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Liquidator's Progress Report

Pursuant to Sections 92A, 104A and 192 of the
Insolvency Act 1986

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To the Registrar of Companies

Company Number

06916656

Name of Company

(a) Insert full name of
company

(a) Above The Rest Cleaning Services (Midlands)

Limited

(b) Insert full name(s)
and address(es)

I (b) Philip Anthony Brooks of Blades Insolvency Services,
Charlotte House, 19B Market Place, Bingham, Nottingham,
NG13 8AP

the liquidator of the company attach a copy of my Progress Report under
section 192 of the Insolvency Act 1986

The Progress Report covers the period from 16 December 2015
to 15 December 2016

Presenter's name,
address and
reference
(if any)

Signed

Date

14 February 2017

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14 February 2017

**ABOVE THE REST CLEANING SERVICES (MIDLANDS) LIMITED
IN LIQUIDATION**

LIQUIDATORS' REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 104A INSOLVENCY ACT 1986

Introduction

The company went into liquidation on 16 December 2014. This report covers the period from 16 December 2015, being the date of my first annual progress report, to 15 December 2016 and should be read in conjunction with my earlier reports.

Company and liquidators' details

Company registered number:	06916656
Nature of business	Contract cleaner
Former trading address	The Old Pencil Works, Lenton Street, Sandiacre, Nottingham, NG20 5DJ
Date of liquidators' appointment	16 December 2014
Names of joint liquidators	P A Brooks and J Willetts
Changes in office holders (if any)	None
Registered office address	Charlotte House, 19B Market Place, Bingham, Nottingham, NG13 8AP

Liquidators' receipts and payments account

A copy of my receipts and payments account for the period from 16 December 2014 to 15 December 2016 is attached which I believe is self-explanatory

All funds are held in a bank account in the name of the insolvent estate.

Realisation of assets

- Cash at bank represents the balance of funds held in the company's bank account which had been suspended pending the appointment of a liquidator.
- At the date of liquidation the company's records reported outstanding trade debts with a book value of £8,790. The estimated realisable value included in the director's statement of affairs was £4,400 and realisations total £5,581. No further recoveries are anticipated due to an absence of supporting documentation.
- No amount has been received in respect of the company's motor vehicle, fixtures and fittings and stock in trade. These assets had a combined book value of £11,800 at the date of liquidation and were included in the director's statement of affairs at an estimated realisable value of £3,500. These assets are understood to have been utilised in the director's other businesses and further details continue to be sought.
- The company's accounts at 31 March 2013 included land and buildings with a book value of £17,966. The asset was included in the director's statement of affairs with a book value of £17,800 although no realisable value was attributed as the director maintains the company rented the asset (a lock up garage) from the company. My enquiries remain on-going.

Expenses of the liquidation

I believe that the expenses reported in my receipts and payments account are self-explanatory

Creditors' claims and dividends

- **Secured**

There are no charges registered against the company.

- **Preferential**

No claims have been received from preferential creditors and none have been identified.

- **Non-preferential**

A claim has been received from one non-preferential creditor totalling £29,308. Two further creditors totalling £78,226, being the director and an associated company, have not submitted a claim. The statement of affairs disclosed three creditors with claims totalling £104,524.

- **Dividend prospects**

The availability of any funds to allow the payment of a dividend to non-preferential creditors will be wholly dependent on the outcome of my on-going enquiries.

Liquidators' fees and disbursements

I have incurred disbursements of £554 which may be summarised as follows,

Type of expense	Total brought forward	Incurred this period	Paid
	£	£	£
Statutory advertising	216	-	216
Insolvency bond	296	-	296
Company search	20	-	20
Postage and stationery	14	8	22
	—	—	—
Total	546	8	554
	=====	=====	=====

Postage and stationery costs are "Category 2" disbursements which generally relate to shared or allocated costs arising from internal charges made for items such as postage, faxes and photocopying.

Details of the rates at which these charges are made are enclosed with this report. In my opinion the charges are in line with the cost of external provision of these charges and (where applicable) in accordance with Rule 13 11(b) of the Insolvency Rules 1986 Approval to recover these expenses was obtained at the initial meeting of creditors

At the meeting of creditors held on 16 December 2014 the following resolutions were approved:

- "Payment of £4,000 plus disbursements plus VAT be made to Blades Insolvency Services as an expense of the liquidation in respect of fees and disbursements for convening the meeting and the preparation of the statement of affairs"
- "The joint liquidators be authorised to draw their remuneration on a time cost basis as and when required"

To reduce the level of professional costs certain work has been conducted by staff under my supervision. The level of staff has been selected based upon the nature and complexity of the assignment.

The current hourly charge-out rate for each grade of staff is detailed on the attached summary of fees and disbursements charged by this firm. All staff involved in the assignment have been charged directly to the case and there has been no general overhead allocation in respect of support staff. There has been no increase in my firm's hourly rates during this reporting period

A copy of "A Creditors' Guide to Liquidators' Fees" which forms part of Statement of Insolvency Practice number 9, a statement of best practice agreed by the various insolvency regulatory authorities, is also enclosed for your information

I have incurred time costs of £6,750 in respect of work undertaken since the date of liquidation. This represents a total of 37.40 hours spent at an average hourly rate of £180.48. This compares to an average hourly rate at the date of my last annual progress report of £185.97.

During the current reporting period I have incurred time costs of £1,952 which represents a total of 11.60 hours spent at an average hourly rate of £168.28.

In addition to the work that has been necessary to comply with my statutory obligations the principal work undertaken during this reporting period relates to my enquiries into the freehold property and chattel assets recorded in the company's accounting records.

To date I have drawn no fees on account of these costs due to an absence of funds.

Investigation into the affairs of the company

I undertook a proportionate investigation into the company's affairs to establish whether there were any potential asset recoveries or conduct matters that justified further investigation, taking account of the public interest, potential recoveries, the amount of funds likely to be available to pay the costs of an investigation and the relevant costs involved.

As previously reported I am continuing to investigate the recoverability of certain assets.

Company Directors Disqualification Act 1986

In accordance with the provisions of the Company Directors Disqualification Act 1986, I confirm that I have fulfilled my statutory obligation and submitted a report on the conduct of the director of the company to the Secretary of State.

Outstanding matters

I am unable currently to provide an estimate of how long I expect my enquiries to continue. The availability of any funds to permit the payment of a dividend to creditors will be wholly dependent on the outcome of these investigations.

Complaints

Whilst my firm strives to provide a professional and efficient service, it is in the nature of insolvency proceedings for disputes to arise from time to time. If you have any complaints about this case, you should, in the first instance, put details of your complaint in writing to my firm. This will formally invoke our complaints procedure and we will endeavour to deal with your complaint in writing within a period of twenty one days of receipt.

Most disputes can be resolved amicably either through the provision of further information or following negotiations. However, in the event that you have exhausted our complaints procedure and you are not satisfied that your complaint has been resolved or dealt with appropriately, you may complain to the regulatory body that licences the insolvency practitioner concerned. Any such complaints should be addressed to The Insolvency Service, IP Complaints, 3rd Floor, 1 City Walk, Leeds, LS11 9DA, and you can make a submission using an on-line form available at www.gov.uk/complain-about-insolvency-practitioner

Creditors' rights

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 liquidators' remuneration and expenses, within twenty one days of receipt of this report. 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 creditors (including the creditor in question), apply to court to challenge the amount and/or basis of the liquidators' fees and the amount of any proposed expenses or expenses already incurred, within eight weeks of receipt of this report. Any secured creditor may make a similar application to court within the same time limit.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you require any further information



P A Brooks
Joint Liquidator

**ABOVE THE REST CLEANING SERVICES (MIDLANDS) LIMITED
IN LIQUIDATION**

**LIQUIDATORS' RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR THE PERIOD FROM 16 DECEMBER 2014 TO 15 DECEMBER 2016**

Statement of affairs	From 16/12/2014 to 15/12/2015	From 16/12/2015 to 15/12/2016	Total
	£	£	
RECEIPTS			
1,078 Cash at bank	1,039 11		1,039 11
1,500 Plant and machinery		0 00	0 00
1,500 Motor vehicles		0 00	0 00
400 Fixtures and fittings		0 00	0 00
100 Stock in trade		0 00	0 00
4,400 Trade debts	5,581 14		5,581 14
VAT	506 30	400 00	906 30
8,978	7,126 55	400 00	7,526 55
PAYMENTS			
Cost of convening creditors' meeting	4,000 00		4,000 00
Liquidators' disbursements	531 50		531 50
Petitioning creditor's costs	920 00		920 00
Bank charges	80 92	76 93	157 85
VAT	906 30		906 30
	6,438 72	76 93	6,515 65
Balance	687 83	323 07	1,010 90

- 6 What information should be provided by the liquidator?**
- 6.1 When fixing bases of remuneration**
- 6.1.1** When seeking agreement for the basis or bases of remuneration the liquidator should provide sufficient supporting information to enable the committee or the creditors to make an informed judgement as to whether the basis sought is appropriate having regard to all the circumstances of the case. The nature and extent of the information provided will depend on the stage during the conduct of the case at which approval is being sought. The appendix to this guide sets out a suggested format for the provision of information
- If any part of the remuneration is sought on a time costs basis, the liquidator should provide details of the minimum time units used and current charge-out rates, split by grades of staff, of those people who have been or who are likely to be involved in the time costs aspects of the case
- The liquidator should also provide details and the cost of any work that has been or is intended to be sub-contracted out that could otherwise be carried out by the liquidator or his or her staff
- 6.1.2** If work has already been carried out, the liquidator should state the proposed charge for the period to date and provide an explanation of what has been achieved in the period and how it was achieved, sufficient to enable the progress of the case to be assessed and whether the proposed charge is reasonable. In the circumstances of the case, where the proposed charge is calculated on a time costs basis, the liquidator should disclose the time span and the average charge-out rates. In larger cases split by grades of staff and analysed by appropriate activity. The liquidator should also provide details and the cost of any work that has been sub-contracted out that could otherwise be carried out by the liquidator or his or her staff
- 6.1.4** After the bases of remuneration have been fixed
- The liquidator is required to send progress reports to creditors at specified intervals (see paragraph 7.1 below). When reporting periodically to creditors, in addition to the matters specified in paragraph 7.1, the liquidator should provide an explanation of what has been achieved in the period under review and how it was achieved, sufficient to enable the progress of the case to be assessed. Creditors should be able to understand whether the remuneration charged is reasonable. In the circumstances of the case (whilst recognising that the liquidator must fulfil certain statutory obligations and regulatory requirements that might be perceived as bringing no added value for the estate(s)) Where any remuneration is on a time costs basis, the liquidator should disclose the charge in respect of the period, the time spent and the average charge-out rates, in larger cases split by grades of staff and analysed by appropriate activity. If there have been any changes to the charge-out rates during the period under review, rates should be disclosed by grades of staff, split by the periods applicable. The liquidator should also provide details and the cost of any work that has been sub-contracted out that could otherwise be carried out by the liquidator or his or her staff
- 6.3 Disbursements and other expenses**
- 6.3.1** Costs met by and reimbursed to the liquidator in connection with the liquidation should be appropriate and reasonable. Such costs will fall into two categories
- Category 1 disbursements These are costs where there is specific expenditure directly referable both to the liquidation and a payment to an independent third party. These may include, for example, advertising, room hire, storage, postage, telephone charges, travel expenses, and equivalent costs reimbursed to the liquidator or his or her staff

- 6.1.2** The following are not permissible
- a charge calculated as a percentage of remuneration,
 - an administration fee or charge additional to the liquidator's remuneration,
 - recovery of basic overhead costs such as office and equipment rental, depreciation and finance charges
- 6.4 Realisations for secured creditors**
- Where the liquidator realises an asset on behalf of a secured creditor and receives remuneration out of the proceeds (see paragraph 11.1 below), he should disclose the amount of that remuneration to the committee (if there is one), to any meeting of creditors convened for the purpose of determining his fees, and in any report he sends to creditors.
- 7 Progress reports and requests for further information**
- 7.1** The liquidator is required to send annual progress reports to creditors. The reports must include
- details of the basis fixed for the remuneration of the liquidator (or if not fixed at the date of the report, the steps taken during the period of the report to fix it),
 - if the basis has been fixed, the remuneration charged during the period of the report, irrespective of whether it was actually paid during that period (except where it is fixed as a set amount, in which case it may be shown as that amount without any apportionment for the period of the report),
 - if the report is the first to be made after the basis has been fixed, the remuneration charged during the periods covered by the previous reports, together with a description of the work done during those periods, irrespective of whether payment was actually made during the period of the report, a statement of the expenses incurred by the liquidator during the period of the report, irrespective of whether payment was actually made during that period,
 - a statement of the creditors' rights to request further information, as explained in paragraph 7.2, and their right to challenge the liquidator's remuneration and expenses
- 7.2** Within 21 days of receipt of a progress report (or 7 business days where the report has been prepared for the purposes of a meeting to receive the liquidator's resignation) a creditor may request the liquidator to provide further information about the remuneration and expenses, set out in the report. A request must be in writing, and may be made either by a secured creditor, or by an unsecured creditor with the concurrence of at least 5% in value of unsecured creditors (including himself) or the permission of the court
- 7.3** The liquidator must provide the requested information within 14 days, unless he considers that
- the time and cost involved in preparing the information would be excessive, or

- disclosure would be prejudicial to the conduct of the liquidation or might be expected to lead to violence against any person, or
 - the liquidator is subject to an obligation of confidentiality in relation to the information requested
- In which case he must give the reasons for not providing the information
- Any creditor may apply to the court within 21 days of the liquidator's refusal to provide the requested information, or the expiry of the 14 days time limit for the provision of the information.

8 Provision of information – additional requirements

The liquidator must provide certain information about the time spent on the case, free of charge, upon request by any creditor, director or shareholder of the company.

The information which must be provided is –

- the total number of hours spent on the case by the liquidator or staff assigned to the case,
- for each grade of staff, the average hourly rate at which they are charged out,
- the number of hours spent by each grade of staff in the relevant period

The period for which the information must be provided is the period from appointment to the end of the most recent period of six months reckoned from the date of the liquidator's appointment, or where he has vacated office, the date that he vacated office

The information must be provided within 28 days of receipt of the request by the liquidator, and requests must be made within two years from vacation of office

9 What if a creditor is dissatisfied?

9.1 Except in cases where there is a liquidation committee it is the creditors as a body who have authority to approve the liquidator's fees. To enable them to carry out this function they may require the liquidator to call a creditors' meeting. In order to do this at least ten per cent in value of the creditors must concur with the request, which must be made to the liquidator in writing.

9.2 If a creditor believes that the liquidator's remuneration is too high, the basis is inappropriate, or the expenses incurred by the liquidator are in all the circumstances excessive he may, provided certain conditions are met, apply to the court.

9.3 Application may be made to the court by any secured creditor, or by any unsecured creditor provided at least 10 per cent in value of unsecured creditors (including himself) agree, or he has the permission of the court. Any such application must be made within 8 weeks of the applicant receiving the liquidator's progress report in which the changing of the remuneration or incurring of the expenses in question is first reported (see paragraph 7.1 above). If the court does not dismiss the application (which it may if it considers that insufficient cause is shown) the applicant must give the liquidator a copy of the application and supporting evidence at least 14 days before the hearing.

9.4 If the court considers the application well founded, it may order that the remuneration be reduced, the basis be changed, or the expenses be disallowed or repaid. Unless the court orders otherwise, the costs of the application must be paid by the applicant and not out of the assets of the insolvent company.

10 What if the liquidator is dissatisfied?

If the liquidator considers that the remuneration fixed by the liquidation committee, or in the preceding administration is insufficient, or the basis used to fix it is inappropriate, he may request that the amount or rate be increased, or the basis changed, by resolution of the creditors. If he considers that the remuneration fixed by the liquidation committee, the creditors, in the preceding administration, or in accordance with the statutory scale is insufficient, or that the basis used to fix it is inappropriate, he may apply to the court for the amount or rate to be increased or the basis changed. If he decides to apply to the court he must give at least 14 days notice to the members of the committee and the committee may nominate one or more of its members to appear or be represented at the court hearing. If there is no committee, the liquidator's notice of his application must be sent to such of the creditors as the court may direct, and they may nominate one or more of their number to appear or be represented. The court may order the costs to be paid out of the assets

11 Other matters relating to remuneration

11.1 Where the liquidator realises assets on behalf of a secured creditor he is entitled to be remunerated out of the proceeds of sale in accordance with a scale set out in the Rules. Usually, however, the liquidator will agree the basis of his fee for dealing with charged assets with the secured creditor concerned

11.2 Where two (or more) joint liquidators are appointed it is for them to agree between themselves how the remuneration payable should be apportioned. Any dispute between them may be referred to the court, the committee or a meeting of creditors

11.3 If the appointed liquidator is a solicitor and employs his own firm to act in the insolvency, profit costs may not be paid unless authorised by the committee, the creditors or the court.

11.4 If a new liquidator is appointed in place of another, any determination, resolution or court order which was in effect immediately before the replacement continues to have effect in relation to the remuneration of the new liquidator until a further determination, resolution or court order is made

11.5 Where the basis of the remuneration is a set amount, and the liquidator ceases to act before the time has elapsed or the work has been completed for which the amount was set, application may be made for a determination of the amount that should be paid to the outgoing liquidator. The application must be made to the same body as approved the remuneration. Where the outgoing liquidator and the incoming liquidator are from the same firm, they will usually agree the apportionment between them

11.6 There may also be occasions when creditors will agree to make funds available themselves to pay for the liquidator to carry out tasks which cannot be paid for out of the assets, either because they are deficient or because it is uncertain whether the work undertaken will result in any benefit to creditors. Arrangements of this kind are sometimes made to fund liquidation or investigations into the affairs of the insolvent company. Any arrangements of this nature will be a matter for agreement between the liquidator and the creditors concerned and will not be subject to the statutory rules relating to remuneration.

12 Effective date

This guide applies where a company goes into liquidation on or after 1 November 2011

Summary of the fees and disbursements charged by Blades Insolvency Services

In accordance with best practice, we are required to disclose to you our policy for recovering non-specific disbursements, and the charge-out rates for the various grades of staff who may be involved in this case

• Fees

Where a resolution is passed by the creditors, or the creditors' committee, that remuneration will be calculated by reference to time properly incurred by the Insolvency Practitioners and their staff in the administration of the insolvent estate, then time will be charged to the estate in units of 6 minutes at the following hourly rates -

Grade of Staff	Rate per Hour		Rate per Hour prior to 1 November 2011
	effective from 1 November 2011	£	
Partner	260 00	£	240 00
Administrators	80 00 - 120 00	£	80 00 - 120 00
Assistants/Support Staff	70 00	£	60 00

These hourly rates are exclusive of Value Added Tax and subject to annual review

For reference the rate of remuneration chargeable by the Official Receiver calculated on the basis of 4.127(2)(a) Insolvency Rules 1986 is as follows -

The realisation scale:-

On the first £5,000 or fraction thereof	20	%
On the next £5,000 or fraction thereof	15	%
On the next £90,000 or fraction thereof	10	%
On all further sums realised	5	%

The distribution scale:-

On the first £5,000 or fraction thereof	10	%
On the next £5,000 or fraction thereof	7.5	%
On the next £90,000 or fraction thereof	5	%
On all further sums distributed	2.5	%

• Disbursements

Category 1 disbursements will be charged to the estate to recover the cost of the actual disbursement. Such disbursements will include insolvency bonds, swear fees, company searches, postal redirection, postage, statutory advertising and external room hire. A software licence fee of £125 00 will be charged to each case. This is a fixed fee, irrespective of the duration of the relevant insolvency procedure.

It is proposed that Category 2 disbursements will be separately charged to the insolvent estate as an expense to recover the cost of the following disbursements incurred by our firm

Document Storage	Documents will be stored in banker's boxes and storage will be charged at the rate of £10 00 per box per annum. This rate includes the cost of transport and the eventual destruction of the records
Travel	Travel by car will be charged to the insolvent estate at the rate of 45 pence per mile
Room Hire	The charge for the use of a meeting room provided by the firm will be at a fixed rate of £75 00
Circulars	Circular letters will be charged at the rate of five pence per sheet to reflect the cost of stationery, photocopying and printing. The actual cost of postage will be separately charged to the estate. (No charge is made for individual letters relating to the administration of the insolvent estate)