

# 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

07178481

Name of Company

Castle Exhibitions Ltd

I / We

Stephen Powell, 12/14 Carlton Place, Southampton, SO15 2EA

Gordon Johnston, 12/14 Carlton Place, Southampton, SO15 2EA

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 15/03/2016 to 14/03/2017

Signed



Date

15/5/17

HJS Recovery (UK) Ltd  
12/14 Carlton Place  
Southampton  
SO15 2EA

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**Castle Exhibitions Ltd**  
**(In Liquidation)**  
**Joint Liquidators' Abstract of Receipts & Payments**

<b>Statement of Affairs</b>		<b>From 15/03/2016 To 14/03/2017</b>
	<b>ASSET REALISATIONS</b>	
	Contribution to Costs	5,400.00
	Bank Interest Gross	0.31
		<u>5,400.31</u>
	<b>COST OF REALISATIONS</b>	
	Specific Bond	28.00
	Preparation of S. of A.	4,500.00
	Statutory Advertising	220.50
		<u>(4,748.50)</u>
	<b>UNSECURED CREDITORS</b>	
(35,038.00)	Trade & Expense Creditors	NIL
(25,000.00)	Directors	NIL
(20,000.00)	Banks/Institutions	NIL
(30,500.00)	HM Revenue & Customs	NIL
		<u>NIL</u>
	<b>DISTRIBUTIONS</b>	
(2.00)	Ordinary Shareholders	NIL
		<u>NIL</u>
<u>(110,540.00)</u>		<u><u>651.81</u></u>
	<b>REPRESENTED BY</b>	
	Bank 1 Current	651.81
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Stephen Powell  
Joint Liquidator

# **Liquidators' Annual Progress Report to Creditors & Members**

**Castle Exhibitions Ltd  
- In Liquidation**

**15 May 2017**

## **Castle Exhibitions Ltd - IN LIQUIDATION**

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## **Castle Exhibitions Ltd - IN LIQUIDATION**

### **1 Introduction and Statutory Information**

- 1.1 I, Stephen Powell of HJS Recovery (UK) Ltd, 12-14 Carlton Place, Southampton, Hampshire, SO15 2EA was appointed as Joint Liquidator of Castle Exhibitions Ltd (the **Company**) on 15 March 2016, together with my colleague Gordon Johnston. This progress report covers the period from 15 March 2016 to 14 March 2017 (**the Period**) and should be read in conjunction with any previous progress reports which have been issued.
- 1.2 The principal trading address of the Company was 8 Moniton Trading Estate, West Ham Lane, Basingstoke, RG22 6NQ.
- 1.3 The registered office of the Company has been changed to HJS Recovery, 12-14 Carlton Place, Southampton, SO15 2EA and its registered number is 07178481.

### **2 Progress of the Liquidation**

- 2.1 This section of the report provides creditors with an update on the progress made in the liquidation during the Period and an explanation of the work done by the Liquidators and their staff.
- 2.2 At Appendix A is a Receipts and Payments Account for the Period.

#### ***Administration (including statutory compliance & reporting)***

- 2.3 An office holder must comply with certain statutory obligations under the Insolvency Act 1986 and other related legislation. Details about the work we anticipated would need to be done in this area was outlined to creditors in our initial fees estimate/information.
- 2.4 Where the costs of statutory compliance work or reporting to creditors exceeds the initial estimate, it will usually be because the duration of the case has taken longer than anticipated, possibly due to protracted asset realisations, which have in turn placed a further statutory reporting requirement on the Liquidators.
- 2.5 As noted in our initial fees estimate/information, this work will not necessarily bring any financial benefit to creditors, but is required on every case by statute.

#### **Realisation of Assets**

##### **Contribution to Costs**

- 2.6 In the absence of any realisable assets it was agreed with the directors that a contribution of £5,400 would be made towards this firm's costs in convening the meetings of members and creditors, for assistance in dealing with the preparation of the statement of affairs and the costs of the Liquidation.

#### ***Creditors (claims and distributions)***

- 2.7 Further information on the anticipated outcome for creditors in this case can be found at section 3 of this report. Liquidators are not only required to deal with correspondence and claims from unsecured creditors (which may include retention of title claims), but also those of any secured and preferential creditors of the Company. This may involve separate reporting to any secured creditor and dealing with distributions from asset realisations caught under their security, most typically a debenture.
- 2.8 Claims from preferential creditors typically involve employee claims and payments made on behalf of the Company by the Redundancy Payments Service following dismissal.

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- 2.9 The above work will not necessarily bring any financial benefit to creditors generally, however Liquidators are required by statute to undertake this work. Similarly, if a distribution is to be paid to any class of creditor, work will be required to agree those claims and process the dividend payments to each relevant class of creditor. The more creditors a company has, the more time and cost will be involved by the Liquidators in dealing with those claims.

### ***Investigations***

- 2.10 Some of the work the Liquidators are required to undertake is to comply with legislation such as the Company Directors' Disqualification Act 1986 (CDDA 1986) and Statement of Insolvency Practice 2 – Investigations by Office Holders in Administration and Insolvent Liquidations and may not necessarily bring any financial benefit to creditors, unless these investigations reveal potential asset recoveries that the Liquidators can pursue for the benefit of creditors.
- 2.11 I can confirm that I have submitted a report on the conduct of the Directors of the Company to the Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy under the CDDA 1986. As this is a confidential report, I am unable to disclose the contents.
- 2.12 Shortly after appointment, I made an initial assessment of whether there could be any matters that might lead to recoveries for the estate and what further investigations may be appropriate. This assessment took into account any information provided by creditors.
- 2.13 Our investigations revealed possible issues in relation to various transactions through the Company's accounts totalling £133,597 which may lead to additional recoveries for the benefit of creditors. Investigations into these transactions is ongoing and a further update will be provided in my next report to creditors. At the initial meeting of creditors, a resolution for remuneration of the liquidators in relation to this work was not passed. I am now seeking a resolution in this regard together with this report.

## **3 Creditors**

### ***Secured Creditors***

- 3.1 There are no secured creditors in this matter.

### ***Preferential Creditors***

- 3.2 There are no preferential creditors in this matter.

### ***Unsecured Creditors***

- 3.3 We have received claims totalling £110,138.56 from 8 creditors. We have yet to receive claims from 1 creditors whose debt totals £25,000 as per the Company's statement of affairs.
- 3.4 We would confirm that it is anticipated there will be insufficient funds realised after defraying the expenses of the liquidation to pay a dividend to unsecured creditors.

## **4 Liquidators' Remuneration**

- 4.1 As previously advised the approval of Creditors to the basis of the Liquidators' remuneration was not sought at the initial meeting of creditors.
- 4.1 Together with this report, I am seeking approval from creditors that the basis of the Liquidators' remuneration be set as a fixed fee of £10,000 plus 40% of gross asset realisations which will only be paid should sufficient realisations be made.

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4.2 A copy of 'A Creditors' Guide to Liquidators' Fees' is available on request or can be downloaded from <http://www.hjssolutions.co.uk/publications>

4.3 Attached as Appendix C is additional information in relation to the Liquidators' fees, expenses and disbursements, including where relevant, information on the use of subcontractors and professional advisers.

### **5 Creditors' Rights**

5.1 Within 21 days of the receipt of this report, a secured creditor, or an unsecured creditor (with the concurrence of at least 5% in value of the unsecured creditors) may request in writing that the Liquidator provide further information about his remuneration or expenses which have been itemised in this progress report.

5.2 Any secured creditor, or an unsecured creditor (with the concurrence of at least 10% in value of the unsecured creditors) may within 8 weeks of receipt of this progress report make an application to court on the grounds that, in all the circumstances, the basis fixed for the Liquidators' remuneration is inappropriate and/or the remuneration charged or the expenses incurred by the Liquidators, as set out in this progress report, are excessive.

### **6 Next Report**

6.1 We are required to provide a further report on the progress of the liquidation within two months of the next anniversary of the liquidation, unless we have concluded matters prior to this, in which case I will write to all creditors with my final account.

6.2 If you have any queries in relation to the contents of this report, I can be contacted by telephone on 02380 234 222 or by email at [recovery@hjssolutions.co.uk](mailto:recovery@hjssolutions.co.uk)

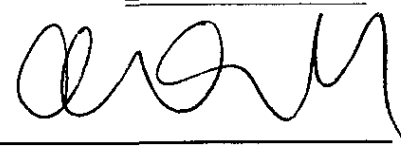


**Stephen Powell FCCA MABRP**  
Joint Liquidator

**Castle Exhibitions Ltd**  
**(In Liquidation)**  
**Joint Liquidators' Summary of Receipts & Payments**

**APPENDIX A**

Statement of Affairs £	From 15/03/2016 To 14/03/2017 £	From 15/03/2016 To 14/03/2017 £
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Joint Liquidator



## **Appendix B**

### **Additional Information in Relation to the Liquidator's Fees, Expenses & Disbursements**

#### **7 Staff Allocation and the Use of Sub-Contractors**

- 7.1 The general approach to resourcing our assignments is to allocate staff with the skills and experience to meet the specific requirements of the case.
- 7.2 The constitution of the case team will usually consist of a Partner, a Manager, and an Administrator or Assistant. The exact constitution of the case team will depend on the anticipated size and complexity of the assignment and the experience requirements of the assignment.
- 7.3 We are not proposing to utilise the services of any sub-contractors in this case.

#### **8 Liquidator's Expenses & Disbursements**

- 8.1 An analysis of the expenses paid to the date of this report, together with those incurred but not paid at the date of this report is provided below:

Statutory advertising	220.50		0.00	296.50
Specific penalty bond	28.00		0.00	28.00

- 8.2 Category 1 disbursements do not require approval by creditors. The type of disbursements that may be charged as a Category 1 disbursement to a case generally comprise of external supplies of incidental services specifically identifiable to the case, such as postage, case advertising, invoiced travel and external printing, room hire and document storage. Also chargeable will be any properly reimbursed expenses incurred by personnel in connection with the case. These disbursements are included in the tables of expenses above.
- 8.3 Category 2 disbursements do require approval from creditors. These are costs which are directly referable to the appointment in question but are not payments which are made to an independent third party and may include shared or allocated costs that can be allocated to the appointment on a proper and reasonable basis such as internal room hire, document storage or business mileage. Details of Category 2 disbursements charged by this firm (where appropriate) were provided at the time the Liquidator's fees were approved by creditors. Any Category 2 disbursements incurred are specifically highlighted in the tables of expenses above.

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### **Appendix C**

An indication of the tasks undertaken by the Joint Liquidators and their staff are detailed below:

#### **Administration and Planning**

- Statutory duties associated with the appointment including the filing of relevant notices;
- Notification of appointment to creditors, members, employees and other interested parties;
- Reviewing available information to determine appropriate strategy;
- Setting up case files;
- Setting up and maintaining bank accounts
- Progress reviews of the case
- Statutory reporting to creditors

#### **Realisation of Assets**

Please refer to section 2 of the report, but in summary the time spent includes

- Liaising with agents and solicitors
- Identifying, securing & insuring of assets
- Debt collection

#### **Creditors**

- Recording and maintaining the list of creditors;
- Meetings with creditors
- Recording creditor claims;
- Dealing with creditor queries;
- Reviewing and evaluating creditor claims and providing responses.

#### **Investigations**

- Corresponding with the former directors & management
- Recovery and schedule of the company's books and statutory records
- Conduct an analytical review of company records

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- Review of questionnaires and comments provide by interested parties
- Questioning of directors and other key personnel;
- Completion of statutory report to the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills

### **Tax Reviews**

- Completion of post-appointment VAT returns and Corporation Tax returns
- Review of post appointment tax matters