees had not been drawn and therefore it was uncertain as to whether any surplus would be available in the liquidation This was reflected on the Statement of Affairs
- 3 2 Following my appointment I received confirmation that there were no surplus funds available following the settlement of Factor 21's account

Plant, Machinery, Furniture & Stock and Motor Vehicles

- 3 3 The company owned some items of plant, machinery, furniture and stock, and two motor vehicles I instructed an independent agent, James Gregory AssocRICS of MGR Appraisals Limited ('MGR') to undertake a professional valuation of these assets The estimated to realise values shown on the statement of affairs of £4,300 and £800 respectively, are the ex-situ market values based upon the following assumptions,
- All figures expressed are net of all costs of sale and occupation of premises
 - A 90 day period for preparation, marketing and clearance

- All the owned assets would be available for sale
- The assets are fully marketed and exposed to the market place
- The assets will be sold as a whole for removal or as individual items for removal at the expense of the purchaser

3 4 The assets were sold to Jigsaw Displays Limited on 18 June 2010 for the sum of £6,300 plus VAT, apportioned as follows

	£	
Plant, Machinery, Furniture & Stock		5,500
Motor Vehicles		800
		<u>6,300</u>

3 5 Prior to completing a sale I discussed the offer to purchase the assets with MGR. They advised that the offer represented the best realisation of assets in the circumstances. The full consideration was received on 15 July 2010.

3 6 Whilst there is no direct connection between the controlling members of the company and the purchaser, it is my understanding that the director of A&S Displays Limited was subsequently employed by the purchaser following the liquidation of the company. The director of Jigsaw Displays Limited was also a former employee of the company.

Book Debts

3 7 The company also had a book debt of £6,008 75 due from one customer that was not subject to the factoring agreement with Factor 21. This amount was written down by a general provision of 25% for the purposes of the Statement of Affairs and was therefore estimated to realise £4,506 56.

3 8 Following my appointment I made attempts to collect in the book debt, however I was advised that there were some issues with the work undertaken and a dispute raised over the amounts that had been invoiced.

3 9 I instructed solicitors, Harrison Clark LLP to assist with the collection of the debt. Due to the nature of the dispute and the size of the debt, the costs that would have been incurred in pursuing the full amount outweighed the potential benefit that could be achieved. A settlement offer of £4,055 00 was proposed by the debtor and subsequently accepted. Total funds of £4,055 00 have now been received in full and final settlement of the amount due.

Miscellaneous Receipts

3 10 Following my appointment, funds of £614 60 were received in respect of an insurance refund from Towergate Coverex ('Towergate'). I have since been advised that the refund was paid to the company in error and that the funds are due to Premium Credit Limited under the terms of their credit agreement with Towergate. As such Towergate have requested the return of the refund. I am currently making further enquiries into Premium Credit's entitlement to these funds and await further information.

3 11 A VAT refund of £118 26 has been received in respect of post-liquidation factor termination fees.

3 12 Bank interest of £0 46 (net of tax) has been received to date on funds held in the liquidation account.

4. INVESTIGATIONS

- 4 1 I have completed my investigations in to the affairs of the company in accordance with Statement of Insolvency Practice 2 Tasks undertaken in respect of my investigations include
- Analysis of bank accounts
 - Examining validity of any security granted by the company
 - Examining balance sheets and profit & loss accounts
 - Review of company books and records to include review of sales and purchase invoices
 - Receiving enquiries from and dealing with matters brought to my attention by creditors or other third parties
 - Making enquiries of and obtaining information from officers of the company
- 4 2 These investigations have not lead to the discovery of potential actions that would lead to recoveries being made into the liquidation
- 4 3 My final report on the conduct of the director was submitted to the Insolvency Service on 21 February 2011 The content of the report is confidential and details will not be disclosed

5. CREDITORS' CLAIMS

Secured Creditors

- 5 1 As stated earlier in this report, the company entered into a factoring agreement with Factor 21 Factor 21 held a debenture created on 18 December 2007 and registered on 3 January 2008 Factor 21 was due to draw their termination fees from the balance of funds held, although the level of these fees was unknown at the time of my appointment
- 5 2 Following my appointment I received confirmation that Factor 21 had charged a total of £804 47 in termination fees No further claim has been submitted in the liquidation

Preferential Creditors

- 5 3 The preferential claims of employees as recorded on the statement of affairs amounted to £5,925 33
- 5 4 A claim in the sum of £3,600 has been received from the Insolvency Service in respect of preferential elements of claims paid to employees by the Redundancy Payments Office
- 5 5 Employees are not required to submit claims to me for sums due as their claims are automatic The balance of preferential claims of employees is £2,325 33

Non-preferential Creditors

- 5 6 Unsecured creditors, as per the statement of affairs totalled £135,685 37
- 5 7 A total of nine creditors have submitted claims totalling £135,789 75
- 5 8 No work has been undertaken in respect of agreeing creditors' claims as there is no prospect of a dividend to any class of creditor

6. DIVIDEND PROSPECTS

- 6 1 There have been insufficient realisations made in the liquidation to enable any distribution to be made to any class of creditor

7. COSTS AND EXPENSES

7 1 Details of payments are shown on the receipts and payments account at Appendix 1

7 2 In accordance with Statement of Insolvency Practice 9 the Liquidator must disclose the time spent and charge out value, together with, where appropriate, such additional information sufficient to provide an explanation of the time spent and fees drawn

Details of the expenses recovered from the funds held are as follows,

Category 1

Postage	£4 75
Specific Penalty Bond	£60 00

Category 2

Photocopying	£36 00
Mileage	£70 00
Facsimile	£5 00
Stationery	£20 00

7 3 At the meeting of creditors held on 18 June 2010 it was resolved that payment be made out of the company's assets of the necessary expense of preparing the Statement of Affairs in the sum of £4,000 plus VAT To date no funds have been drawn in respect of the preparation of the Statement of Affairs

7 4 At the meeting of creditors held on 18 June 2010, it was resolved that my remuneration be fixed in accordance with time charges incurred Attached to this report at Appendix 2 is a time and charge out summary for the 12 month period to 17 June 2011 The hours charged to this case are in respect of the performance of the statutory duties of the Liquidator and attending to the matters detailed in this report

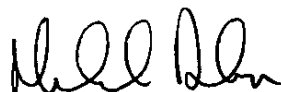
7 5 Time costs incurred to date amount to £7,458 00 This equates to 57 70 hours at an average hourly rate of £129 25 No remuneration has been paid to date, therefore time costs of £7,458 00 remain outstanding

CONCLUSION

8 1 I shall be continuing my administration of the liquidation in order to resolve the matter of the insurance refund

8 2 When I have concluded all of the outstanding matters I will take steps to draw the liquidation to a close and a further report will be issued to you at that time

8 3 I shall be pleased to provide any additional information that you may reasonably require



Michael Durkan
Liquidator

APPENDIX 1

Liquidators' Receipts and Payments Account

A&S Displays Limited
(In Liquidation)
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To 18/06/2011

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APPENDIX 2

**Analysis of time costs &
Disbursement Recovery Policy**

Time Entry - SIP9 Time & Cost Summary

ASDIS01 - A&S Displays Limited
Project Code POST
From 18/06/2010 To 17/06/2011

Classification of Work Function	Partner	Manager	Other Senior Professionals	Assistants & Support Staff	Total Hours	Time Cost (£)	Average Hourly Rate (£)
Admin & Planning	1.00	1.40	0.00	22.00	24.40	3,246.00	133.03
Case Specific Matters	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Creditors	0.00	0.20	0.00	4.00	4.20	528.00	125.71
Investigations	0.00	0.30	0.00	20.20	20.50	2,496.00	121.76
Marketing	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Non Chargeable	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Realisation of Assets	0.00	1.30	0.00	7.30	8.60	1,188.00	138.14
Trading	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Hours	1.00	3.20	0.00	53.50	57.70	7,458.00	129.25
Total Billed (Time)						0.00	
Total Billed (Direct Costs)						0.00	

Durkan Cahill Disbursements Recovery Policy

Category 1 Disbursements

Bordereau/Insurance	Charged at cost
Case Advertising	Charged at cost
Courier	Charged at cost
DTI IVA Registration Fee	Charged at cost
Subsistence	Charged at cost
Land Registry/ Co Searches	Charged at cost
Postage	Charged at cost
Post re-direction	Charged at cost
Travel	Charged at cost for public transport and taxis
Creditor Gateway Filing Fee	Charged at cost

Category 2 Disbursements

Fax	£1 00 per page sent, based on the average cost of consumables, maintenance, line rental and call charges
Telephone	Record of outgoing calls to be made, calls charged at £1 00 per call made, based on estimated average cost of calls to land lines and mobile networks
Photocopying	15 pence per copy irrespective of size, based on the average cost of consumables and maintenance
Room Hire	£70 for room hire made available in house for creditors meetings, based on the cheapest external rate for room-hire used by the firm in the last 4 years External room hire charged at cost
Storage	£5 00 per box per annum, boxes are currently stored on the firms premises at 17 Berkeley Mews, 29 High Street, Cheltenham, GL50 1DY
Mileage	Car travel charged at 40 pence per mile
Stationery	Initial case set up fee of £20 per case Annual case/file maintenance charge of £10 These charges are based on the average costs involved in the purchase of files and associated stationary

Durkan Cahill Staff Charge Out Rates

Principal	£300 per hour
Senior Manager	£240 per hour
Manager	£180 per hour
Assistant Manager	£150 per hour
Administrator	£120 per hour
Clerical	£60 per hour