

Liquidator's Progress Report

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

To the Registrar of Companies

Company Number

6920181

Name of Company

4ME Ventures Ltd

I / We

Kevin J Hellard, 30 Finsbury Square, London, EC2P 2YU

the liquidator(s) of the company attach a copy of my/our Progress Report
under section 192 of the Insolvency Act 1986.

The Progress Report covers the period from 08/03/2016 to 07/03/2017

Signed

Date

09/03/17

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9 March 2017

Dear Sirs

4ME Ventures Ltd - In Liquidation (the Company)

1 Introduction

- 1.1 I was appointed joint liquidator of the Company with Stephen Hunt of Griffins by an Order of the High Court of Justice on 8 March 2013, in place of Mr Costas Morfakis (Morfakis) who had been appointed liquidator upon the Company's liquidation on 9 December 2011. On 27 November 2013, Mr Hunt resigned and I remain in office as sole liquidator. In accordance with section 104A of the Insolvency Act 1986, I now report on the progress of the liquidation for the year ended 7 March 2017 and attach

- Appendix A, an account of my receipts and payments for the year ended 7 March 2017 and also for the whole liquidation to date
- Appendix B, an account of the former liquidator's receipts and payments for the period of his office, 9 December 2011 to 7 March 2013.
- Appendix C, a statement of the remuneration charged by the liquidator in the period from 8 March 2016 to 7 March 2017 and a statement of expenses incurred in the period
- Appendix D, an analysis of time costs as required by Statement of Insolvency Practice 9
- Appendix E, an extract from the Insolvency Rules 1986 relating to creditors' rights to request additional information from the liquidator (rule 4.49E)
- Appendix F, an extract from the Insolvency Rules 1986 relating to creditors' rights to challenge the liquidator's remuneration or expenses if excessive (rule 4.131).

- 1.2 I am authorised by the Insolvency Practitioners Association to act as an insolvency practitioner and I am bound by the Insolvency Code of Ethics when carrying out all professional work relating to an insolvency appointment.

2 Statutory information

- 2.1 The company's statutory details are as follows:

Registered number 6920181

Registered office 30 Finsbury Square, London, EC2P 2YU

3 Progress report

Assets

- 3.1 I have previously advised that the Company's Statement of Affairs (SoA) listed tangible assets with a book value of £15,304, estimated to realise nil. I have investigated the position but discontinued my efforts to recover value on commercial grounds, and made reference to the circumstances in the bond claim referred to below.

Creditors

- 3.2 The SoA disclosed no preferential creditors and no claims have been received. There are no floating charge creditors and therefore no Prescribed Part under Section 176A of the Insolvency Act 1986.
- 3.3 I have received unsecured claims totalling £124,573 68.
- 3.4 Unfortunately there are no funds available for a distribution to be made to creditors. I am unable to confirm if this position may change as a result of the investigations and the bond claim referred to below.

Investigations

- 3.5 I have investigated the possibility of there being any potential claims against third parties, including Company officers and the previous office holder, which could be made for the benefit of the estate. These investigations are on-going but are likely to be concluded in the near future

Bond Claim

- 3.6 It is a statutory duty that all practising licensed insolvency practitioners have suitable insurance in place to protect the creditors in the event of fraud and dishonesty by the practitioner. This is commonly known as a Bond. There is a requirement that there should be a specific bond, in relation to the specific assets of each individual case and a general bond in relation to a practitioners' whole portfolio of cases.
- 3.7 As advised previously, a bond claim has been submitted in this case. This may result in further recoveries, but at present it is too early to estimate the likelihood of this occurring. To date no finding has been made in respect of fraud and dishonesty.

4 Liquidators' Remuneration and Expenses

- 4.1 At a meeting of creditors held on 9 December 2011 creditors resolved that the liquidator's remuneration be drawn by reference to the time properly spent by him and his staff in attending to matters arising in the liquidation.

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- 4.2 Creditors authorised Morfakis to draw £5,000 as a Statement of Affairs fee. Morfakis drew this sum in full in addition to liquidator's remuneration of £750.

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- 4.3 At a creditors meeting held on 14 August 2014, creditors resolved that the basis of the liquidator's remuneration be agreed by reference to the time properly given by the liquidator.

and his staff in attending to matters arising in the liquidation and that the liquidator be authorised to draw such remuneration on account from time to time.


- 4.4 In accordance with Statement of Insolvency Practice (SIP 9), I attach at Appendix C, a *summary of my time costs, by grade of staff and type of work*. This shows a total time cost to 7 March 2017 of £42,084.85 represented by 174.24 hours at an average charge out rate of £241.53 per hour against which no fees have been drawn. During the period covered by this report, I have incurred time costs of £7,597.00 represented by 32.75 hours at an average charge out rate of £231.97 per hour. To date, expenses of £84.60 have been drawn in respect of statutory advertising.

- 4.5 My firms charge out rates are as follows:

	2015/2016	2014/2015	2013/2014	2012/2013	2011/2012
	£	£	£	£	£
Partner/Director	515-615	515-615	500-600	480-580	460-560
Associate Director/ Manager	330-470	330-470	320-455	310-440	300-425
Executives/ Administrators	165-305	165-305	160-295	155-285	150-275
Assistants and	155-175	155-175	150-170	145-165	140-160

- 4.6 Time is charged in units of 6 minutes. Background information regarding the fees of liquidators can be found at https://www.r3.org.uk/media/documents/technical_library/SIPS/SIP%209%20Dec%202015.pdf. Alternatively, I will supply this information by post on request.
- 4.7 If further information or clarification is required, please contact Holly Barlow on the contact details below.

Yours faithfully
for and on behalf of 4ME Ventures Ltd


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Liquidator

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A Abstract of the liquidator's receipts and payments covering the period from 8 March 2013 to 7 March 2017

	Statement of Affairs Estimated to Realise £	From 08/03/16 to 07/03/17 £	Total from 08/03/13 to 07/03/17 £
RECEIPTS			
Tangible Assets	Nil	Nil	Nil
VAT refund		Nil	166 68
		Nil	166.68
PAYMENTS			
Statutory advertising		Nil	84 60
VAT receivable		Nil	16 92
		Nil	101.52
Balance of funds in hand as at 7 March 2017			65.16

B Summary of the former liquidator's receipts and payments covering the period from 9 December 2011 to 7 March 2013

	Statement of Affairs Estimated to Realise	From 9/12/11 to 07/03/13
	£	£
RECEIPTS		
Tangible Assets	NIL	NIL
Funds Received Pre-Appointment		6,000.00
Bank Interest Gross		0.07
VAT Control Account		1,000.00
		<u>7,000.07</u>
PAYMENTS		
Specific Bond		25.00
Preparation of Statement of Affairs		5,000.00
Liquidators Fees		750.00
Agents/Valuers Fees		58.39
VIA Interim Limited	(5,000.00)	NIL
HM Revenue & Customs – PAYE/NIC	(39,506.58)	NIL
HM Revenue & Customs – VAT	(10,962.33)	NIL
HM Revenue & Customs – Corporation Tax	(16,663.98)	NIL
Ordinary Share	(999.00)	NIL
VAT Receivable		1,166.68
		<u>7,000.07</u>
Balance of funds in hand as at 7 March 2013		<u>NIL</u>

C Remuneration charged and expenses incurred by the liquidator covering the period from 8 March 2016 to 7 March 2017

	Charged/incurred in period 08/03/2016 to 07/03/2017	Cumulative charged/ incurred to 07/03/2017	Of which paid to 07/03/2017
	£	£	£
Former liquidator's fees			
Time costs	Nil	750.00	750.00
Liquidator's fees			
Time costs	7,597.00	42,084.85	Nil
Expenses			
Storage/Courier costs	Nil	52.61	Nil
Agents/valuers' fees	Nil	58.39	58.39
Statutory Advertising	Nil	84.60	84.60
Bordereau	Nil	5.00	30.00
Total:	7,597.00	43,035.45	922.99

D SIP9 Information

Transaction period 08/03/2016 to 07/03/2017

Standard	Partner			Manager			Executive			Administrator			Total		
	Hrs	£	Avg Hrly Rate	Hrs	£	Avg Hrly Rate	Hrs	£	Avg Hrly Rate	Hrs	£	Avg Hrly Rate	Hrs	£	Avg Hrly Rate
Administration and Planning	0.5	267.5	535	3.05	1006.50	330				6.25	1004.50	160.72	9.8	2,278.50	232.5
Creditors				2.35	775.5	330				0.8	128	160	3.6	903.5	250.83
Hiatus period															
Investigations				7.25	2,392.50	330				11.6	1,856	160	18.85	4,248.50	225.36
Pensions															
Realisation of Assets															
Taxation				0.25	82.5	330				0.7	94	120	0.95	186.5	195.26
Trading															
Total	0.5	267.5	535	12.9	4,257	330				18.36	3,072.50	168.79	32.75	7,597	231.97

Total fees billed to date (Time) : £

Transaction period 08/03/2013 to 07/03/2017

Standard	Partner			Manager			Executive			Administrator			Total		
	Hrs	£	Avg Hrly Rate	Hrs	£	Avg Hrly Rate	Hrs	£	Avg Hrly Rate	Hrs	£	Avg Hrly Rate	Hrs	£	Avg Hrly Rate
Administration and Planning	4.05	2,216.50	547.04	19.4	6,851.50	353.17	2.74	840.3	233.69	62.45	9,700.55	155.33	86.64	19,407.85	218.05
Creditors				6.45	2,110	327.8				5	479	158.67	9.45	2,592	274.29
Hiatus period															
Investigations				40.4	13,357	330.47	2.4	665	277.08	22.45	3,573.25	159.16	65.25	17,586.25	269.57
Pensions										0.05	775	155	0.05	775	155
Realisation of Assets				1.6	365	365.65	0.2	52	260				1.8	417	307.41
Taxation				4.1	1,513.50	369.15	0.3	90	300	3.1	460.5	122.08	7.5	2,073	282.21
Trading															
Total	4.05	2,216.50	547.04	71.5	24,192	338.35	5.64	1,447.30	256.61	93.05	14,230.05	152.92	174.24	42,084.85	241.63

Total fees billed to date (Time) : £

Activity	Examples of work
Administration and planning	Administrative set up, copying and filing previous officeholder's papers Case reviews, annual reports and appendices Treasury statutory reviews.
Investigations	Reviewing previous office holders records and preparing strategy note Sending enquiry letters to various parties
Realisations of assets	Enquiries as to potential recoveries for the benefit of creditors
Creditors	Updating creditors details and responding to creditor enquiries.

**E An extract from the Insolvency Rules 1986 relating to
creditors' rights to request additional information from the
liquidator**

Rule 4.49E edited for application to a progress report in a creditors' voluntary liquidation

- (1) If
 - (a) within the period mentioned in paragraph (2)
 - (i) a secured creditor, or
 - (ii) an unsecured creditor with the concurrence of at least 5% in value of the unsecured creditors (including the creditor in question), or
 - (b) with the permission of the court upon an application made within the period mentioned in paragraph (2), any unsecured creditor makes a request in writing to the liquidator for further information about remuneration or expenses set out in the progress report, the liquidator must, within 14 days of receipt of the request, comply with paragraph (3) except to the extent that the request is in respect of a matter which was previously included in a progress report.
- (2) The period referred to in paragraph (1)(a) is 21 days of receipt of the progress report.
- (3) The liquidator complies with this paragraph by either -
 - (a) providing all of the information asked for, or
 - (b) so far as the liquidator considers that
 - (i) the time or cost of preparation of the information would be excessive, or
 - (ii) disclosure of the information would be prejudicial to the conduct of the liquidation or might reasonably be expected to lead to violence against any person, or
 - (iii) the liquidator is subject to an obligation of confidentiality in respect of the information,giving reasons for not providing all of the information
- (4) Any creditor, who need not be the same as the creditor who requested further information, may apply to the court within 21 days of -
 - (a) the giving by the liquidator of reasons for not providing all of the information asked for, or
 - (b) the expiry of the 14 days provided for in paragraph (1),and the court may make such order as it thinks just
- (5) Without prejudice to the generality of paragraph (4), the order of the court under that paragraph may extend the period of 8 weeks provided for in Rule 4.131(1B) by such further period as the court thinks just.

**F An extract from the Insolvency Rules 1986 relating to
creditors' rights to challenge the liquidator's remuneration or
expenses if excessive**

Rule 4.131

- (1) Any secured creditor, or any unsecured creditor with either the concurrence of at least 10% in value of the creditors (including that creditor) or the permission of the court, may apply to the court for one or more of the orders in paragraph (4).
- (1A) Application by a creditor may be made on the grounds that -
 - (a) the remuneration charged by the liquidator,
 - (b) the basis fixed for the liquidator's remuneration under Rule 4.127, or
 - (c) expenses incurred by the liquidator,is or are, in all the circumstances, excessive or, in the case of an application under sub-paragraph (b), inappropriate
- (1B) The application must, subject to any order of the court under Rule 4.49E(5), be made no later than 8 weeks (or in a case falling within Rule 4.108, 4 weeks) after receipt by the applicant of the progress report or the draft report under Rule 4.49D, which first reports the charging of the remuneration or the incurring of the expenses in question ("the relevant report").
- (2) The court may, if it thinks that no cause is shown for a reduction, dismiss the application; but it shall not do so unless the applicant has had an opportunity to attend the court for a hearing, of which he has been given at least 5 business days' notice, but which is without notice to any other party.
If the application is not dismissed under this paragraph, the court shall fix a venue for it to be heard, and give notice to the applicant accordingly
- (3) The applicant shall, at least 14 days before the hearing, send to the liquidator a notice stating the venue and accompanied by a copy of the application, and of any evidence which the applicant intends to adduce in support of it.
- (4) If the court considers the application to be well-founded, it must make one or more of the following orders -
 - (a) an order reducing the amount of remuneration which the liquidator was entitled to charge
 - (b) an order fixing the basis of remuneration at a reduced rate or amount
 - (c) an order changing the basis of remuneration
 - (d) an order that some or all of the remuneration or expenses in question be treated as not being expenses of the liquidation
 - (e) an order that the liquidator or the liquidator's personal representative pay to the company the amount of the excess of remuneration or expenses or such part of the excess as the court may specifyand may make any other order that it thinks just; but an order under sub-paragraph (b) or (c) may be made only in respect of periods after the period covered by the relevant report.
- (5) Unless the court orders otherwise, the costs of the application shall be paid by the applicant, and are not payable as an expense of the liquidation.

Liquidator's ref : KJH/JMR/HOB/LKG/M00001/7
Claimant's ref :

4ME Ventures Ltd - In Liquidation

Creditor's Claim Form

Name and address of creditor _____

Amount claimed in the liquidation: £ _____

Particulars of any security held _____

Value of security £ _____

Signature _____

Name and position of signatory
(if not personally the creditor): _____

Telephone _____

E-mail: _____

Date: _____

Please provide appropriate documentation in support of your claim.

If you are registered for VAT the amount claimed should include VAT even if VAT bad debt relief has been claimed under the Value Added Tax Act 1994.

Please return this form when you have completed it to:

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