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Notice of progress report in voluntary winding up



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1 Company details

Company number 0 6 4 3 1 1 0 0

Company name in full Absa Ltd

→ Filling in this form

Please complete in typescript or in
bold black capitals.

2 Liquidator's name

Full forename(s) Jamie

Surname Playford

3 Liquidator's address

Building name/number Lawrence House

Street 5 St Andrews Hill

Post town Norwich

County/Region

Postcode N R 2 1 A D

Country

4 Liquidator's name ①

Full forename(s)

Surname

① Other liquidator

Use this section to tell us about
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5 Liquidator's address ②

Building name/number

Street

Post town

County/Region

Postcode

Country

② Other liquidator

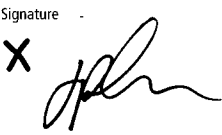
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Presenter information

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Contact name **Jamie Playford**

Company name **Leading Business Services Ltd**

Address **Lawrence House**

5 St Andrews Hill

Post town **Norwich**

County/Region

Postcode **N R 2 1 A D**

Country

DX

Telephone **01603 552028**



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- ☐ You have attached the required documents.
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Absa Ltd
(In Liquidation)
Liquidator's Summary of Receipts & Payments

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		<u>11.01</u>	<u>11.01</u>
	UNSECURED CREDITORS		
(6,000.00)	Director	NIL	NIL
(25,000.00)	Banks/Finance Companies	NIL	NIL
(1.00)	Landlord	NIL	NIL
		<u>NIL</u>	<u>NIL</u>
	DISTRIBUTIONS		
(1.00)	Ordinary Shareholder	NIL	NIL
		<u>NIL</u>	<u>NIL</u>
<u>(28,502.00)</u>		<u>11.01</u>	<u>11.01</u>
	REPRESENTED BY		
	Designated Client Account		11.01
			<u>11.01</u>

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Jamie Playford
Liquidator

Absa Ltd – In Creditors’ Voluntary Liquidation (“the Company”)

Liquidator’s Progress Report

For the period 27 October 2021 to 26 October 2022



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1. Introduction

The purpose of this report is to detail the acts and dealings of the Liquidator and it should be read in conjunction with previous reports to creditors being the Director's report and statement of affairs report.

I was appointed Liquidator of the Company on 27 October 2021.

Since 1 January 2021, I have been licensed to act as an Insolvency Practitioner in the United Kingdom by the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales ("**ICAEW**") and prior to that date I was licensed by the Insolvency Practitioners Association ("**IPA**"). I can confirm that there has been no change in Office-Holder since the date of the liquidation.

Statutory information regarding the Company is provided at Appendix 1.

2. Progress

Administration

A summary of the Liquidator's administrative duties are detailed at Appendix 2 of this report.

Assets

According to the Statement of Affairs lodged in these proceedings, the assets of the Company had an estimated value of 2,500.00, which comprised solely of cash held on appointment.

There have not been any receipts during the period. The progress of the realisation of the asset is detailed below.

Cash Held on Appointment

A total amount of £2,500.00 has been received prior to appointment in respect of the pre-appointment fixed fee agreed at £2,500.00 plus VAT. Please note that the Company is Not VAT Registered ("**NVR**"). The VAT element is therefore irrecoverable and the fee is £2,083.33 plus VAT and the remainder of the fee being £416.67 plus VAT will not be drawn.

As this asset was realised prior to appointment and paid directly to Leading Business Services Limited it is therefore not shown on the receipts and payments account at Appendix 3 of this report.

I have realised the following assets during the period of this report.

Cash at Bank

An amount of £11.00 has been received from HSBC UK Bank Plc in respect of a credit balance paid into the Company's pre-appointment bank post liquidation.

Bank Interest

An amount of 1 pence has been received from the National Westminster Bank plc in respect of interest earned on funds held in the Liquidation bank account.

3. Investigations

An initial investigation into the Company's affairs was undertaken to establish whether there were any potential asset recoveries or conduct matters that justified further investigation. These investigations included reviewing the changes in the Company's assets and liabilities in the period from its last accounts for the financial period ending 31 August 2020 to the date of Liquidation and a review of the Company's bank statements for the pre-liquidation period.

My initial investigations have identified some matters of interest which warrant further explanation by the Director of the Company. It is currently uncertain whether the transactions identified will result in realisations, however the relevant action will be taken on receipt of further information in respect of the same.

I am also continuing to pursue documents which will allow me to progress my investigations further in this matter. A review of these documents will be conducted on receipt to establish whether there are any potential asset recoveries or conduct matters in the liquidation.

A report on the conduct of any individuals, who have been Directors of the Company in the three years prior to the insolvency, is required to be submitted to the Secretary of State within three months of my appointment. I confirm that this has been submitted, however the content of this report is confidential.

4. Costs and Expenses

A Receipts & Payments Account for the period covered by this report and the liquidation in its entirety is enclosed at Appendix 3. Receipts relating to asset realisations have been detailed in the progress section above. Information in relation to the costs and expenses of the liquidation are detailed below.

Pre-Appointment Costs

As per the signed engagement letter the Director has agreed that the pre-appointment fee will be £2,500.00 plus VAT in relation to assisting the Director with preparing the Statement of affairs and arranging the deemed consent procedure.

As the fee was paid pre-appointment to Leading Business Services Limited this is not shown on the Liquidator's receipts and payments account at Appendix 3. I can confirm that the fixed fee of £2,500.00 plus VAT has been part drawn prior to my appointment due to the Company having insufficient funds. The fee which has been drawn pre-appointment is £2,083.33 plus VAT and therefore no further fees will be drawn in this regard.

The fixed fee is considered to be fair and reasonable as it provides creditors with certainty as to the level of the fee to be charged for this work. Further, the Liquidator considers that the fee is commensurate with the amount of work required to carry out these activities in their professional experience.

Liquidator's Remuneration

Numerous activities have been undertaken in administering the liquidation. A summarised list of these activities is attached at Appendix 2 for your information.

I have not sought approval of my Liquidator's fees at present and therefore not provided a fee estimate to creditors as it is currently uncertain as to whether there will be any asset realisations in the liquidation.

My time costs for the period 27 October 2021 to 26 October 2022 totals £4,955.00 represented by 18.30 hours at an average hourly rate of £270.77. A breakdown of these time costs is enclosed at Appendix 4.

I confirm that no fees have been drawn to date in respect of these time costs as I have not sought approval from creditors due to insufficient funds in the liquidation.

Liquidator's Expenses

My category 1 expenses incurred and subsequently paid from the office account due to insufficient funds in the liquidation for the period up to the end of this report are detailed below. None of these costs have been recovered to date.

Nature of Expenses	Provided by	Incurred this period £	Incurred to date £
Statutory Advertising	Courts Advertising Limited	178.40	178.40
Specific Bond	Marsh Limited	30.00	30.00
Total		208.40	208.40

5. Outcome for Creditors

The following table shows the claims disclosed on the Statement of Affairs, the claims received to date, and the current projected dividend:



	Statement of Affairs	Claims received	Dividend paid to date	Projected further dividend
	£	£	p/£	p/£
Fixed Charge	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Preferential	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Secondary Preferential	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Floating Charge	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Unsecured	31,001.00	32,407.41	Nil	Uncertain
Total	31,001.00	32,407.41		

To date, the level of realisations in this case has been sufficient to cover only part of the pre-appointment costs of the liquidation. It is currently uncertain whether there will be a distribution to any class of creditor.

6. Further Information

As a creditor, you have a right to request further information with regards to any aspect of this report or to challenge my fees and expenses. If you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

If you require any further information, please make a request in writing within 21 days of receipt of this report. I shall provide this information within 14 days of the request unless it is considered that:

1. The time and costs involved in preparing the information would be excessive; or
2. Disclosure would be prejudicial to the conduct of the liquidation or might be expected to lead to violence against any person.

If you are not satisfied with my response, you have the right to request further information from me with regards to my remuneration and expenses, with either the permission of the Court or with a collective request from 5% in value of unsecured creditors. This request must be made within eight weeks of receipt of this report.

Further, creditors have the right to apply to Court to challenge the amount of, or the basis of, my remuneration and expenses, with either the permission of the Court or with a collective request from 10% in value of unsecured creditors. This application must be made within eight weeks of receipt of this report.

7. Conclusion

I am currently unable to conclude the liquidation as the following matters are outstanding:

- I am querying transactions of interest with the Director and pursuing further documents which might assist in progressing my investigations; and
- I am also continuing to meet my post-appointment taxation obligations.

The next report will either be to conclude the liquidation or will be issued within two months of the next anniversary.

If you have any queries, please contact Michaela Lander at this office.

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Jamie Playford
Liquidator
23 December 2022

Jamie Playford FABRP MIPA and Alex Dunton MABRP are Insolvency Practitioners licensed to act in the UK by the ICAEW. When acting as Administrator(s), the affairs, business and property of the Company are being managed by the Administrator(s) who act as agents of the Company and contract without personal liability.

Appendix 1 - Statutory Information

Client Information:

Name:	Absa Ltd – In Creditors' Voluntary Liquidation
Previous Names:	Absolute Beauty Spa Academy Ltd
Registered Address:	Lawrence House, 5 St Andrews Hill, Norwich, Norfolk, NR2 1AD
Former Registered Address:	New Humberstone House, 40 Thurmaston Lane, Leicester, LE5 0TF
Trading Names:	ABSA Absolute Beauty Spa Academy Absolute Beauty Spa Absolute Beauty Absolute
Trading Address:	New Humberstone House, 40 Thurmaston Lane, Leicester, LE5 0TF
Principal Trading Activity:	96020 - Hairdressing and other beauty treatment

Company Information:

Registered Number:	06431100
Date of Incorporation:	19 November 2007

Appointment Details:

Type of Insolvency:	Creditors' Voluntary Liquidation (" CVL ")
Name of Officeholder:	Jamie Playford
Address of Officeholder:	Leading Business Services Limited (" Leading "), Lawrence House, 5 St Andrews Hill, Norwich, NR2 1AD
Date of Appointment:	27 October 2021
IP Number:	9735
Authorising Body:	Institute of Chartered Accountants in England & Wales (" ICAEW ")

Your Right to Opt Out from Receiving Documents

As a creditor, you have a right to elect to opt out from receiving documents relating to this insolvency from the Officeholder. However, even if you do choose to opt out there are certain documents that you will still receive; these being:

- Any notices which the Insolvency Act 1986 requires to be delivered to all creditors without expressly excluding opted-out creditors;
- Any notices of a change in the Officeholder or the contact details for the Officeholder; and
- Any notices relating to distributions, intended distributions and notices required to be given by court order.

Please also note that:

- Opting-out will not affect your entitlement to receive dividends, should any be paid to creditors;
- Unless the Insolvency Rules provide otherwise, opting-out will not affect any right you may have to vote in a decision procedure or participate in a deemed consent procedure, although you will not receive notice of it; and
- Should you elect to opt-out of receiving any future documents, you will be treated as having opted out with respect to any consecutive insolvency proceedings.

If you wish to elect to opt out from receiving documents, please state so on the enclosed proof of debt form. Should you subsequently wish to cease being an opted-out creditor, please inform my office in writing.



Jurisdiction

The insolvent is based in the United Kingdom. The proceedings flowing from the appointment will be COMI proceedings.

Data Protection

Information about the way that we will use, and store personal data on insolvency appointments can be found at the link below. If you are unable to download this, please contact us and a hard copy will be provided to you free of charge.

<https://leading.shortcm.li/privacy>

Creditors Rights

A copy of 'A Creditors Guide to Officeholder Fees' may be found at the link below. Please visit the link and select the document that relates to CVL.

<https://leading.shortcm.li/R3FeeGuides>

Should you wish to lodge a claim in these proceedings, please complete and return the proof of debt form which can be found at the link below:

<https://leading.shortcm.li/Proof-of-Debt>

Retention of Title

If you believe that you have delivered goods to the Company on sale or return, or without a retention of title clause you must contact this office within five business days of this letter to ensure that any such assets are held in trust pending review of your claim to title.

I cannot be held responsible for any failure to bring this to my attention after the period.

Ethical Issues and Complaints

I am required to advise you that I am bound by the Insolvency Code of Ethics on all insolvency matters and must remain independent at all times. We give high priority to client service and are keen to ensure that the quality of this is maintained.

If at any time you would like to discuss how the firm's service to you could be improved, or if you are dissatisfied with any element of the service you are receiving, please contact me as soon as possible so that I may discuss our complaints policy with you.

A copy of our complaints policy can be found at the following link:

<https://leading.shortcm.li/Complaints-Policy>

Investigations

Where an entity is insolvent, I am required to undertake certain investigations into the period of trade prior to insolvency which may establish the cause of insolvency and may raise questions which require further information. To assist me in this, if you feel you have any information that is relevant to my investigations, please complete the creditors' questionnaire available at the link below. This does not apply to Members' Voluntary Liquidations.

<https://leading.shortcm.li/Creditor-Questionnaire>

Charge-out Rates and Disbursement Policy

A copy of this firm's charge-out rate and disbursement policy may be found at:

<https://leading.shortcm.li/SIP9>



Appendix 2

Summary of Liquidator's Activities

A summarised list of activities undertaken in this period of the liquidation is detailed below. Where more detailed explanation is required, this is provided in the body of the report.

Staff of different levels will be involved in these activities dependent upon the level of experience required in order to keep costs to an appropriate level.

Administration, Planning & Cashiering

- Filing the relevant notices upon appointment
- Circulating notices to creditors, member and other stakeholders advising of the appointment
- Regular case reviews
- Reviewing the circumstances of the case to determine the appropriate strategy
- Obtaining a specific bond
- Posting of receipts & payments from the estate
- Correspondence with HM Revenue & Customs

Realisation of Assets

- Liaising with the Company's pre-appointment bank requesting various information
- Liaising with the Director regarding outstanding matters
- Safeguarding assets
- Uplifting of company documents

Creditors

- Maintaining a list of creditors' claims
- Dealing with correspondence from creditors
- Reviewing claims received from creditors

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Appendix 3

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Jamie Playford
Liquidator

Time Entry - SIP9 Time & Cost Summary

Appendix 4

A075 - Absa Ltd - In Liquidation
All Post Appointment Project Codes
From: 27/10/2021 To: 26/10/2022

Classification of Work Function	Partner	Manager	Other Senior Professionals	Assistants & Support Staff	Total Hours	Time Cost (£)	Average Hourly Rate (£)
Administration & Planning	0.00	0.30	5.10	3.90	9.30	2,437.50	262.10
Case Specific Matters	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Creditors	0.00	0.00	0.20	1.40	1.60	382.50	239.06
Investigations	0.00	0.50	2.70	2.50	5.70	1,692.50	296.93
Realisation of Assets	0.00	0.00	0.60	1.10	1.70	442.50	260.29
Trading	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Hours	0.00	0.80	8.60	8.90	18.30	4,955.00	270.77
Total Fees Claimed						0.00	
Total Disbursements Claimed						0.00	