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Company number 0 7 5 1 3 3 1 9

Company name in full Economy Energy Trading Limited

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2 Liquidator's name

Full forename(s) Jon L

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Building name/number 17th Floor

Street 103 Colmore Row

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County/Region

Postcode B 3 3 A G

Country

4 Liquidator's name ①

Full forename(s) Stuart

Surname Preston

① Other liquidator

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Liquidator's signature

Signature

X *John*

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Signature date

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**Joint liquidators' progress report for the year
ended 12 January 2024**

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Includes strategy, progress and remaining work to do

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Definitions

The following definitions are used either within the body of this report, the appendices to it, or both.

Act	The Insolvency Act 1986
AIC	Allied International Credit
Company	Economy Energy Trading Limited
DDI	Direct Debit Instruction
Firm / Grant Thornton	Grant Thornton UK LLP
HMRC	HM Revenue & Customs
HSBC	HSBC Bank plc
Joint Liquidators / we / us / our	Jon Roden Stuart Preston
OFGEM	The Office of Gas and Electricity Markets
OVO	OVO Energy Limited
PAYE	Pay As You Earn
ROCs	Renewable Obligation Certificates
Period	The reporting period for the year ended 12 January 2024
RPS	Redundancy Payments Service
Rules	The Insolvency (England and Wales) Rules 2016
SHMA	Shakespeare Martineau LLP
SoLR	Supplier of Last Resort
Squires	Squire Patton Boggs LLP
SIP	Statement of Insolvency Practice
UK	United Kingdom
VAT	Value Added Tax

1 Executive summary

Progress of the liquidation

- Our work during the Period mainly focused on finalising the court proceedings and the pre-appointment VAT position, reviewing and adjudicating unsecured creditor claims, as well as complying with statutory duties
- Receipts and payments of the estate during the Period total £9,958 and £153,686, and as at Period end respective cumulative totals are £13.76 million and £6.17 million
- We have charged remuneration and incurred expenses in the Period amounting to £71,915 and £153,147, bringing the cumulative totals at Period end to £2.88 million and £3.6 million of which £2.05 million (including £850,000 paid during the administration) and £3.6 million has been paid.

Future of the liquidation

- Currently, the primary matters remaining to be dealt with are concluding the debtor realisations, adjudicating and finalising unsecured creditor claims, paying the second and final dividend to unsecured creditors and progressing the case to closure
- No future realisations are anticipated
- In addition to remuneration charged and expenses incurred, we estimate an additional £25,000 in remuneration and £5,000 in expenses to deal with the above remaining matters
- We anticipate our total remuneration and expenses will be higher than estimated. However, we will not be seeking to revise our fees estimate. Accordingly, we currently anticipate £373,175 further payment of our remuneration from the estate.

Dividend prospects

- We paid an interim dividend to unsecured creditors totalling 5p in the £ in November 2022
- We anticipate paying a second and final dividend to the unsecured creditors of approximately 5p in the £ in the next six months.

Information for creditors and members

- Information to help creditors and members to understand their rights in insolvency and regarding liquidators' fees, the roles and functions of committees and how to make a complaint is available via Grant Thornton's website: <https://www.granthornton.co.uk/portal>
- Alternatively, we will supply this information by post, free of charge, on request
- Please be aware that a genuine liquidator would never ask (directly or via a third party) for an upfront fee or tax to release an investment or to enable payment of a dividend / release of money payable to a creditor.



Jon Roden
Joint Liquidator

5 March 2024

2 Assets

2.1 Realisation of assets

Customer debtors

SHMA

We have continued to work with SHMA to collect outstanding payment plans and £4,928 has been realised during the Period. SHMA was paid £409 in commission during the Period.

As at Period end, there are 44 live debt accounts with a combined debt balance due to the Company of £21,503.

The average monthly collections on these payment plans have reduced to c£400 and we have concluded that it is no longer cost effective to keep the liquidation open to receive these amounts. As a result, SHMA will be instructed to cease collections.

AIC

AIC continued to collect outstanding payment plans with debtor collections of £4,735 achieved during the Period. No further realisations are anticipated and AIC did not incur any costs in the Period.

Cumulative customer debts collected during the liquidation total £827,802 bringing cumulative collections to £4.47 million.

Other matters

Customers

As previously reported, we identified c£17,000 which potentially needed to be refunded to customers due to standing order overpayments. We continue to try and identify the customers concerned so that the amounts can be refunded.

Miscellaneous refund

A refund of £296 has been received in the Period in respect of surplus funds due to the Company by a customer.

2.2 Assets remaining to be realised

We expect no further realisations and as such the case will be progressed to closure.

3 Investigations into the affairs of the Company

3.1 Overview

Based on the outcome of our investigations into the affairs of the Company to date, there are no matters identified that need to be reported to the creditors.

However, we would be pleased to receive from any creditor any useful information concerning the Company that may assist us in our role as Joint Liquidators.

4 Creditors and dividend prospects

No statement of affairs has been prepared for the liquidation. The creditor totals in the directors' statement of affairs for the administration continue to apply.

4.1 Secured creditors

On 15 June 2015, the Company granted a debenture, including fixed and floating charges over all assets, in favour of HSBC. Squires confirmed the validity of this security during the administration period.

Whilst HSBC had no indebtedness at the date of appointment, HSBC had to honour DDI payments to customers following our appointment, which were treated as a floating charge distribution.

Floating charge distributions to HSBC total £682,056 and as previously reported, no further distributions are anticipated.

4.2 Preferential creditors

These include employee claims for wages and salary up to £800 per person and accrued holiday pay, and employee contributions to occupational pension schemes deducted in the four months before the insolvency. A significant element of these claims has been transferred to the Secretary of State, following payment of employment related claims by the RPS.

During the liquidation, we agreed preferential creditor claims totalling £13,246 and these claims were settled in full on 2 October 2020.

4.3 Unsecured creditors

We have received unsecured claims totalling £78.09 million, however, we anticipate that claims could increase to £81.85 million should all creditors submit claims.

Dividend prospects

In November 2022, we processed our first interim dividend to unsecured creditors of 5p in the £. The total amount distributed was £1.1 million, as shown at Appendix C, but excluded certain unsecured claims, as either further information was required to support their claims, or their claims were subject to a court directions application. A provision was instead created for these claims and a catch-up dividend may be payable to these creditors when the second and final dividend is paid.

We anticipate paying a second and final dividend of approximately 5p in the next six months.

For creditors that are yet to submit a claim, creditor claims can be submitted online through the Grant Thornton Insolvency Act portal. Unique passwords have been issued to each creditor. Should you require your unique password, please contact cmusupport@uk.gt.com.

Any distributions to be made to creditors who are designated under the UK sanctions regime (and the United States (US), European Union (EU) and other applicable sanctions regimes) (Sanctioned Creditors) will be frozen to comply with our legal obligations and will not be made available to Sanctioned Creditors unless, in very limited circumstances, the payment of the distribution is permitted by licenses issued by all applicable sanctions authorities.

Application to court for directions

As outlined in previous reports, it was necessary for us to obtain legal opinions in respect of two complex unsecured claims from OVO and OFGEM. These claims were material in value at c£21 million and c£28 million respectively.

OFGEM's claim predominantly relates to amounts due under the ROCs. The key question was whether there was a valid, legal mechanism for any recovery from an insolvent estate to be redistributed to the energy industry and whether the ROCs liability survives the industry's mutualisation process for a shortfall.

OVO's claim relates to its role as SoLR and its agreement to OFGEM that it would honour all pre-appointment credit balances for former customers of the Company. The key question was whether OVO can validly stand in the shoes of the customers for credit balances or was the Company unjustly enriched by OVO taking on these liabilities.

The outcome of the court hearing was that the OVO and OFGEM unsecured claims are valid to be submitted in the liquidation.

We have corresponded with OVO and OFGEM to obtain their final claims, which have been received and total £21.08 million and £28.25 million, respectively. Currently, due to the complexities and quantum of the claims, they are in the process of being adjudicated but are likely to be agreed shortly.

5 Joint Liquidators' remuneration and expenses

5.1 Overview

Details about our remuneration and expenses are provided in Appendix D to this report.

6 Future strategy

6.1 Future conduct of the liquidation

This will include but not be limited to:

- paying liquidation expenses, including our remuneration
- finalising debtor position and issuing customer refunds
- finalising the Company's tax affairs, including completing corporation tax and VAT returns and settlement of any liabilities
- complying with statutory and compliance obligations
- finalising the adjudication of the claims of the unsecured creditors and paying a second and final dividend
- closure of the liquidation.

6.2 Future reporting

Our next report to creditors will be issued no later than 12 March 2025, or earlier if the liquidation has been completed by that date.

A Notice about this report

This report has been prepared by Jon Roden, the Joint Liquidator of the Company, solely to comply with the Joint Liquidators' statutory duty to report to creditors under the Rules on the progress of the liquidation, and for no other purpose. It is not suitable to be relied upon by any other person, or for any other purposes, or in any other context.

This report has not been prepared in contemplation of it being used, and is not suitable to be used, to inform any investment decision in relation to the debt of or any financial interest in the Company.

Any estimated outcomes for creditors included in this report are illustrative only and cannot be relied upon as guidance as to the actual outcomes for creditors.

Any persons choosing to rely on this report for any purpose or in any context other than under the Rules do so at their own risk. To the fullest extent permitted by law, the Joint Liquidators do not assume any liability in respect of this report to any such person.

Please note that we are both authorised by the Insolvency Practitioners Association to act as insolvency practitioners.

The Joint Liquidators are bound by the Insolvency Code of Ethics.

The appointment of the Joint Liquidators is personal to them and, to the fullest extent permitted by law, Grant Thornton does not assume any responsibility and will not accept any liability to any person in respect of this report or the conduct of the liquidation.

Please note you should read this report in conjunction with the Joint Liquidators' previous progress reports issued to creditors, which can be found on the Grant Thornton portal (<https://www.grantthornton.co.uk/portal/>). Unless stated otherwise, all amounts in this progress report and appendices are stated net of VAT. For definitions of abbreviations please refer to the 'Definitions' table at the start of this progress report.

B Statutory information

Company information

Registered name	Economy Energy Trading Limited
Date of incorporation	1 February 2011
Company registration number	07513319
Former registered and trading address	10th Floor, Friars House Manor House Farm Coventry CV1 2TE
Present registered office	11th Floor Landmark St Peter's Square 1 Oxford St Manchester M1 4PB

Liquidation information

Date of appointment	13 January 2020
Names of Joint Liquidators	Jon Roden Stuart Preston
Addresses of Joint Liquidators	17th Floor, 103 Colmore Row, Birmingham, B3 3AG Level 8, 110 Queen Street, Glasgow, G1 3BX

Data protection

Any personal information held by the Company will continue to be processed for the purposes of the liquidation and in accordance with the requirements of data protection law. Our privacy notice on our website (www.grantthornton.co.uk/en/privacy) contains further details as to how we may use, process and store personal data.

Economy Energy Trading Limited
(In Liquidation)

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Joint Liquidators' Summary of Receipts & Payments

Statement of Affairs £	From 13/01/2023 To 12/01/2024 £	From 13/01/2020 To 12/01/2024 £
ASSET REALISATIONS		
Bank/ISA InterestGross	NIL	17,937.73
Customer Debtors	9,662.14	827,802.51
Miscellaneous Refund	296.31	296.31
MRASCo refund	NIL	7,823.10
SPAA rebate	NIL	9,283.63
Transfer from administration	NIL	12,387,200.14
Unallocated customer receipts	NIL	1,600.82
VAT Balance from Administration	NIL	507,962.99
	9,958.45	13,759,907.23
COST OF REALISATIONS		
Bank Charges	641.28	2,199.85
Corporation Tax	127.78	16,743.04
DCA/Outsourcing costs	409.22	576,162.17
Debt collection infrastructure costs	NIL	112,992.94
DTI Unclaimed Dividends	3.75	(2,562.56)
Insurance of Assets	NIL	807.13
Legal Fees and Disbursements	151,968.76	701,268.53
Liquidators' expenses	NIL	976.41
Liquidators' fees	NIL	1,199,604.63
Liquidators' fees - OVO contribution	NIL	122,604.63
Litigation related costs	NIL	70,134.33
Merchant services charges	NIL	10,677.77
Monies due to OVO	NIL	2,108,292.68
Monies returned to former customers	NIL	798.38
Statutory Advertising	NIL	168.75
Storage Costs	34.97	460.55
	(153,185.76)	(4,921,329.23)
PREFERENTIAL CREDITORS		
Preferential Creditors (All)	NIL	13,246.05
	NIL	(13,246.05)
FLOATING CHARGE CREDITORS		
Floating Charge Creditor - HSBC	NIL	105,339.31
	NIL	(105,339.31)
UNSECURED CREDITORS		
Unsecured Creditors (All)	500.00	1,125,906.07
	(500.00)	(1,125,906.07)
	(143,727.31)	7,594,086.57
REPRESENTED BY		
Barclays Current Ac NIB		2,182,813.01
Floating Current Account NIB		5,409,242.77
HMRC - VAT received/paid		(1,072,075.72)
VAT on Purchases		1,076,615.53
VAT on Sales		(2,509.02)
		7,594,086.57

Note:

Statement of Insolvency Practice 7 states that the headings used in the Receipts and Payments Account should follow those used in any prior Statement of Affairs (SOA). The SOA was provided by the Company's directors at the commencement of the

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Joint Liquidators' Summary of Receipts & Payments

Statement of Affairs £	From 13/01/2023 To 12/01/2024 £	From 13/01/2020 To 12/01/2024 £
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Administration and provided estimated to realise values for the categories of assets to be realised. The receipts above represent funds passed into Liquidation from the Administration, and as such, a meaningful comparison to the SOA by category cannot be made.

D Payments to the Joint Liquidators and their associates

SIP9 disclosure

This appendix has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Act, the Rules and SIP9. In summary, it covers:

- remuneration basis
- work done by the Joint Liquidators and their team during the Period
- statement of expenses incurred in the Period
- payments to associates
- relationships requiring disclosure
- sub-contracted work
- information for creditors (rights, remuneration, committees).

Remuneration basis of the Joint Liquidators

On 30 August 2019 the creditors resolved that remuneration be fixed according to the time properly spent by the Joint Administrators and their staff, with a fees estimate of £2.19 million.

On 31 March 2021 the creditors resolved that the fee estimate be revised with an additional fee estimate of £74,775, bringing the estimated fees to total £2.27 million.

On 23 March 2023 the creditors resolved that the fee estimate be revised with an additional fee estimate of £602,395, with fees to be drawn from this revision capped at £156,905. The current fee estimate therefore totals £2.87 million.

During the Period, time costs were incurred totalling £71,915 represented by 182 hrs at an average of £396/hr. This brings cumulative recorded time costs at the Period end to £2.88 million, of which £2.05 million has been paid to date (£850,000 during the administration and £1.2 million during the liquidation). We anticipate further payment of the balance of the fee estimate of £373,175.

A description of the work done in the Period is provided in the 'Work done by the Joint Liquidators and their team during the Period' section below.

Remuneration charged (time costs incurred) exceed that anticipated in the fees estimates, which were provided to the creditors prior to the determination of our remuneration basis. The reasons for the excesses are as follows:

- Reaching out to key creditors, with complex claims to obtain final claims or to request further documentation to support the proof of debts already received. Certain complex claims are still to be adjudicated
- Resolving the pre-appointment VAT issue with HMRC and obtaining and receiving final claim from HMRC, which has delayed the progression of the case to closure.

As at Period end, payment from the estate totalling £2.05 million has been made towards our remuneration. Based on the report to which this document is appended, we currently anticipate further payment from the estate of £373,175 resulting in total payment from the estate of £2.42 million; this is based on current information and is therefore subject to change. Please note that the total anticipated payment does not limit the amount of remuneration that the Joint Liquidators can draw from the estate, only the fees estimate has such effect

Work done by the Joint Liquidators and their team during the Period

We are required to detail costs of actual work done in the Period, including any expenses incurred in connection with it, against any fees estimate provided. Our fees estimate was included within our report to creditors 8 August 2019 and was subsequently revised in our reports dated 9 March 2021 and 1 March 2023. We are also required to provide narrative explanation of the work done and why it was necessary. The following tables (narrative followed by numerical) set out this information for the Joint Liquidators' remuneration charged together with a numerical fees estimate variance analysis. Reasons for any excess of the fees estimate are included in the 'Remuneration basis' section above. Note, however, that the level of remuneration charged that is eventually paid may be less depending on the value of asset recoveries or successful claims, for example. Details of expenses incurred in connection with work done are provided in the 'Statement of expenses incurred in the Period' section below.

Unless otherwise stated the work done in the Period has been either to comply with legislation and/or best practice requirements and, where applicable, to secure, manage and realise assets/recover claims to help generate financial value for the benefit of the estate and for distributions to creditors to be made (should sufficient funds become available). The work added value to the insolvency process, if not financial value to the estate, and helped facilitate efficient case management.

Work done and why it was necessary	Remuneration (time costs) charged		
Realisation of assets	6 hrs	£2,860	£/hr 481
Debtors			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reviewing and reconciling debtor book Collecting outstanding debtors and allocating receipts Obtaining legal updates from solicitors 			
Other assets			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prepared and sent letter to obtain credits held on a customer account owed to the Company 			
Investigations	1 hr	£600	£/hr 600
Claims			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Calls with lawyers regarding the legal claims 			
Creditors	50 hrs	£23,813	£/hr 477
Unsecured			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recording creditors' claims and maintaining the online creditors' portal Updating details and dealing with ad hoc queries and correspondence received Contacting creditors listed on the statement of affairs to submit a claim in the liquidation Correspondence with creditors who have submitted claims to requested supporting documentation to be able to adjudicate their claims Reviewing creditor claims schedule and Reviewing and admitting claims and writing to the creditors that their claims have been agreed 			
Dividends			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adjudicating creditor claims 			

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- Dealing with unclaimed dividends and the transfer of funds to The Insolvency Service

Administration	124 hrs	£44,642	£/hr 358
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Case management

- Calculating and maintaining an estimated outcome statement, monitoring progress and using the statement to help inform decisions and strategy
- Preparing and assessing case file reviews (including anti-money laundering, ethics and data protection matters) to ensure efficient and effective case progress
- Ongoing strategy development

Reports to creditors, notices & decisions

- Drafting, circulating and filing of reports to creditors regarding case progress and any significant matters
- Preparing and issuing notice of decision procedures and related documentation, regarding revising the basis of the office holders' remuneration
- Monitoring decision procedures, reviewing submissions, establishing the decision outcomes, assessing validity and reporting as appropriate

Treasury, billing & funding

- Preparing and assessing bank reconciliations, at least quarterly
- Assessing and processing invoices and remittances, preparing journals and cashbook entries as necessary

Tax

- Tax compliance
- Preparing and submitting tax and VAT returns as required
- Finalising pre-appointment VAT position with HMRC and obtaining HMRC's claim
- Chasing HMRC for VAT refunds
- Obtaining tax clearance from HMRC

Closure

- Internal handover of case to progression and closure team

Total remuneration charged in the Period	182 hrs	£71,915	£/hr 396
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Detailed SIP9 time cost analysis for the Period and fees estimate variance analysis as at Period end
Period from 13/01/2023 to 12/01/2024

Area of work	Partner		Manager		Executive		Administrator		Period total (Liquidation)			Cumulative total (Liquidation) as at period end			Administration Time Costs			Cumulative total as at period end			Fees estimate			Variance		
	Hrs	£	Hrs	£	Hrs	£	Hrs	£	Hrs	£	£/hr	Hrs	£	£/hr	Hrs	£	£/hr	Hrs	£	£/hr	Hrs	£	£/hr	Hrs	£	
Trading:	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	536.35	213,857.50	398.73	536.35	213,857.50	398.73	536.35	213,857.50	398.73	0.00	0.00
Trading general	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	536.35	213,857.50	398.73	536.35	213,857.50	398.73	536.35	213,857.50	398.73	0.00	0.00
Realisation of Assets:	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5.95	2,860.00	480.67	859.70	336,152.50	391.01	1,471.15	674,351.50	458.38	2,330.85	1,010,504.00	433.53	2,334.90	1,011,394.00	433.16	4.05	890.00	
Insurance	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.70	245.00	350.00	4.70	1,398.00	297.45	5.40	1,643.00	304.26	-	-	-	-	-	
Property	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.20	480.00	400.00	15.75	8,061.50	384.86	16.95	6,541.50	385.93	-	-	-	-	-	
Debtors	2.50	1,500.00	3.25	1,300.00	-	-	-	-	5.75	2,800.00	486.56	916.30	320,407.50	392.51	1,237.50	552,772.50	445.68	2,053.80	873,180.00	425.15	-	-	-	-	-	
Stock & WIP	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.50	300.00	600.00	0.50	300.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Cash at bank	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	16.60	5,840.00	351.81	-	-	-	16.60	5,840.00	351.81	-	-	-	-	-	
Other assets	-	-	-	-	0.20	60.00	-	-	0.20	60.00	300.00	24.90	9,180.00	368.67	212.70	113,819.50	535.12	237.60	122,999.50	517.67	-	-	-	-	-	
Investigations:	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.00	600.00	600.00	5.80	3,405.00	587.07	151.70	54,821.00	361.38	157.50	55,226.00	359.69	156.50	57,626.00	368.22	(1.00)	(600.00)	
Books & records	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.30	105.00	350.00	-	-	-	0.30	105.00	350.00	-	-	-	-	-	
Claims	1.00	600.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.00	600.00	600.00	5.50	3,300.00	600.00	-	-	-	5.50	3,300.00	600.00	-	-	-	-	-	
Investigations	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	151.05	54,498.50	360.80	151.05	54,498.50	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Debtor / director / senior employees	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.65	322.50	496.15	0.65	322.50	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Creditors:	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	49.95	23,813.00	476.74	937.99	371,831.00	396.41	1,234.30	488,289.50	370.79	2,172.28	780,121.30	359.12	2,187.34	782,808.30	357.68	15.05	2,687.00	
Secured	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.30	1,720.00	521.21	0.80	320.00	400.00	4.10	2,040.00	497.56	-	-	-	-	-	
Employees & pensions	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	76.45	24,476.50	320.16	286.45	102,629.50	358.28	362.90	127,106.00	350.25	-	-	-	-	-	
Unsecured	28.20	16,920.00	6.20	2,480.00	5.65	1,695.00	6.90	1,518.00	46.95	22,613.00	481.64	841.74	339,877.30	403.78	945.55	304,365.00	321.89	1,787.29	644,242.30	360.46	-	-	-	-	-	
Dividends	-	-	3.00	1,200.00	-	-	-	-	3.00	1,200.00	400.00	16.50	5,758.00	348.97	-	-	-	16.50	5,758.00	348.97	-	-	-	-	-	
General	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.50	975.00	650.00	1.50	975.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Administration:	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	124.60	44,642.00	358.28	908.98	323,712.00	336.13	1,193.21	489,913.80	410.58	2,102.19	813,625.80	387.04	2,063.59	802,583.80	388.93	(38.60)	(11,842.00)	
Take-on	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.00	400.00	400.00	-	-	-	1.00	400.00	400.00	-	-	-	-	-	
Appointment formalities	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.00	875.00	291.67	-	-	-	3.00	875.00	291.67	-	-	-	-	-	
Case set-up	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.25	1,137.50	350.00	-	-	-	3.25	1,137.50	350.00	-	-	-	-	-	
Other IPs, OR, AIB	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	33.90	21,712.50	648.13	33.90	21,712.50	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Case management	3.30	1,995.00	15.30	8,120.00	0.95	285.00	2.50	550.00	22.05	8,950.00	405.90	251.03	99,886.00	397.90	505.16	226,297.00	467.77	756.19	336,183.80	444.58	-	-	-	-	-	
Reports to creditors, notices & decisions	-	-	19.00	7,600.00	3.35	1,095.00	3.10	680.00	25.45	9,287.00	364.91	103.50	36,172.50	349.49	0.30	66.00	220.00	103.80	36,238.50	349.12	-	-	-	-	-	
Treasury, billing & funding	-	-	3.95	1,560.00	16.10	4,900.00	8.40	1,848.00	28.45	8,328.00	292.72	301.40	95,289.00	316.15	274.15	80,939.50	295.24	575.55	176,228.50	306.19	-	-	-	-	-	
Tax	5.10	3,060.00	29.00	11,600.00	2.35	705.00	11.85	2,607.00	48.30	17,972.00	372.09	243.75	88,946.00	364.91	347.90	133,772.00	384.51	591.65	222,718.00	376.44	-	-	-	-	-	
Pensions	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.70	901.00	530.00	32.20	17,126.00	531.86	33.90	16,027.00	531.77	-	-	-	-	-	
Closure	-	-	-	-	0.35	105.00	-	-	0.35	105.00	300.00	0.35	105.00	300.00	-	-	-	0.35	105.00	300.00	-	-	-	-	-	
Total	46.10	28,919.50	79.70	36,445.25	29.95	6,856.50	32.75	6,649.09	181.50	71,915.00	396.23	2,712.47	1,035,101.30	381.61	4,526.71	1,841,233.30	401.43	7,299.18	2,878,334.60	394.06	7,278.68	2,968,269.60	394.06	(20.50)	(8,065.00)	

Notes:

- Partner includes partners and directors
- Manager includes associate directors and managers
- Executive includes assistant manager and executives
- Adverse variances are presented in brackets
- Total time costs paid to date: £2,049,605 (including £850,000 paid during the administration)
- Please note that the actual time incurred in the Period may slightly differ to that reported in the table above. This is due to lags between time being recorded on our internal system by staff and then being posted to the case. We do not expect any differences to be material and any such discrepancies will be noted in our next report.

Statement of expenses incurred in the Period

This table provides details of expenses incurred in the Period in connection with the work done by the Joint Liquidators, description of which is provided in the 'Work done' section above.

As at Period end expenses have exceeded the initial anticipated amounts due to the legal fees in relation to the court action regarding the OVO and OFGEM claims (the outcome of which could have benefitted the other creditors), and also costs incurred in keeping the liquidation open for longer than previously envisaged, however, this has had little impact on the outcome for creditors due to the high value of creditor claims.

Category	Incurred in the Period (£)	Cumulatively incurred as at Period end (£)	Of which paid by the estate as at Period end (£)
Category 1 expenses			
Liquidators' expenses			
Travel (non-mileage)	-	108	108
Courier	-	20	20
Insolvency practitioners' bond	-	30	30
Postage costs	-	286	-
Bank Charges	641	2,200	2,200
Corporation Tax	128	16,743	16,743
DCA/Outsourcing costs	409	576,162	576,162
Debt collection infrastructure costs	-	112,993	112,993
Insurance of Assets	-	807	807
Legal Fees and Disbursements	151,969	701,269	701,269
Litigation related costs	-	70,134	70,134
Merchant services charges	-	10,678	10,678
Monies due to OVO	-	2,108,293	2,108,293
Monies returned to former customers	-	798	798
Statutory Advertising	-	169	169
Storage Costs	-	461	461
Category 2 expenses			
Liquidators' expenses			
Mileage	-	818	818
Total expenses	153,147	3,601,969	3,601,683

Expenses are any payments from the estate which are neither the Joint Liquidators' remuneration nor a distribution to a creditor or member, but they may include disbursements which are payments first met by and then reimbursed to the Joint Liquidators from the estate. Expenses fall into two categories:

Category 1 expenses

These are also known as 'out of pocket expenses' and are payments to third parties not associated with the Joint Liquidators where there is specific expenditure directly referable to the insolvent estate; they can be drawn without prior approval from creditors.

Category 2 expenses

These are expenses directly referable to the insolvent estate but payments that are either to an associate, or that include shared or allocated costs that may be incurred by the Joint Liquidators or their firm and that can be allocated to the appointment on a proper and reasonable basis. Category 2 expenses require approval in the same manner as the Joint Liquidators' remuneration.

The basis and resolutions are set out in the table below for shared or allocated costs, where applicable, and mileage. For associates, please see the next section – Payments to associates.

	Fee / cost basis	Resolution obtained
Mileage	Mileage is charged at 45p a mile. VAT is added as appropriate. Details of these costs are provided in the table above, where incurred	On 26 March 2019 the creditors resolved that the Joint Administrators out of pocket expenses at cost; mileage is charged at 45p per mile, be approved.

Payments to associates

Where we have enlisted the services of others we have sought to obtain the best value and service.

To the extent that services have been enlisted from Grant Thornton's specialist teams, for example tax, pensions, digital forensics, or any others, the narrative for and cost of their work is included in the work done narrative and SIP9 time costs analysis details in the Work done by the Joint Liquidators and their team during the Period section above.

We confirm that in the Period, we have not enlisted any other services from within our firm or from a party with whom (to the best of our knowledge) our firm, or an individual within our firm, has an association.

Relationships requiring disclosure

We confirm that we are not aware of any business or personal relationships with any parties responsible for approving the Joint Liquidators' fee basis.

Sub-contracted work

During the Period we have sub-contracted the following work that could otherwise have been carried out by us or our team:

Sub-contractor	Work sub-contracted	Reason for sub-contracting
SHMA	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Debt collection	<ul style="list-style-type: none">SHMA charge commission of 8% of realisation and it is more cost effective to outsource this work

The costs incurred and paid for each subcontractor can be seen in the 'Statement of expenses incurred in the Period' table above.

Information for creditors and members

Information to help creditors and members to understand their rights in insolvency and regarding officeholders' (ie administrators or liquidators) remuneration and the roles and functions of committees and how to make a complaint is available via Grant Thornton's website:

<https://www.grantthornton.co.uk/portal>

Alternatively, we will supply this information by post, free of charge, on request.

