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Company name in full Castle Exhibitions Ltd

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Full forename(s) Stephen

Surname Powell

### 3 Liquidator's address

Building name/number HJS Recovery (UK) Ltd

Street 12/14 Carlton Place

Post town Southampton

County/Region

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### 4 Liquidator's name ①

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

**Castle Exhibitions Ltd  
- In Liquidation**

**14 May 2018**

## **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, 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 2017 to 14 March 2018 (**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. The full amount has been received in this regard.

##### ***Ongoing recovery action***

- 2.7 Per paragraph 2.14 below, our investigations have revealed transactions through the Company's accounts of £133,597 that are being reviewed on the basis that a recovery might be made. Creditors will be updated in my next report.

Based on the above, I currently anticipate the total expenses that may be incurred in dealing with the remainder of the Company's asset realisations to be £5,000.

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

- 2.8 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

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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.

- 2.9 Claims from preferential creditors typically involve employee claims and payments made on behalf of the Company by the Redundancy Payments Service following dismissal.
- 2.10 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.
- 2.11 I consider the following matters worth noting in my report to creditors at this stage:
- There are approximately 10 unsecured creditor claims in this case with a value per the directors' statement of affairs of £123,638.
  - There are no secured or preferential creditors in this matter.

### *Investigations*

- 2.12 You may recall from the first progress report to creditors that 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.
- 2.13 Our report on the conduct of the Directors of the Company to the Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy under the CDDA 1986 was submitted during the first year of the liquidation and is confidential.
- 2.14 As mentioned above, creditors may recall that our investigations revealed 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. We have instructed JMW Solicitors to pursue the matter for us. This matter is ongoing and creditors will be updated accordingly.

## **3 Creditors**

### *Secured Creditors*

- 3.1 There are no secured creditors in this matter.

### *Preferential Creditors*

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 2 creditors whose debts total £13,500 as per the Company's statement of affairs.
- 3.4 The Company did not grant any floating charges to a secured creditor. Accordingly, there is no requirement to create a fund out of the Company's net floating charge property for unsecured creditors (known as the **Prescribed Part**), which only applies to charges created after 15 September 2003.

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- 3.5 We would confirm that on present information it is not clear whether there will be sufficient funds realised after defraying the expenses of the liquidation to pay a dividend to unsecured creditors. The outcome will depend on the action mentioned in 2.14 above.

### **4 Liquidators' Remuneration**

- 4.1 The Creditors approved that the basis of the Liquidators' remuneration be fixed as a percentage, being 40%, of the value of the assets he has to deal with and as a set amount of £15,000. My fees estimate/information was originally provided to creditors when the basis of remuneration was approved and was based on information available at that time.
- 4.2 In considering the remaining work to be done in this liquidation, we currently anticipate that the time costs to complete the liquidation will be approximately £12,000. We will update creditors on this in our next progress report.
- 4.3 The Liquidators have drawn £500 against the total set fee agreed of £15,000 approved by creditors.
- 4.4 At the date of this report, we would confirm that the fees estimate for the liquidation remains unchanged. This is because we consider our estimate to be sufficient or because we intend restricting the Liquidators' time costs to be drawn from the estate to the level of our estimate and as a result, any time incurred in excess of this will not be borne by creditors.
- 4.5 A copy of 'A Creditors' Guide to Liquidators' Fees' is available on request or can be downloaded from <http://www.hjsrecovery.co.uk/publications/>
- 4.6 Attached as Appendix B 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.

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.



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- 6.2 If you have any queries in relation to the contents of this report, I can be contacted by telephone on 02380 234222 or by email at [recovery@hjssolutions.co.uk](mailto:recovery@hjssolutions.co.uk)

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a series of loops and a final upward stroke.

**Stephen Powell FCCA MABRP**  
Joint Liquidator

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

Statement of Affairs £	From 15/03/2017 To 14/03/2018 £	From 15/03/2016 To 14/03/2018 £
ASSET REALISATIONS		
Contribution to Costs	NIL	5,400.00
Bank Interest Gross	0.23	0.54
	<u>0.23</u>	<u>5,400.54</u>
COST OF REALISATIONS		
Specific Bond	NIL	28.00
Preparation of S. of A.	NIL	4,500.00
Office Holders Fees	500.00	500.00
Statutory Advertising	NIL	220.50
	<u>(500.00)</u>	<u>(5,248.50)</u>
UNSECURED CREDITORS		
(35,038.00) Trade & Expense Creditors	NIL	NIL
(25,000.00) Directors	NIL	NIL
(20,000.00) Banks/Institutions	NIL	NIL
(30,500.00) HM Revenue & Customs	NIL	NIL
	<u>NIL</u>	<u>NIL</u>
DISTRIBUTIONS		
(2.00) Ordinary Shareholders	NIL	NIL
	<u>NIL</u>	<u>NIL</u>
<b>(110,540.00)</b>	<b><u>(499.77)</u></b>	<b><u>152.04</u></b>
REPRESENTED BY		
Vat Receivable		100.00
Bank 2 Current		52.04
		<u><u>152.04</u></u>

## 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 Professional Advisors

- 8.1 On this assignment we have used the professional advisors listed below. We have also indicated alongside, the basis of our fee arrangement with them, which is subject to review on a regular basis.

Name of Professional Advisor	Basis of Fee Arrangement
JMW Solicitors (legal advice)	Hourly rate and disbursements

- 8.2 Our choice was based on our perception of their experience and ability to perform this type of work, the complexity and nature of the assignment and the basis of our fee arrangement with them.

#### 9 Liquidator's Expenses & Disbursements

- 9.1 The estimate of expenses (including disbursements) which were anticipated at the outset of the liquidation was provided to creditors when the basis of my fees were approved, a copy of which is set out below:

Expense	Estimated cost £
Statutory advertising	220.50
Specific penalty bond	28

#### Current position of Liquidators' expenses

- 9.2 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:

	Paid in prior period £	Paid in the period covered by this report £	Incurred but not paid to date £	Total anticipated cost £
Statutory advertising	£28	Nil	Nil	£28
Specific penalty bond	£220.50	Nil	Nil	£220.50

- 9.3 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.

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- 9.4 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.

## Appendix C

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

### 1.1 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 & 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;
- 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;