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Companies House



1 Company details

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Company name in full ACT ON SERVICES (SOUTH EAST) LIMITED

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Please complete in typescript or in
bold black capitals.

2 Liquidator's name

Full forename(s) Nicholas W

Surname Nicholson

3 Liquidator's address

Building name/number Haslers

Street Old Station Road

Post town Loughton

County/Region Essex

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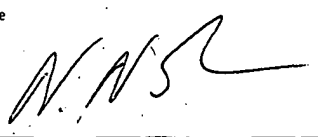
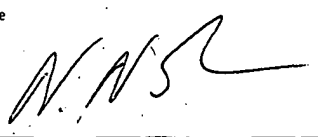
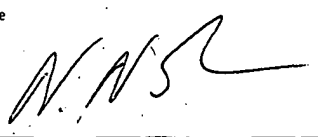
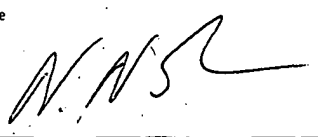
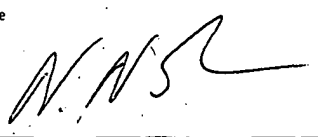
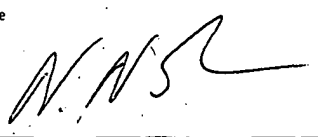
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**Presenter information**

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 **Nicholas W Nicholson**

Company name **Haslers**

Address **Old Station Road**
Loughton

Post town **Essex**

County/Region

Postcode **I G 1 0 4 P L**

Country

DX

Telephone **020 8418 3333**

**Checklist**

We may return forms completed incorrectly or with information missing.

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.
DX 33050 Cardiff.

**Further information**

For further information please see the guidance notes on the website at www.gov.uk/companieshouse or email enquiries@companieshouse.gov.uk

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ACT ON SERVICES (SOUTH EAST) LIMITED
(In Liquidation)
Liquidator's Summary of Receipts & Payments

Statement of Affairs £	From 21/04/2019 To 20/04/2020 £	From 21/04/2015 To 20/04/2020 £
ASSET REALISATIONS		
Bank Interest Gross	1.30	2,906.62
Debt owed by Ground Construction	NIL	3,552,791.54
	1.30	3,555,698.16
COST OF REALISATIONS		
Bank Charges	88.00	440.00
DTI Cheque Fees	0.15	4.05
Legal Fees (1)	NIL	4,284.50
O.R. Debit Balance	NIL	1,172.00
Office Holders Fees	NIL	48,750.00
Petitioners Costs	NIL	2,170.00
Sec of State Fees	NIL	80,000.00
Statutory Advertising	NIL	84.60
Tax on ISA Interest	0.26	581.32
	(88.41)	(137,486.47)
UNSECURED CREDITORS		
HMRC	NIL	3,049,119.46
Vat liability re Ground Construction Ltd	NIL	368,311.47
	NIL	(3,417,430.93)
	(87.11)	780.76
REPRESENTED BY		
ISA NIB		85.76
Vat Control Account		695.00
		780.76

Note:

The following distribution was made:

Date	Amount of distribution	Rate of distribution per share
20 March 2017	£3,049,119.46	94.88p in the £

ACT ON SERVICES (SOUTH EAST) LIMITED – IN COMPULSORY LIQUIDATION

**LIQUIDATORS' PROGRESS REPORT TO CREDITORS AND MEMBERS
FOR THE YEAR ENDING 20 APRIL 2020**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Company was wound up on 17 November 2014 on a petition presented by HM Revenue & Customs ("HMRC"). The Company had been dissolved on 5 August 2014 and so the Winding-Up Order also made provision for restoration to the Register of Companies. Stratford Hamilton and I were appointed Joint Liquidators by the Secretary of State on 21 April 2015. Mr Hamilton subsequently left Haslers and was replaced as Joint Liquidator by Dominic Dumville pursuant to an Order of the High Court dated 13 October 2017. Mr Dumville has also left Haslers and was removed from office via a further order of the High Court dated 16 January 2020.

The handover papers from the Official Receiver stated that there were no known assets and a single liability to HMRC estimated at £1,834,474.00. HMRC's final claim amounting to £3,213,718.76 has been received.

Upon review of the handover documents, I identified an amount due to the Company by Ground Construction Limited totalling £3,552,791.56 (including VAT). I agreed a repayment plan for the full amount which was paid in full by March 2017. A first and final distribution of £3,049,119.46 was made to HMRC once these funds were received, at a rate of 94.88 pence in the pound and the VAT due, amounting to £368,311.47, was paid in full direct to HMRC.

Further enquiries were made in relation to the payments made by the Company to its operatives that required the assistance of its bankers. The Company's bankers did not respond to my enquiries and I instructed solicitors to assist me in obtaining this information.

My solicitors obtained an order under Section 236 of the Insolvency Act 1986 to compel the bank to provide details of these BACs payments and were also successful in obtaining an order for their costs. The bank then supplied this data and I undertook an analysis and reconciliation of the BACs information against the accounting records to establish whether any claims might be brought against the directors or any third parties. No such claims were identified.

My investigations into the affairs of the Company have been completed. As such I intend to conclude the liquidation and obtain my release during the forthcoming reporting period.

STATUTORY INFORMATION

Company name:	Act on Services (South East) Limited		
Company number:	07207399		
Registered office:	Haslers, Old Station Road, Loughton, Essex, IG10 4PL		
Former registered office:	1 Oaks Court, Warwick Road, Borehamwood, Hertfordshire, WD6 1GS		
Liquidators' names:	Nicholas Nicholson	Stratford Hamilton	Dominic Dumville
Date of appointment	21/04/2015	21/04/2015	13/10/2017
Date of removal:		13/10/2017	16/01/2020
Liquidators' address	Old Station Road, Loughton, Essex, IG10 4PL		
Court name and reference	High Court of Justice 007109 of 2014		
Actions of Joint Liquidators'	Any act required or authorised under any enactment to be done by a Liquidator may be done by either or both of the Liquidators acting jointly or alone.		

LIQUIDATORS' ACTIONS SINCE LAST REPORT

During my examination of the bank account operated by the Company, I identified a significant number of BACS payments totalling £1,990,345.10 to unknown payees between 6 June 2014 and 4 July 2014. The bank did not respond to my requests for the details of the payees in respect of these transactions. I therefore instructed solicitors to make an application to the Court under Section 236 of the Insolvency Act 1986 to compel them to provide this information.

My solicitors were successful in obtaining the order in the terms sought, which also made provision for the bank to pay their costs. I have now received the BACS transaction data which shows that these payments were made to workers. I reconciled this data against the accounting records of the Company in order to determine whether any further assets or claims might be realised, but none were identified.

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 since my last progress report is contained in Appendix A.

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

My Receipts & Payments Account for the period from 21 April 2019 to 20 April 2020 is enclosed.

The balance of funds is held in a non-interest bearing account at the Insolvency Services Account.

ASSETS

SETTLEMENT

As advised previously following further investigation, I identified a debt owed by Ground Construction to the Company which amounted to £3,552,791.56 (including VAT). Ground Construction agreed to a repayment plan and settled the debt in March 2017.

BANK INTEREST

A total amount of £2,906.62 has accrued, of which £1.30 was accrued in the period since 21 April 2019.

LIABILITIES

SECURED CREDITORS

An examination of the Company's mortgage register held by the Registrar of Companies, showed that the Company has granted the following charge:

Charge created 12 September 2013 to Santander UK PLC; however, it has been confirmed that this charge is currently outstanding.

PREFERENTIAL CREDITORS

The handover papers received from the Official Receiver did not anticipate any preferential claims and no such claims have been received. Crown Creditors

The handover papers received from the Official Receiver included £5,232,696.84 owed to HMRC. HMRC's final claim of £3,213,718.76 has been received.

UNSECURED CREDITORS

Other than HMRC, the handover papers received from the Official Receiver did not include any other unsecured creditors. Accordingly, no such claims have been received in this respect.

DIVIDEND PROSPECTS

A first and final dividend was paid to HMRC, the sole creditor, on 6 June 2018. I intend to conclude the liquidation during the forthcoming reporting period and as such no further dividends are anticipated.

INVESTIGATION INTO THE AFFAIRS OF THE COMPANY

I undertook an initial 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 funds likely to be available to fund an investigation, and the costs involved.

Specifically, I recovered, listed and reviewed the Company's accounting records; obtained and reviewed copy bank statements for the months prior to the Company ceasing to trade from the Company's bankers; and compared the information in the Company's last set of accounts with that contained in the statement of affairs lodged in the liquidation and made enquiries about the reasons for the changes.

As detailed elsewhere in this report, I obtained information from the Company's bankers in respect of a number of BACS payments. I reconciled these to the accounting records to determine whether any further action was required, but no such matters were identified.

There are no additional matters that justify further investigation in the circumstances of this appointment.

LIQUIDATORS' REMUNERATION

My remuneration was approved on a time cost basis. My total time costs to 20 April 2020 amount to £72,764.50, representing 233.45 hours of work at an average charge out rate of £311.69 per hour, of which £5,071.50, representing 19.80 hours of work, was charged in the period since 21 April 2019 at an average charge out rate of £256.14 per hour

I have drawn £48,750 to 20 April 2020, none of which was drawn in this reporting period.

A schedule of my time costs incurred to date and in the period since 21 April 2019 is attached.

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/>. A copy of 'A Creditors Guide to Liquidators' Fees' also published by R3, is available at the link <https://www.haslers.com/services/insolvency/> under the tab 'Tools and Resources'. Please note that there are different versions of the Guidance Notes and in this case you should refer to the November 2011 version. Please note that further details are also included in the practice fee recovery sheet. An explanatory note which shows Haslers' fee policy is enclosed with this report.

LIQUIDATORS' EXPENSES

I have incurred expenses to 20 April 2020 of £207.20, none of which was incurred in the period since 21 April 2019. Please note that I have also incurred legal fees and expenses under a conditional fee arrangement, which are not included within this amount, further details can be found below.

I have drawn £84.60 to date, none of which was drawn in the period since 21 April 2019.

I have used the following agents or professional advisors in the reporting period:

Professional Advisor	Nature of Work	Basis of Fees
Moon Beaver	Solicitors	Conditional Fee Arrangement

My solicitors' fees to 20 April 2018 were in the sum of £4,284.50 plus VAT, none of which was incurred since 21 April 2017; full payment of these fees was made in September 2016.

My solicitor incurred further fees in successfully obtaining an order against the Company's bank as set out above. The bank were ordered to pay the costs of these proceedings in the sum of £3,475.00+VAT together with disbursements of £190.00. This amount has been paid by the bank and paid over to my solicitors in satisfaction of their fees accordingly.

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 Liquidators' remuneration and expenses within 21 days of their 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 unsecured creditors (including the creditor in question), apply to Court to challenge the amount of remuneration charged by the Liquidators as being excessive, and/or the basis of the Liquidators' remuneration, and/or the amount of the expenses incurred as being excessive, within 8 weeks of their receipt of this report. Any secured creditor may make a similar application to court within the same time limit.

To comply with the Provision of Services Regulations, some general information about Haslers can be found in the attached summary sheet.

SUMMARY

I have concluded my investigation into the affairs, dealing and failure of the Company and the winding up is, to all intents and purposes, complete. I intend to close the case and seek my release as Liquidator during the forthcoming reporting period.

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 Daniel Hibben by email at Daniel.Hibben@Haslers.com, or by phone on 020 8418 3432.



NICHOLAS W NICHOLSON
LIQUIDATOR

Appendix A

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 managers. 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 office holders must follow

- Dealing with all routine correspondence and emails relating to the case.
- Maintaining and managing the office holder's estate bank account.
- Maintaining and managing the office holder's cashbook.
- Undertaking regular bank reconciliations of the bank account containing estate funds.
- 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 an annual progress report to creditors and members.
- Filing returns at Companies House.
- Preparing and filing VAT returns.
- Preparing and filing Corporation Tax returns.

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 his statutory functions.

- Maintaining up to date creditor information on the case management system.

ACT ON SERVICES (SOUTH EAST) LIMITED
(In Liquidation)
Liquidator's Summary of Receipts and Payments

RECEIPTS	Statement of Affairs (£)	From 21/04/2015 To 20/04/2019 (£)	From 21/04/2019 To 20/04/2020 (£)	Total (£)
Debt owed by Ground Construction		3,552,791.54	0.00	3,552,791.54
Bank Interest Gross		2,905.32	1.30	2,906.62
		3,555,696.86	1.30	3,555,698.16
PAYMENTS				
O.R. Debit Balance		1,172.00	0.00	1,172.00
DTI Cheque Fees		3.90	0.15	4.05
Sec of State Fees		80,000.00	0.00	80,000.00
Petitioners Costs		2,170.00	0.00	2,170.00
Office Holders Fees		48,750.00	0.00	48,750.00
Legal Fees (1)		4,284.50	0.00	4,284.50
VAT		368,311.47	0.00	368,311.47
Tax on ISA Interest		581.06	0.26	581.32
Statutory Advertising		84.60	0.00	84.60
Bank Charges		352.00	88.00	440.00
Trade & Expense Creditors		3,049,119.46	0.00	3,049,119.46
		3,554,828.99	88.41	3,554,917.40
Net Receipts/(Payments)		867.87	(87.11)	780.76
MADE UP AS FOLLOWS				
ISA NIB		867.87	(782.11)	85.76
VAT Receivable / (Payable)		0.00	695.00	695.00
		867.87	(87.11)	780.76

Note:

The following distribution was made:

Date	Amount of distribution	Rate of distribution per share
20 March 2017	£3,049,119.46	94.88p in the £

Act on Services (South East) Limited

Analysis of time costs from 21/04/15 to 20/04/20



Categories	Time recorded (Hours)						Total Sum of Charge	Average Hourly Rate
	Partner	Manager	Senior Administrator	Administrator	Junior	Total Time		
GENERAL CASE ADMINISTRATION								
Case Planning	10.50	3.70	0.10	4.50	0.20	19.00	6,691.50	352.18
Maintenance of Records	0.90	7.80	6.70	0.60	0.20	16.20	4,152.00	256.30
Statutory Reporting	1.90	15.50	4.50	8.50	0.70	31.10	7,574.50	243.55
Non-formal app Work		0.90				0.90	274.50	305.00
INS Cashiering		0.50		7.95	0.40	8.85	987.50	111.58
Total	13.30	28.40	11.30	21.55	1.50	76.05	19,680.00	258.78
REALISATION OF ASSETS								
Identifying, Securing, insuring Assets	0.50					0.50	255.00	510.00
Debt Collection	12.60					12.60	5,538.00	439.52
Property, Business and Asset Sales		0.30				0.30	91.50	305.00
Total	13.10	0.30				13.40	5,884.50	439.14
INVESTIGATIONS								
Investigating Antecedent Transactions	27.40	56.40	0.40		0.20	84.40	29,025.00	343.90
Total	27.40	56.40	0.40		0.20	84.40	29,025.00	343.90
CREDITORS								
Communications With Creditors	5.60	5.50				11.10	4,533.50	408.42
Creditors' Claims (inc. Employees and Preferential		4.70				4.70	1,433.50	305.00
Total	5.60	10.20				15.80	5,967.00	377.66
CASE SPECIFIC MATTERS								
Case Specific Matters		37.70		5.20		43.80	12,208.00	278.72
Total		37.70		5.20		43.80	12,208.00	278.72
	59.40	133.00	11.70	26.75	1.70	233.45	72,764.50	311.69

Act on Services (South East) Limited

Analysis of time costs from 21/04/19 to 20/04/20



Categories	Time recorded (Hours)						Total Sum of Charge	Average Hourly Rate
	Partner	Manager	Senior Administrator	Administrator	Junior	Total Time		
GENERAL CASE ADMINISTRATION								
Case Planning		1.30		1.40		2.70	298.00	110.37
Maintenance of Records		0.50		0.30		0.80	188.50	235.63
Statutory Reporting	0.40	4.80		2.20		7.40	1,932.00	261.08
INS Cashiering		0.30			0.30	0.60	121.50	202.50
Total	0.40	6.90		3.90	0.30	11.50	2,540.00	220.87
INVESTIGATIONS								
Investigating Antecedent Transactions		8.10				8.10	2,470.50	305.00
Total		8.10				8.10	2,470.50	305.00
CREDITORS								
Communications With Creditors		0.20				0.20	61.00	305.00
Total		0.20				0.20	61.00	305.00
	0.40	15.20		3.90	0.30	19.80	5,071.50	256.14

PRACTICE FEE RECOVERY POLICY FOR HASLERS

Introduction

The insolvency legislation was changed in October 2015, with one or two exceptions, for insolvency appointments made from that time. This sheet explains how we intend to apply the alternative fee bases allowed by the 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.

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.haslers.com/services/insolvency/>. Alternatively a hard copy may be requested from Haslers, Old Station Road, Loughton, Essex IG10 4PL. Please note that we have provided further details in this policy document.

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 drawn. If approval has been obtained for remuneration on a time costs basis, i.e. by reference to time properly spent by members of staff of the practice at our standard charge out rates, the time incurred will also be disclosed, whether drawn or not, together with the average, or "blended" rates of such costs. Under the legislation, any such report must disclose how creditors can seek further information and challenge the basis on which the fees are calculated and the level of fees drawn in the period of the report. Once the time to challenge the office holder's remuneration for the period reported on has elapsed, then that remuneration cannot subsequently be challenged.

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.

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.

Chargeout Rates

Grade of staff	Current charge-out rate per hour, effective from 1 April 2020 £	Previous charge-out rate per hour, effective from 1 April 2019 £
Partner – appointment taker	375-510	375-510
Manager	285-320	285-320
Senior Administrator	195-250	195-250
Case Administrator	95-165	95-165
Cashier	100	100

Where necessary and appropriate, members of staff from other departments of the practice will undertake work on a case. They will be charged at their normal charge out rate for undertaking such work.

These charge-out rates charged are reviewed on 1 January each year and are adjusted to take account of inflation and the firm's overheads.

Time spent on casework is recorded directly to the relevant case using a computerised time recording system and the nature of the work undertaken is recorded at that time. The work is generally recorded under the following categories:

- Administration and Planning.
- Maintenance of records
- Investigations.
- Realisation of Assets.
- Creditors.
- Case specific matters.
- Statutory reporting.

In cases where we were appointed prior to 1 October 2015, most of our fees were recovered on a time costs basis and appropriate authority was obtained from the creditors or the committee as set down in the legislation. The legislation changed on 1 October 2015 and on new appointments we seek time costs for all categories of work

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. 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.

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 say whether we anticipate needing further approval and, if so, why we think it may be necessary to seek further approval.

Members' voluntary liquidations and Voluntary Arrangements

The legislation changes that took effect from 1 October 2015 did not apply to members' voluntary liquidations (MVL), Company Voluntary Arrangements (CVA) or Individual Voluntary Arrangements (IVA). In MVLs, the company's members set the fee basis, often as a fixed fee. 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 Individual Voluntary Arrangements and Company Voluntary Arrangements which are VAT exempt, the officeholder's remuneration invoiced to the insolvent estate will be subject to VAT at the prevailing rate.

Agent's Costs

Charged at cost based upon the charge made by the Agent instructed, the term Agent includes:

- Solicitors/Legal Advisors
- Auctioneers/Valuers
- Accountants
- Quantity Surveyors
- Estate Agents
- Other Specialist Advisors

In new appointments made after 1 October 2015, the office holder will provide details of expenses to be incurred, or likely to be incurred, when seeking fee approval. 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.

Disbursements

In accordance with SIP 9 the basis of disbursement allocation in respect of disbursements incurred by the Office Holder in connection with the administration of the estate must be fully disclosed to creditors. Disbursements are categorised as either Category 1 or Category 2.

Category 1 expenses are directly referable to an invoice from a third party, which is either in the name of the estate or Haslers; in the case of the latter, the invoice makes reference to, and therefore can be directly attributed to, the estate. These disbursements are recoverable in full from the estate without the prior approval of creditors either by a direct payment from the estate or, where the firm has made payment on behalf of the estate, by a recharge of the amount invoiced by the third party. Examples of category 1 disbursements are statutory advertising, external meeting room hire, external storage, specific bond insurance and Company search fees.

Category 2 expenses are incurred by the firm and recharged to the estate; they are not attributed to the estate by a third party invoice and/or they may include a profit element. It is not Haslers' policy to charge for such costs.

PROVISION OF SERVICES REGULATIONS SUMMARY SHEET FOR HASLERS

The following information is designed to draw the attention of interested parties to the information required to be disclosed by the Provision of Services Regulations 2009.

Licensing Body

Nicholas Nicholson is licensed to act as an Insolvency Practitioner in the United Kingdom by the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales.

Nicholas Nicholson is a Member of the Insolvency Practitioners Association.

Haslers is also a member of the ICAEW, Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales.

Rules Governing Actions

All IPs are bound by the rules of their professional body, including any that relate specifically to insolvency. The rules of the professional body that licences Haslers' IPs <https://www.icaew.com/-/media/corporate/files/members/regulations-standards-and-guidance/master-insolvency-regulations-and-guidance-notes-010518.ashx?la=en>. In addition, IPs are bound by the Statements of Insolvency Practice (SIPs), details of which can be found at <https://www.r3.org.uk/what-we-do/publications/professional/statements-of-insolvency-practice>.

Ethics

All IPs are required to comply with the Insolvency Code of Ethics and a copy of the Code can be found at <https://www.icaew.com/-/media/corporate/files/members/regulations-standards-and-guidance/ethics/code-of-ethics-part-d-insolvency-practitioners-1-jan-2011.ashx> IPA - <http://www.insolvency-practitioners.org.uk/regulation-and-guidance/ethics-code>.

Complaints

At Haslers we always strive to provide a professional and efficient service. However, we recognise that it is in the nature of insolvency proceedings for disputes to arise from time to time. As such, should you have any comments or complaints regarding the administration of a particular case then in the first instance you should contact the IP acting as office holder.

If you consider that the IP has not dealt with your comments or complaint appropriately you should then put details of your concerns in writing to our complaints officer Jon O'Shea, Haslers, Old Station Road, Loughton, Essex IG10 4PL. This will then formally invoke our complaints procedure and we will endeavour to deal with your complaint under the supervision of a senior partner unconnected with the appointment.

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; or you can email insolvency.enquiryline@insolvency.gov.uk; or you may phone 0300 678 0015. Information on the call charges that apply is available at <https://www.gov.uk/call-charges>.

Professional Indemnity Insurance

Haslers' Professional Indemnity Insurance is provided by Axis Speciality SE, of Willis Limited, 51 Lime Street, London EC3M 7DQ. This professional indemnity insurance provides worldwide coverage.

VAT

Haslers is registered for VAT under registration no. 978 0506 90.

Bribery Act 2010

Haslers is committed to applying the highest standards of ethical conduct and integrity in its business activities. Every employee and individual acting on Haslers' behalf is responsible for maintaining our reputation and for conducting company business honestly and professionally.

Haslers take a zero-tolerance approach to bribery and corruption and are committed to acting professionally, fairly and with integrity in all our business dealings and relationships wherever we operate.

Haslers requires all those who are associated with it to observe the highest standards of impartiality, integrity and objectivity.

Haslers prohibits anyone acting on its behalf from:

- bribing another person. A bribe includes the offering, promising or giving of any financial or other type of advantage;
- accepting a bribe. This includes requesting, agreeing to receive or accepting any financial, or another kind of advantage;
- bribing a foreign public official; and
- condoning the offering or acceptance of bribes.

Haslers will:

- avoid doing business with others who do not accept our values and who may harm our reputation;
- maintain processes, procedures and records that limit the risk of direct or indirect bribery;
- promote awareness of this policy amongst its staff, those acting on its behalf and entities with which it has any commercial dealings;
- investigate all instances of alleged bribery, and will assist the police, and other authorities when appropriate, in any resultant prosecutions. In addition, disciplinary action will be considered against individual members of staff;
- review this policy regularly and update it when necessary.
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