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1 Company details

Company number	0 7 7 8 3 5 0 7
Company name in full	Torquing Group Ltd

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Please complete in typescript or in bold black capitals.

2 Liquidator's name

Full forename(s)	Gary
Surname	Stones

3 Liquidator's address

Building name/number	63
Street	Walter Road
Post town	Swansea
County/Region	Swansea
Postcode	S A 1 4 P T
Country	

4 Liquidator's name ❶

Full forename(s)	
Surname	

❶ **Other liquidator**
Use this section to tell us about another liquidator.

5 Liquidator's address ❷

Building name/number	
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Country	

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Use this section to tell us about another liquidator.

6 Period of progress report

From date	d 0 d 4	m 1 m 2	y 2 y 0 y 1 y 8
To date	d 0 d 3	m 1 m 2	y 2 y 0 y 1 y 9

7 Progress report

☑ The progress report is attached

8 Sign and date

Liquidator's signature	Signature X	X
Signature date	d 0 d 6	m 1 m 2 y 2 y 0 y 1 y 9

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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: Mrs Ann Evans
Company name: Stones & Co
Address: 63 Walter Road
Post town: Swansea
County/Region: Swansea
Postcode: S A 1 4 P T
Country: UK
DX:
Telephone: 01792 654607

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- ☐ The company name and number match the information held on the public Register.
- ☐ You have attached the required documents.
- ☐ You have signed the form.

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TORQUING GROUP LTD – In Creditors' Voluntary Liquidation

LIQUIDATOR'S PROGRESS REPORT TO MEMBERS AND CREDITORS

For the year ending 3rd December 2019

STATUTORY INFORMATION

Company Name:	Torquing Group Ltd
Registered Office:	63 Walter Road Swansea SA1 4PT
Former Registered Office:	c/o Bevan & Buckland Langdon House Langdon Road Swansea SA1 8QY
Registered Number:	07783507
Liquidator's' Name:	Gary Stones
Liquidator's' Address:	Stones & Co 63 Walter Road Swansea SA1 4PT
Liquidator's Date of Appointment:	4th December 2015

LIQUIDATOR'S ACTIONS SINCE LAST REPORT

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 I.

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

A summary of my receipts and payments for the period from 4th December 2018 to 3rd December 2019 is attached at Appendix II.

The balance of funds are held in an interest bearing liquidation account held with Lloyds Bank Plc.

ASSETS

Since my last report the sum of £6803.17 has been realised from the liquidation of Torquing Robotics Limited, representing a dividend of 3.84p in £1 in respect of the debt owed of £177165.91.

In addition to the above the following assets have been realised to date:-

Estimated to	Realise per Statement of Affairs	Amount Realised
	£	£
Intellectual Property Rights	4000	12553.76
Plant & Machinery, Office Equipment, and Furniture & Fixtures	5500	

Other Assets

In addition to the above assets disclosed in the Statement of Affairs the following payments have been received:-

	£
Pre - Liquidation VAT Repayment	1425.04
Welsh Water Refund	5.94

Negotiations have yet to be concluded regarding a potential realisation of Intellectual Property Rights to a 50% owner thereof. My solicitors are dealing therewith.

The company is also owed the sum of £98323.84 by Torquing Technology Limited but there stands to be no distribution to any class of creditors in that liquidation.

LIABILITIES

Secured Creditors

An examination of the Company's mortgage register held by the Registrar of Companies showed that the Company has granted security to HSBC Bank Plc in the form of a debenture, created on 23rd December 2014 and registered on 23rd December 2014, conferring fixed and floating charges over the property, undertaking and assets of the company.

The Section 98 report presented at the meeting of creditors held on 4th December 2015 stated that there were nil balances on the company's three accounts held with the bank. However, the bank has lodged a proof of debt in the liquidation in the sum of £6137.86.

Preferential Creditors

The Statement of Affairs did not anticipate any claims from preferential creditors and none have been received.

Crown Creditors

The Statement of Affairs included £97538 owed to HMRC in respect of VAT. HMRC originally submitted a final claim in the liquidation of £75297 in respect of VAT. However, HMRC stated in their claim that their claim may change should subsequent arrears arise at a later date. HMRC have informed that as the company was Group VAT registered that the liabilities are claimed jointly and severally against all companies who were members when the debt arose in accordance with Section 43 of the Finance Act 1994. The other liquidated companies within the group are Torquing Robotics Limited and Torquing Technology Limited.

The claim of HMRC was received during February 2016 and was based on assessments. An accurate final VAT return was subsequently submitted by Torquing Group Limited on behalf of the group of companies with the assistance of the former director Mr P. Busby who signed off same.

A Group VAT refund of £8906.48 was received from HMRC of which £1425.04 was attributable to Torquing Group Ltd and is disclosed in my receipts and payments account attached at Appendix II.

A revised final proof of debt was subsequently issued by HMRC on 16th January 2018 showing a £nil liability.

Non-preferential unsecured Creditors

In addition to the Crown debt above the Statement of Affairs included 14 non-preferential unsecured creditors with estimated liability totalling £68226.67, representing a director's loan of £225.82, 3 unexpired hire agreements of £27669.59 and 10 trade & expense creditors of £40331.26. I have received claims from 10 creditors totalling £68596.63, representing a director's loan of £225, 3 unexpired hire agreements of £16359.13 and 6 trade & expense creditors of £52012.50. I have not received claims from 4 trade & expense creditors with original estimated claims in the Statement of Affairs of £512.71.

DIVIDEND PROSPECTS

Secure Creditor

There is no prospect of a distribution to the floating charge holder.

Preferential Creditors

There are no preferential creditors.

Non-Preferential Unsecured Creditors

As previously advised, the Company gave a floating charge to HSBC Bank Plc on 23rd December 2014 and the prescribed part provisions will apply. On the basis of realisations to date, together with estimated future realisations, and after taking into account the costs of the Liquidation to date, the net property of the Company is £152.16, and I estimate that the prescribed part of the net property for unsecured creditors is £76.08. However, these estimates do not take into account the future costs of the Liquidation, which will reduce the amount of the Company's net property to £nil, such that there will be no prescribed part available to distribute to unsecured creditors.

INVESTIGATION INTO THE AFFAIRS OF THE COMPANY

Within three months of my appointment as Liquidator, I am required to submit a confidential report to the Secretary of State to include any matters which have come to my attention during the course of my work which may indicate that the conduct of any past or present Director would make them unfit to be concerned with the management of the Company. I would confirm that my report has been submitted.

PRE-APPOINTMENT REMUNERATION

The creditors previously authorised the payment of a fee of £7500 for my assistance with preparing the Statement of Affairs and convening and holding the meeting of creditors at a meeting held on 4th December 2015. The fees for preparing the Statement of Affairs and convening and holding the meeting of creditors were partly paid by the Company in the sum of £4000. The balance of £3500 was paid from the realisations in the liquidation and is shown in the enclosed receipts and payments account.

LIQUIDATOR'S REMUNERATION

My remuneration was approved on a mixture of a time cost basis and as a fixed fee.

I was authorised to draw time costs of £10000 for my work in respect of the following categories of work:-

- Investigations
- Distributions to Creditors (if any)
- Case Specific Matter:-
  - Investigation into what exactly constitutes the company Intellectual Property Rights and realisation (if of any value) of same.

This approval was based on my fees estimate of £10120. The fees estimate acts as a cap and I cannot draw remuneration in excess of that estimate without first seeking

approval from the creditors. My total time costs for such work to 3rd December 2019 amount to £5114, representing 21 of hours work at a blended charge out rate of £243.52 per hour, of which £3206.50 representing 13.70 hours work was charged in the period since 3rd December 2018 at a blended charge out rate of £234.01 per hour. The actual blended charge out rate incurred compares with the estimated blended charge out rate of £187.40 in my fees estimate.

I have drawn £4472.50 to 3rd December 2019, all of which was drawn in the period since 3rd December 2018 in respect of work done for which my fees were approved on a time cost basis.

A detailed schedule of my time costs incurred to date and since 3rd December 2018 compared with my original fees estimate are attached as Appendices III and IV.

I was also authorised to draw a fixed fee of £10000 for my work in respect of the following categories of work:-

- Administration & Planning
- Creditors
- Realisation of Assets

I have drawn £10000 to 3rd December 2019, of which £2350 was drawn in the period since 3rd December 2018 in respect of work done for which my fees were approved as a fixed fee.

I have sub-contracted some of the work I am required to undertake as Liquidator, namely preparing a report in accordance with Statement off Insolvency Practice 2 in reviewing the company's books and records in order to identify any unusual or exceptional transactions. This work was sub-contracted to an unconnected third party organisation that has charged £46.35 for undertaking that work, which has been paid in full.

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' published by R3, is available at the link https://www.r3.org.uk/what-we-do/publications/professional/fees. Please note that there are different versions of the Guidance Notes and in this case you should refer to the April 2017 version. Please note that further details are provided on our website at www.stonesandco.co.uk.

LIQUIDATOR'S EXPENSES

I have incurred expenses to 3rd December 2019 of £2663.93, of which £43.80 was incurred in the period since 3rd December 2018.

I have drawn £2663.93 to date, of which £45.73 was drawn in the period since 3rd December 2018.

The following table shows an estimation of the total expenses expected to be incurred during the course of the liquidation compared to the actual expenses incurred as at 3rd December 2019:-

Nature of expense	Estimated expenses	Expenses incurred to date
	£	£
Agent's Fees & Disbursements	1000	1858.10
Consultancy Fee - SIP2 Report	-	46.35
Statutory Advertising	378	233.00
Liquidator's Bond	180	360.00
Company Search	5	1.00
Legal Fees	1000	-
Postages	120	165.48
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Total	2683	2663.93
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As at 3rd December 2019 I do not anticipate that the expenses I will incur in this matter will exceed the total expenses I estimated I would incur when my remuneration was authorised by the creditors.

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 Liquidator's 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 Liquidator as being excessive, and/or the basis of the Liquidator's 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 Stones & Co can be found on our website at www.stonesandco.co.uk.

SUMMARY

The Liquidation will remain open until the Intellectual Property Rights issue has been concluded. Once resolved the Liquidation will be finalised and our files will be closed.

If creditors have any queries regarding the conduct of the Liquidation, or if they want hard copies of any of the documents made available online, then they should contact Mrs Ann Evans on 01792 654607 or by email at info@stonesandco.co.uk.

GARY STONES
LIQUIDATOR

APPENDIX I

1. Administration

This represents the work involved in the routine administrative functions of the case by the office holder and his staff, together with the control and supervision of the work done on the case by the office holder and his manager. It does not give direct financial benefit to the creditors, but has to be undertaken by the office holder to meet his requirements under the insolvency legislation and the Statements of Insolvency Practice, which set out required practice that the office holder 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.
- Reviewing the adequacy of the specific penalty bond on a quarterly basis.
- 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 annual progress reports to creditors and members.
- Filing returns at Companies House.
- Preparing and filing VAT returns.
- Preparing and filing Corporation Tax returns.

2. 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.

APPENDIX II

TORQUING GROUP LTD - IN LIQUIDATION

SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS OF GARY STONES AS LIQUIDATOR FROM 4TH DECEMBER 2018 TO 3RD DECEMBER 2019

	Estimated to Realise per Statement of Affairs £	Total Y.E. 3/12/18 £	Y.E. 3/12/19 £	Total £
RECEIPTS				
Patents & Licences	4000	12553.76	-	12553.76
Plant & Machinery , Office Equipment and Furniture & Fixtures	5500			
Inter-Company Debt	-	-	6803.17	6803.17
Welsh Water Refund	-	5.94	-	5.94
Pre - Liquidation VAT Reclaim	-	1425.04	-	1425.04
Gross Interest	-	0.41	0.27	0.68
	9500	13985.15	6803.44	20788.59
PAYMENTS				
Agent's Fees & Disbursements		1858.10	-	1858.10
Balance of Statement of Affairs & S98 Meeting Fees		3500.00	-	3500.00
Liquidator's Remuneration - Fixed Fee on Account		7650.00	2350.00	10000.00
- Time Costs		-	4472.50	4472.50
Liquidator's Disbursements		760.10	45.73	805.83
		13768.20	6868.23	20636.43
VAT				80.00
				20716.43
Balance in Hand as at 3rd December 2019				72.16

Notes

1. The above figures are net of VAT where applicable.

2. The balance is held in an interest bearing liquidation account with Lloyds Bank Plc.

3. Liquidator's Disbursements have been paid as follows:-

	£
Advertising	233.00
Consultancy Fee- SIP2 Report	46.35
Bond	360.00
Company Search	1.00
Postage	165.48

	805.83
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APPENDIX III

TORQUING GROUP LTD - IN LIQUIDATION

SCHEDULE OF CHARGEABLE TIME OF GARY STONES AS LIQUIDATOR OF THE COMPANY FOR THE PERIOD 4TH DECEMBER 2017 TO 3RD DECEMBER 2018

Hours						Time Costs £	Average Hourly Rate £
Classification of work function	Principal	Qualified Accountant/ Manager	Senior Administrator	Cashier/ Administrator and Insolvency Assistant	Total Hours		
Distribution to Creditors (Correction)	(4.00)				(4.00)	(1140.00)	(285.00)
Intellectual Property Rights	0.10	3.60	3.30		16.30	4032.00	247.36
Investigations	0.10	1.30			1.40	315.50	224.64
Total Hours	5.50	4.90	3.30		13.70		
Total Cost	1567.50	1078.00	561.00			3206.50	234.01

All units are 6 minutes

APPENDIX IV

TORQUING GROUP LTD - IN LIQUIDATION

SCHEDULE OF CHARGEABLE TIME OF GARY STONES AS LIQUIDATOR OF THE COMPANY FOR THE PERIOD 4TH DECEMBER 2015 (DATE OF LIQUIDATION) TO 3RD DECEMBER 2019

Hours						Time Costs £	Average Hourly Rate £
Classification of work function	Principal	Qualified Accountant/ Manager	Senior Administrator	Cashier/ Administrator and Insolvency Assistant	Total Hours		
Investigations & Conduct Reports	0.30	2.90	0.60		3.80	825.50	217.23
Intellectual Property Rights	10.30	3.60	3.30		17.20	4288.50	249.33
Total Hours	10.60	6.50	3.90		21.00		
Total Cost	3021.00	1430.00	663.00			5114.00	243.52
				Fees drawn to date		(4472.50)	
All units are 6 minutes				Unbilled Time		641.50	

FEES COMPARISON

Classification of Work	Estimated Fees		Fees incurred to date	
	Hours	£	Hours	£
Investigations & Conduct Reports	44	7270	3.80	825.50
Intellectual Property Rights	10	2850	17.20	4288.50
Totals	54	10120	22.60	5570.00