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## Notice of final account prior to dissolution in CVL



Companies House

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### 1 Company details

Company number	0	6	7	9	0	9	6	5
Company name in full	06790965 Limited (Formerly R Quality Limited)							

→ **Filling in this form**  
Please complete in typescript or in  
bold black capitals.

### 2 Liquidator's name

Full forename(s)	Situl Devji
Surname	Raithatha

### 3 Liquidator's address

Building name/number	38 De Montfort Street
Street	Leicester
Post town	
County/Region	
Postcode	L E 1 7 G S
Country	

### 4 Liquidator's name ①

Full forename(s)	
Surname	

① **Other liquidator**  
Use this section to tell us about  
another liquidator.

### 5 Liquidator's address ②

Building name/number	
Street	
Post town	
County/Region	
Postcode	
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② **Other liquidator**  
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**6** Liquidator's release

☐ Tick if one or more creditors objected to liquidator's release.

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**7** Final account

☒ I attach a copy of the final account.

**8** Sign and date

Liquidator's signature

Signature

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Signature date

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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 **Nimisha Gadhia**

Company name **Springfields Advisory LLP**

Address **38 De Montfort Street**

**Leicester**

Post town **LE1 7GS**

County/Region

Postcode

Country

DX

Telephone **0116 299 4745**



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**Please make sure you have remembered the following:**

- ☐ The company name and number match the information held on the public Register.
- ☐ You have attached the required documents.
- ☐ You have signed the form.



#### Important information

**All information on this form will appear on the public record.**



#### Where to send

**You may return this form to any Companies House address, however for expediency we advise you to return it to the address below:**

The Registrar of Companies, Companies House,  
Crown Way, Cardiff, Wales, CF14 3UZ.  
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**06790965 Limited (Formerly R Quality Limited)**  
**(In Liquidation)**  
**Liquidator's Abstract of Receipts & Payments**  
**From 14 January 2022 To 3 January 2023**

<b>Statement of Affairs</b>			<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
	<b>£</b>			
		<b>ASSET REALISATIONS</b>		
		Goodwill & Trading Name	1,000.00	
Uncertain		Fixtures, Fittings & Equipment	500.00	
Uncertain		Book Debts	21,395.94	
		Rates Refund	1,470.88	
196.00		Petty Cash	196.00	
		Bank Interest Gross	11.13	
				24,573.95
		<b>COST OF REALISATIONS</b>		
		Specific Penalty Bond	70.00	
		Assistance with preparation of S. of A.	2,500.00	
		Preparation of S. of A.	8,000.00	
		Meeting Room Hire	100.00	
		Liquidator's Remuneration	13,507.92	
		Printing and Photocopying	94.80	
		Legal Fees	43.48	
		Corporation Tax	1.57	
		Postage	36.18	
		Storage Costs	30.50	
		Statutory Advertising	189.50	
				(24,573.95)
	<b>196.00</b>			<b>0.00</b>
		<b>REPRESENTED BY</b>		
				<b>NIL</b>



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**TO ALL KNOWN CREDITORS AND  
SHAREHOLDERS**

Our ref RQ1615/SDR/LL/NG/11B

Your ref

Date 7 November 2022

Dear Sirs

**06790965 Limited (Formerly R Quality Limited) ("the Company") – In Creditors' Voluntary Liquidation**

I am now able to conclude the winding up of the affairs of the Company and enclose my final account and notice to creditors and members, together with a receipts and payments account for the whole of the period I was in office.

Also enclosed is a formal notice setting out the final dividend position in respect of the liquidation, although the information in that notice is summarised below.

A dividend will not be declared to the non-preferential unsecured creditors as the funds realised have been used to make payments to meet the expenses of the Liquidation.

Creditors and members should note that provided no objections to my release are received, I shall obtain my release as Liquidator following the delivery of the final notice to the Registrar of Companies, following which my case files will be placed in storage.

Yours faithfully  
For and on behalf of  
06790965 Limited (Formerly R Quality Limited)

**Situl Devji Raithatha  
LIQUIDATOR**

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In case of query contact: **Nimisha Gadhia** Direct line: **0116 249 2012** Email: **NIMISHA.G@SPRINGFIELDS-UK.COM**

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**Notice of Final Account of**

**06790965 Limited (Formerly R Quality Limited) ("the Company") – In Creditors' Voluntary Liquidation**

**Company registered number: 06790965**

**NOTICE IS GIVEN** by the Liquidator, Situl Devji Raithatha, under rule 6.28 of The Insolvency (England and Wales) Rules 2016 and section 106 of The Insolvency Act 1986, that the Company's affairs have been fully wound up.

1. Creditors have the right under rule 18.9 of The Insolvency (England and Wales) Rules 2016 to request further details of the Liquidator's remuneration and expenses. That request must be made to the Liquidator within 21 days of receipt of the final account, and with either the permission of the Court, or with the concurrence of 5% in value of the unsecured creditors (including the creditor in question). Secured creditors may also request further details.
2. Creditors have the right under rule 18.34 of The Insolvency (England and Wales) Rules 2016 to apply to Court to challenge the amount and/or basis of the Liquidator's fees, and/or the amount of any expenses incurred. That application must be made within 8 weeks of receipt of the final account, and with either the permission of the Court, or with the concurrence of 10% in value of the creditors (including the creditor in question). Secured creditors may also make an application.
3. Creditors may object to the release of the Liquidator by giving notice in writing to the Liquidator at the address given below before the end of the prescribed period. The prescribed period will end at the later of: 8 weeks after delivery of this notice; or, if any request for information regarding the Liquidator's remuneration and/or expenses is made under rule 18.9, or if any application is made to Court to challenge the Liquidator's fees and/or expenses under rules 18.34 or 18.35, when that request or application is finally determined.
4. The Liquidator will vacate office under section 171 of the Insolvency Act 1986 when, upon expiry of the prescribed period that creditors have to object to his release, they deliver to the Registrar of Companies the final account and a notice saying whether any creditor has objected to his release.
5. The Liquidator will be released under section 173 of the Insolvency Act 1986 at the same time as vacating office, unless any creditors objected to their release.

Creditors requiring further information regarding the above, should either contact me at 38 De Montfort Street, Leicester, LE1 7GS, or contact Nimisha Gadhia by telephone on 0116 249 2012, or by email at [nimisha.g@springfields-uk.com](mailto:nimisha.g@springfields-uk.com).

DATED THIS 7TH DAY OF NOVEMBER 2022



**Situl Devji Raithatha**  
**Liquidator**

**Notice about final dividend position**

**06790965 Limited (Formerly R Quality Limited) ("the Company") – In Creditors' Voluntary Liquidation**

**Company registered number: 06790965**

Notice is given under rule 14.36 of The Insolvency (England and Wales) Rules 2016, by Situl Devji Raithatha, the Liquidator, to the creditors of 06790965 Limited (Formerly R Quality Limited), that no dividend will be declared to unsecured creditors.

A dividend will not be declared to unsecured creditors as the funds realised have been used to make payments to meet the expenses of the Liquidation.

Creditors requiring further information regarding the above, should either contact me at 38 De Montfort Street, Leicester, LE1 7GS, or contact Nimisha Gadhia by telephone on 0116 249 2012, or by email at [nimisha.g@springfields-uk.com](mailto:nimisha.g@springfields-uk.com).

DATED THIS 7TH DAY OF NOVEMBER 2022



**Situl Devji Raithatha**  
**Liquidator**

**06790965 Limited (Formerly R Quality Limited) (“the Company”) – In Creditors’ Voluntary Liquidation**

**LIQUIDATOR’S FINAL ACCOUNT TO CREDITORS AND MEMBERS**

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

As detailed in my previous reports, the Liquidation was kept open pending receipt of a final dividend from a customer in Liquidation (“the Customer”). The dividend has now been received and I am not aware of any further assets to realise. I detail below my report on the progress of the Liquidation for the period from 14 January 2022 to date (“the Period”) and the Liquidation as a whole. This should be read in conjunction with my previous reports.

Regrettably, there are insufficient funds available to enable a return to creditors in this matter.

**STATUTORY INFORMATION**

Company name:	06790965 Limited (Formerly R Quality Limited)
Company number:	06790965
Registered office:	38 De Montfort Street Leicester LE1 7GS
Former registered office:	Unit 15 Vulcan House Vulcan Road Leicester LE5 3EF
Principal trading activity:	Cut, make and Trim
Liquidator’s name:	Situl Devji Raithatha
Liquidator’s address:	38 De Montfort Street, Leicester, LE1 7GS
Date of appointment:	14 January, 2016

Please note that Deviesh Ramesh Raikundalia ceased to act as joint office holder in this matter by way of Court Order effective 31 July 2020. Situl Devji Raithatha continues to act.

**LIQUIDATOR’S ACTIONS SINCE LAST REPORTING**

In the Period, I have continued to monitor the dividend position from the Liquidation of the Customer and have taken receipt of the final dividend. I have also taken steps to conclude the Liquidation.

In the Liquidation period as a whole, I have taken steps to realise the tangible and intangible assets of the Company and recover other known assets.

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 in the Period is contained in Appendix 1.



## **RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT**

I enclose at Appendix 2 a Receipts & Payments Account for the Period. This includes cumulative figures for the period from 14 January 2016 to date. All amounts are shown exclusive of VAT. I have reconciled the account against the financial records I am required to maintain.

The balance of funds is held in an interest-bearing bank account.

## **ASSET REALISATIONS**

### Goodwill & Trading Name, Fixture, Fittings and Equipment

The Company's remaining tangible and intangible assets were sold to an associated company, Rose 8 (UK) Limited ("Rose"), for £1,500 plus VAT on 14 January 2016 based on the recommendation of a specialist agent. Payment was received in an earlier period. Rose and the Company are associated by way of common director.

As the sale included the trading name of the Company, the Company name was changed at Companies House to "06790965 Limited" on 29 January 2016.

### Book Debts

The Company was due the sum of £67,349.06 from the Customer. Dividends of £21,395.94 were received from the Liquidation of the Customer, which includes the sum of £4,558.67 in the Period. No further funds are expected. The Liquidation was kept open pending receipt of the final dividend payment.

Other debts were not recoverable.

### Rates Refund

A business rates refund was received in respect of the Company's trading premises. This was received in an earlier reporting period.

### Petty Cash

Cash in hand at the cessation of trade amounting to £196 was recovered in an earlier reporting period.

## **LIABILITIES**

### Secured Creditors

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.

The legislation requires that if the Company has created a floating charge after 15 September 2003, a prescribed part of the Company's net property (i.e. the money that would otherwise be available to the charge holder) should be ring-fenced for distribution to unsecured creditors. In this case there were no creditors secured by a floating charge such that the prescribed part provisions do not apply.

### Preferential Creditors

The Statement of Affairs anticipated no preferential claims and no claims have been received from this class of creditor to date.

#### Crown Creditors

The Statement of Affairs included £161,817.33 owed to HM Revenue & Customs. I have received a claim from HMRC in the sum of £155,970.69 to date.

#### Non-preferential unsecured Creditors

The Statement of Affairs included five non-preferential unsecured creditors (excluding HMRC) with an estimated total liability of £8,265.93. I have received claims from three creditors at a total of £8,660.35. I have not received claims from two creditors with original estimated claims in the Statement of Affairs of £1,507.00.

#### **DIVIDENDS**

A dividend will not be declared to any class of creditor as the funds realised have been used to make payments to meet the expenses of the Liquidation.

#### **INVESTIGATION INTO THE AFFAIRS OF THE COMPANY**

No further investigatory matters arose in the Period.

As part of my statutory duty as Liquidator, I was 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 would confirm that my report was submitted in an earlier reporting period.

#### **LIQUIDATORS' REMUNERATION**

My remuneration was approved on a mixture of a time cost basis and as a fixed fee as detailed below:

##### Time Costs

I was authorised to draw time costs for my work in respect of creditors (where it does not relate to the distribution of fund) and investigations. This approval was based on my fees estimate of £7,319. The fees estimate acts as a cap and I cannot draw remuneration in excess of that estimate without first seeking approval from the creditors. Details of my time costs for the Period, subject to the posting of timesheets, are provided below:

<b>Work</b>	<b>Partner</b>	<b>Manager</b>	<b>Other Senior Professionals</b>	<b>Assistants &amp; Support Staff</b>	<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>Total Cost (£)</b>	<b>Average hourly rate (£)</b>
Creditors	0.00	1.50	9.00	0.00	10.50	2,532.00	241.14
Investigations	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTALS	0.00	1.50	9.00	0.00	10.50	2,532.00	241.14

The average hourly charge out rate of £241.14 compares with the estimated blended rate of £244.78 in my fees estimate.

Details of my time costs from the date of my appointment to date, subject to the posting of timesheets, are provided below:

<b>Work</b>	<b>Partner</b>	<b>Manager</b>	<b>Other Senior Professionals</b>	<b>Assistants &amp; Support Staff</b>	<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>Total Cost (£)</b>	<b>Average hourly rate (£)</b>
Creditors	0.00	1.80	19.10	0.00	20.90	4,425.90	211.77
Investigations	0.00	8.20	5.90	0.00	14.10	2,916.00	206.81
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>10.00</b>	<b>25.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>35.00</b>	<b>7,341.90</b>	<b>209.29</b>

The average hourly charge out rate of £209.29 compares with the estimated blended rate of £244.78 in my fees estimate.

#### Fixed Fee

I am also authorised to draw a fixed fee of £10,000 plus VAT for my work in respect of administration and planning.

#### Percentage Basis

I was also authorised to draw remuneration based on a percentage of assets realised as follows:

50% of any assets realised up to and including £25,000;  
40% of any assets realised from £25,000 up to and including £50,000;  
30% of any assets realised from £50,000 up to and including £75,000;  
20% of any assets realised from £75,000 and above.

Finally, I was also authorised to draw remuneration based on a percentage of funds distributed as follows:

25% of funds distributed up to and including £25,000;  
20% of funds distributed from £25,000 up to and including £50,000;  
15% of funds distributed from £50,000 up to and including £75,000;  
10% of funds distributed from £75,000 and above.

#### Summary

Based on the above, the amounts I am authorised to draw as Liquidator are summarised below:

<b>Fee Basis</b>	<b>Authorised to draw (£)</b>
Time Costs	3,507.92
Fixed Fee	10,000.00
Percentage of realisations	12,286.98
Percentage of distributions	Nil
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>25,794.90</b>

The sum of £12,389.91 has been drawn on account of these costs to date, which includes the sum of £3,889.91 in the Period. A VAT Refund of £1,118.01 is due, which will go towards these costs once received.

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 Guidance Notes issued with Statement of Insolvency Practice 9, and they can be accessed at the link: <http://www.insolvency-practitioners.org.uk/regulation-and-guidance/guides-to-fees>. There are different versions of these Guidance Notes, and in this case please refer to the most recent version.

A copy of our Practice Fee Recovery Sheet is enclosed.

## **LIQUIDATORS' EXPENSES**

Expenses are any payments from the estate which are neither an office holder's remuneration nor a distribution to a creditor or a member. Expenses also includes disbursements. Disbursements are payments which are first met by the office holder and then reimbursed to the office holder from the estate. Expenses are split into:

- category 1 expenses, which are payments to persons providing the service to which the expense relates who are not an associate of the office holder; and
- category 2 expenses, which are payments to associates or which have an element of shared costs. Before being paid category 2 expenses require approval in the same manner as an office holder's remuneration.

No agents or professional advisors were used in the Period.

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.

I enclose a schedule of the expenses incurred in the Period, which includes cumulative figures for the period from 14 January 2016 to date. Although some individual expenses have exceeded their estimate; overall, the expenses incurred to the end of the Period are below those estimated when I sought fee approval from creditors.

## **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 Liquidator's remuneration and expenses within 21 days of their receipt of this final account. 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 Liquidator as being excessive, and/or the basis of the Liquidator's remuneration, and/or the amount of the expenses incurred as being excessive, within 8 weeks of his receipt of this final account. Any secured creditor may make a similar application to court within the same time limit.

As an Insolvency Practitioner, when carrying out all professional work relating to an insolvency appointment, I am bound by the Insolvency Code of Ethics, as well as by the regulations of my professional body. More details about these matters and general information about Springfields Advisory LLP that is of relevance can be found at <https://www.springfields-uk.com/regulatory>.

## **SUMMARY**

The winding up of the Company is now for all practical purposes complete and I am seeking the release of myself as Liquidator of the Company. Creditors and members should note that provided no objections to my release is received I shall obtain my release as Liquidator following the delivery of the final notice to the Registrar of Companies, following which our case files will be placed in storage.

**DISCLAIMER**

This report has been prepared for the sole purpose of updating creditors and shareholders of the Company for information purposes to fulfil the necessary statutory requirements of the Liquidator. The report is private and confidential and may not be relied upon, referred to, reproduced or quoted from, in whole or in part, or otherwise used by creditors or shareholders for any purpose other than updating them for information purposes, or any other person for any purpose whatsoever.

If creditors have any queries regarding the conduct of the Liquidation, or if they want hard copies of any of the documents made available on-line, they should contact Nimisha Gadhia by email at [nimisha.g@springfields-uk.com](mailto:nimisha.g@springfields-uk.com), or by phone on 0116 249 2012 before my release.

Dated: 7 November 2022

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'SDR' followed by a long horizontal flourish.

**Situl Devji Raithatha**  
**LIQUIDATOR**

## **Appendix 1 - Details of Work undertaken in the Period**

### 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 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 an office holder must follow.

- Case planning - devising an appropriate strategy for dealing with the case and giving instructions to staff to undertake the work on the case.
- Dealing with all routine correspondence and emails relating to the case.
- Maintaining and managing the estate bank account.
- Maintaining and managing a cashbook.
- Undertaking regular bank reconciliations of the estate bank account.
- Reviewing the adequacy of the specific penalty bond on a regular 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.

### Realisation of assets:

This represents the work involved in the protection and realisation of assets, which is undertaken directly for the benefit of creditors.

- Collecting final dividend payment due from Customer.

### Creditors:

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 their statutory functions

- Dealing with creditor correspondence, emails and telephone conversations regarding their claims.
- Maintaining up to date creditor information on the case management system.

**06790965 Limited (Formerly R Quality Limited)**  
**(In Liquidation)**  
**Liquidator's Abstract of Receipts & Payments**

<b>Statement of Affairs</b>		<b>From 14/01/2022 To 07/11/2022</b>	<b>From 14/01/2016 To 07/11/2022</b>
	ASSET REALISATIONS		
	Goodwill & Trading Name	NIL	1,000.00
Uncertain	Fixtures, Fittings & Equipment	NIL	500.00
Uncertain	Book Debts	4,558.67	21,395.94
	Rates Refund	NIL	1,470.88
196.00	Petty Cash	NIL	196.00
	Bank Interest Gross	NIL	11.13
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	COST OF REALISATIONS		
	Specific Penalty Bond	NIL	70.00
	Assistance with preparation of S. of A.	NIL	2,500.00
	Preparation of S. of A.	NIL	8,000.00
	Meeting Room Hire	NIL	100.00
	Liquidator's Rem (fixed)	3,889.91	12,389.91
	Printing and Photocopying	NIL	94.80
	Legal Fees	NIL	43.48
	Corporation Tax	NIL	1.57
	Postage	NIL	36.18
	Storage Costs	NIL	30.50
	Statutory Advertising	NIL	189.50
		(3,889.91)	(23,455.94)
<b>196.00</b>		<b>668.76</b>	<b>1,118.01</b>
	REPRESENTED BY		
	Vat Receivable		1,118.01
			<b>1,118.01</b>

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Situl Devji Raithatha  
Liquidator

### Expenses Schedule

Case Name:	06790965 Limited (Formerly R Quality Limited)
Reporting Period:	14/01/2022 to date ("the Period")

Type - Category 1	Incurred & accrued in the Period (£)	Incurred & accrued to end of the Period (£)	Estimated expenses in fee report (£)	Difference between estimated expenses & actual expenses (£)
Specific Penalty Bond	-	70.00	40.00	30.00
Statutory Advertising	-	189.50	168.66	20.84
Legal Fees & Disbursements	-	43.48	-	43.48
Corporation Tax	-	1.57	-	1.57
Postal Services	-	36.18	50.00 -	13.82
<b>TOTAL</b>	-	<b>340.73</b>	<b>258.66</b>	<b>82.07</b>

### Category 2 Disbursements

Type	Incurred & accrued in the Period (£)	Incurred and accrued to end of the Period (£)	Estimated Total Expenses (£)	Difference (£)
Meeting Room Hire	-	100.00	200.00 -	100.00
Printing and Photocopying	-	94.80	106.90 -	12.10
Storage Costs	-	31.30	300.00 -	268.70
<b>TOTAL</b>	-	<b>226.10</b>	<b>606.90 -</b>	<b>380.80</b>

<u>Estimated v Actual Expenses Summary</u>	
	£
Total expenses as per estimate*	865.56
Actual expenses incurred to end of the Period	566.83
Difference	<b>298.73</b>

The estimated expenses are those set out in the schedule that accompanied my report of 22/01/2016.



## **SPRINGFIELDS ADVISORY LLP PRACTICE FEE RECOVERY POLICY FOR INSOLVENCY APPOINTMENTS**

### **Introduction**

This sheet explains the alternative fee bases allowed by the insolvency 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. The report accompanying the request to fix the basis of remuneration will indicate the basis, or bases, being requested in that particular case and will make it clear what work is to be undertaken in respect of each basis.

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 <http://www.insolvency-practitioners.org.uk/regulation-and-guidance/guides-to-fees>. Alternatively, a hard copy can be provided on request. Please note that we have provided further details in this policy document.

SIP 9 also contains various requirements that the office holder has to comply with in connection with their remuneration, both when seeking approval and when reporting to creditors and other interested parties after approval. One of the matters that an office holder has to comply with is that they must also seek approval for any payments that could reasonably be perceived as representing a threat to the office holder's objectivity or independence by virtue of a professional or personal relationship, including to an associate. Where it is anticipated that such payments will be made in a case they will be separately identified when seeking approval for the basis of the office holder's remuneration.

Other than in respect of Voluntary Arrangements an office holder is required to record the time spent on casework in all cases, even if they are being remunerated for that work on a basis other than time costs. Time is recorded directly to the relevant case and the nature of the work undertaken is recorded at that time. The work is generally recorded under the following categories:

- Case Administration
- Realisation of Assets
- Investigations.
- Creditors
- Trading
- Case specific matters.

### **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.

**Charge-out Rates**

<b>Grade of staff</b>	<b>Current charge-out rate per hour, effective from 1 August 2022</b> £	<b>Previous charge-out rate per hour, effective from 1 August 2021</b> £
Partner	496	482
Manager	298-376	289-365
Administrator	170-252	165-245

Time is recorded in units of 6 minutes (prior to 08/01/2007 this was 15 minute units)

These charge-out rates charged are reviewed periodically and are adjusted to take account of inflation and the firm's overheads.

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, and by reference to each separate category of work. The blended rate is calculated as the prospective average cost per hour, based upon the estimated time to be expended by each grade of staff at their specific charge out rate. 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.

A report accompanying the request to fix the basis of remuneration will include the fees estimate, as well as details of the expenses that will be, or are likely to be, incurred. Further information about expenses is given in a separate section below.

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 summarise that information in an average or "blended" rate for all of the work being carried out within the estimate, and by reference to each separate category of work, and will also 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. A report accompanying the request to fix the basis of remuneration will set out the potential assets in the case, the remuneration percentage proposed in respect of any realisations and the work covered by that remuneration, which may solely relate to work undertaken in connection with the realisation of the assets, but might also include other categories of work as listed

above. The report will also include details of the expenses that will be, or are likely to be, incurred. Further information about expenses is given in a separate section below.

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.

A percentage of distributions made to unsecured creditors may also be requested, in order to cover the work associated with the agreement of claims and making the distribution.

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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. A report accompanying the request to fix the basis of remuneration will set out the set fee that we proposed to charge and the work covered by that remuneration, as well as details of the expenses that will be, or are likely to be, incurred. Further information about expenses is given in a separate section below.

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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.

### **Mixed basis**

If remuneration is to be sought on a mixed basis, we will make it clear in the report accompanying the request to fix the basis of remuneration which basis will be charged for each category of work that is to be undertaken on the case.

## **Members' voluntary liquidations and Voluntary Arrangements**

The legislation is different for members' voluntary liquidations (MVL), Company Voluntary Arrangements (CVA) and Individual Voluntary Arrangements (IVA). In MVLs, the company's members set the fee basis, often as a fixed fee, and SIP 9 does not apply unless the members specifically request it. In CVAs and IVAs, the fee basis is set out in the proposals and creditors approve the fee basis when they approve the arrangement.

### **All bases**

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

### **Expenses**

As already indicated, a report will accompany the request to fix the basis of remuneration and that will include details of expenses to be incurred, or likely to be incurred. 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.

Expenses are any payments from the insolvent estate that are neither an office holder's remuneration nor a distribution to a creditor, or a member. Expenses also include disbursements. Disbursements are payments that are first paid by the office holder and then reimbursed from the insolvent estate. Expenses are divided into those that do not need approval before they are charged to the estate (Category 1) and those that do (Category 2).

Category 1 expenses are payments to persons providing the service to which the expense relates who are not an associate of the office holder. They can be paid by the office holder without obtaining prior approval. Examples of costs that may amount to Category 1 expenses are professional advisors (who are not associates), statutory advertising, external meeting room hire (where the room is only hired for that meeting), external storage, specific penalty bond insurance, insolvency case management software fees charged on a per case basis, and Company search fees.

Category 2 expenses are either payments to associates, or payments in respect of expenses that have an element of shared costs, such as photocopying and mileage. Category 2 expenses require approval in the same manner as an office holder's remuneration before they can be paid.

From 1 April 2021, the practice does not propose to recover any Category 2 expenses that include an element of shared costs.

Professional advisors may be instructed to assist the office holder on the case where they consider that such assistance is necessary to enable them to appropriately administer the case. The fees charged by any professional advisors used will be recharged at cost to the case. Where the professional advisor is not an associate of the office holder it will be for the office holder to agree the basis of their fees. Where the professional advisor is an associate of the office holder it will be for those responsible for fixing the basis of the office holder's remuneration to approve payments to them. The fees of any professional advisors are subject to the rights of creditors to seek further information about them or challenge them as summarised below. Professional advisors that may be instructed on a case include:

- Solicitors/Legal Advisors;
- Auctioneers/Valuers;
- Accountants;
- Quantity Surveyors;
- Estate Agents;
- Pension specialists;
- Employment Claims specialists; and
- GDPR/Cyber Security specialists.

## **Reporting and rights to challenge**

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 charged by the office holder in the period covered by the report, i.e., the amount that the office holder is entitled to draw, together with the amount of remuneration actually drawn. If approval has been obtained for remuneration on a time costs basis, the time costs incurred will also be disclosed, whether drawn or not, together with the "blended" rates of such costs. The report will also compare the actual time costs incurred with those included in the fees estimate prepared when fixing the basis of the remuneration, and indicate whether the fees estimate is likely to be exceeded. If the fees estimate has been exceeded, or is likely to be exceeded, the report will explain why that is the case.

The report will also provide information about expenses incurred in the period covered by the report, together with those actually paid, together with a comparison with the estimated expenses. If the expenses incurred, or anticipated to be incurred, have exceeded the estimate provided the report will explain why that is the case.

Under the insolvency legislation the report must also include a statement of the legislative rights of creditors to request further information about the remuneration charged and expenses incurred in the period covered by the report, or to challenge them on the grounds that they are excessive. Extracts of the relevant insolvency rules dealing with these rights are set out below. Once the time period to seek further information about the office holder's remuneration and/or expenses for the period covered by the report has elapsed, then a Court Order is required to compel the office holder to provide further information about the remuneration and expenses. A Court order is required to challenge the office holder's remuneration and/or expenses for the period covered by the report. Once that period has elapsed, then a separate Court Order is required to allow an application out of time.

Under rule 18.9 of the Insolvency (England and Wales) Rules 2006, 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 office holder's remuneration and expenses, within 21 days of receipt of any report for the period. Any secured creditor may request the same details in the same time limit.

Under rule 18.34, 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 and/or basis of the office holder's fees and the amount of any proposed expenses or expenses already incurred, within 8 weeks of receipt of any report for the period. Any secured creditor may make a similar application to court within the same time limit.

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.