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### Company details

Company number 0 8 0 2 3 2 0 5

Company name in full Accident Lawyers Helpline (ALH) Uk Ltd

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### Liquidator's name

Full forename(s) Clive

Surname Morris

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### Liquidator's address

Building name/number Heskin Hall Farm

Street Wood Lane

Post town Heskin

County/Region Preston

Postcode P R 7 5 P A

Country

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### Liquidator's name ①

Full forename(s)

Surname

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another liquidator.

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Period of progress report

From date

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Progress report

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Liquidator's signature

Signature

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Signature date

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Contact name **Matt Hamnett**Company name **Marshall Peters**Address **Heskin Hall Farm****Wood Lane**Post town **Heskin**County/Region **Preston**Postcode **P R 7 5 P A**

Country

DX

Telephone **01257 452021****Checklist**

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Please make sure you have remembered the following:

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(In Liquidation)  
Liquidator's Summary of Receipts & Payments

Statement of Affairs £	From 26/11/2019 To 25/11/2020 £	From 26/11/2015 To 25/11/2020 £
	<b>ASSET REALISATIONS</b>	
	Bank Interest Net of Tax	2.31 4.05
NIL	Book Debts	NIL 1,000.00
20,568.00	Cash at Bank	NIL 23,077.63
	Miscellaneous Refund	NIL 197.83
	Settlement of Claims - Directors	4,000.00 24,000.00
NIL	Tangible Assets	NIL NIL
		<u>4,002.31 48,279.51</u>
	<b>COST OF REALISATIONS</b>	
	Debt Collection Fees	NIL 833.33
	Legal Disbursements	114.00 114.00
	Legal Fees - Settlement Claim	833.33 9,166.64
	Office Holders Expenses	NIL 696.90
	Office Holders Fees	2,222.76 27,976.84
	Preparation of S. of A.	NIL 7,500.00
		<u>(3,170.09) (46,287.71)</u>
	<b>UNSECURED CREDITORS</b>	
(24,000.00)	HM Revenue & Customs - VAT	NIL NIL
(1,067,360.00)	Trade & Expense Creditors	NIL NIL
		<u>NIL NIL</u>
	<b>DISTRIBUTIONS</b>	
(100,000.00)	Ordinary Shareholders	NIL NIL
		<u>NIL NIL</u>
(1,170,792.00)		<u>832.22 1,991.80</u>
	<b>REPRESENTED BY</b>	
	Bank 1 Current	1,547.24
	Vat Receivable	444.56
		<u>1,991.80</u>

  
Clive Morris  
Liquidator

## **ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT**

### **ACCIDENT LAWYERS HELPLINE (ALH) UK LTD - IN CREDITORS' VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION**

# ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT OF ACCIDENT LAWYERS HELPLINE (ALH) UK LTD - IN CREDITORS' VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION

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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

A summary of key information in this report is detailed below.

**Assets**

Asset	Statement of Affairs	From 26/11/2019 to 25/11/2020	From 26/11/2015 to 25/11/2020	Total anticipated realisations
Book Debts	NIL	NIL	£1,000	£1,000
Cash at Bank	£20,568	NIL	£23,078	£23,078
Settlement of Claim	-	£4,000	£24,000	Uncertain
Bank Interest	-	£2	£4	Uncertain
Misc Refund	-	NIL	£198	£198

**Expenses**

Expense	Amount per fees and expenses estimates	Expense incurred to date	Expense Paid to date	Anticipated further expense to closure	Total anticipated expense
Preparation of SOA	£7,500	£7,500	£7,500	NIL	£7,500
Liquidator's Fees	£30,000	£27,977	£27,977	Uncertain	Uncertain
Liquidator's Expenses	£565	£697	£697	Uncertain	Uncertain
Agents' fees	£1,000	£833	£833	NIL	£833
Legal fees	£5,000	£7,500	£7,500	£3,750	£11,250

**Dividend prospects**

Creditor class	Distribution / dividend paid to date	Anticipated distribution / dividend, based upon the above
Secured creditor	N/A	N/A
Preferential creditors	N/A	N/A
Unsecured creditors	NIL	Uncertain

**Summary of key issues outstanding**

As advised in the previous Annual Report, the Directors agreed to a settlement with regards to antecedent transactions that were challenged by the Liquidator. The agreement was finalised and signed on 5 March 2019 for the collection of £75,000 to be paid over the following 11 months, with a final payment expected in February 2020. A breakdown is listed under the 'Realisation of Asset' section of this report.

**Closure**

Due to the issues outstanding as listed above and payment period agreed to February 2020, then it is estimated that the closure of the liquidation will be in 2021, providing the agreement is fully complied with by the Directors.

## ADMINISTRATION AND PLANNING

### Statutory information

Statutory information may be found at Appendix I.

The Liquidator is required to meet a considerable number of statutory and regulatory obligations. Whilst many of these tasks do not have a direct benefit in enhancing realisations for the insolvent estate, they assist in the efficient and compliant progressing of the administration of the case, which ensures that work is carried out to high professional standards. A detailed list of these tasks may be found in Appendix III.

The Liquidator has met his statutory and regulatory duties to report to creditors, as listed below. In consideration of the need for transparency and engagement with creditors, care has been taken to ensure that reports and other communications with creditors have provided useful details of the strategies pursued and the outcomes anticipated.

During the Review Period, the following key documents have been issued:

- This latest Progress Report;

### Other material tasks in the Review Period

- Case reviews etc.
- Liaising with solicitors with regards to finalising and implementing settlement agreement
- Monitoring of collection of settlement monies

## ENQUIRES AND INVESTIGATIONS

During the Review Period, the Liquidator carried out a further review of the Company's affairs in the period prior to appointment to assist in the solicitors enquiries into the antecedent transaction. This included seeking information and explanations from the directors by means of questionnaires and interviews; making enquiries of the Company's accountants; reviewing information received from creditors; and collecting and examining the Company's bank statements, accounts and other records.

## REALISATION OF ASSETS

Detailed below is key information about asset realisation and strategy, however, more details about the work undertaken may be found at Appendix III. The Liquidator formulated and worked through a realisation strategy that sought to maximise realisations net of costs. The financial benefit of those efforts is described further below.

### Settlement of Claim

As advised in the previous Annual Report, the Directors agreed to a settlement with regards to antecedent transactions that were challenged by the Liquidator. Forbes Solicitors were appointed and the agreement was finalised and signed on 5 March 2019 for the collection of £75,000 to be paid over the following 11 months, with a final payment expected in February 2020. A breakdown of payments is as follows:

1. 11 payments of £2,000 to commence on or before 15 February 2019 and paid on the first day of the subsequent 10 months;
2. The amount of £28,000 to be paid on or before 31 January 2020; and



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3. The amount of £25,000 to be paid on or before 1 February 2020 (as to the balance then due) if not already paid in full by that date.

Please note that as the agreement was drafted prior to Point 1, but not signed until 5 March 2019, the Directors made a double payment in March 2019 to bring the payment agreement up to date.

Please be advised, that £4,000 has been received in the Review Period. To date, £24,000 has been realised in relation to this settlement.

Please note that the Directors have now defaulted on terms 2 and 3 of the agreement and the Liquidator is now considering further legal action.

**Bank Interest**

The Liquidator has received £2.31 of Bank Interest in the Review Period.

**CREDITORS**

Irrespective of whether sufficient realisations are achieved to pay a dividend to creditors, the Liquidator has had to carry out key tasks which are detailed in the list at Appendix III. The following sections explain the anticipated outcomes to creditors and any distributions paid.

**Secured creditors**

The Company has not granted any charges over its assets.

**Preferential creditors**

There are no preferential creditors in this matter.

**Unsecured creditors**

No further claims have been received in the Review Period.

HMRC was shown to be owed £24,000. A claim has not yet been received. The trade and expense creditors as per the statement of affairs totalled £1,067,360. To date we have received 9 claims totalling £680,173.

**Dividend prospects**

It is not anticipated at this stage that there will be a distribution to unsecured creditors. This may change dependant on the settlement agreement being finalised and payments being received under its terms and having first taken into account the legal costs and expenses of the liquidation.

**FEES AND EXPENSES**

**Pre-Appointment Costs**

The creditors authorised the fee of £7,500 for assisting the directors in calling the relevant meetings and with preparing the Statement of Affairs on 26 November 2015.

**The Liquidator's fees**

It is the firm's practice to ensure that work is conducted by the appropriate staff member at the appropriate level of experience. Junior members of staff deal with the day to day administration on cases and a manager and director then oversees the work undertaken. Where the issues are complex and litigious, the work will be closely supervised or undertaken by a manager or director.

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The basis of the Liquidator's fees was approved by creditors on 26 November 2015 in accordance with the following resolution:

*"Marshall Peters Limited be able to draw a fee of £7,500 plus VAT and disbursements for professional costs associated with the calling of the creditors meeting;  
Marshall Peters Limited be reimbursed for all properly incurred category 1 disbursements and category 2 disbursements;  
The Liquidator be able to appoint solicitors of his choice;  
The Liquidator be able to appoint agents of his choice;  
The Liquidator's fees be charged on a time cost basis are estimated to total no more than £30,000 as disclosed in my initial letter to creditors"*

The time costs for the Review Period 26 November 2019 to 25 November 2020 total £3,570, representing 17 hours at an average hourly rate of £210. The sum of £27,977 has been drawn on account of time costs incurred. The time costs for the period are detailed at Appendix III. A narrative on the works carried out in this period is detailed in Appendix IV.

The total time costs during the Cumulative Period between 26 November 2015 and 25 November 2020 amount to £50,694 representing 256 hours at an average hourly rate of £198 and a comparison between the original estimate and time costs to date is given at Appendix V.

Having regard for the costs that are likely to be incurred in concluding the settlement and then bringing this liquidation to a close, the Liquidator considers that:

- the original expenses estimate has been exceeded for the following reasons.

The main reason why the fees estimate has been exceeded is due to the work undertaken by the Liquidator to investigate into Antecedent Transactions and conduct of the Company Directors where payments of circa £77,000 were identified as being paid to associated companies shortly before Liquidation. The Directors opposed any wrongdoing and the Liquidator instructed Forbes Solicitors to commence litigation proceedings against them which has resulted in Settlement Agreement being finalised with payments being made over an 11 month period to February 2020.

The Liquidator intends to seek creditors' approval to fees in addition to that previously estimated and the relevant creditors will be invited to consider the Liquidator's proposal in this regard under separate cover.

The basis of the Liquidator's fees in relation to these further investigations and pursuit of antecedent transaction has not yet been fixed. The Liquidator's proposals in relation to the setting of this basis will be issued under separate cover in due course.

### **Disbursements**

No category 1 or category 2 expenses have been paid in this reporting period.

Information about this insolvency process may be found on the R3 website <http://www.creditorinsolvencyguide.co.uk/>. A copy of 'A Creditors' Guide to Fees' together with the firm's charge-out rate and disbursement policy may be found at <http://www.insolvency-practitioners.org.uk/regulation-and-guidance/guides-to-fees>. A hard copy of both the Creditors' Guide and the firm's charge-out rate and disbursement policy may be obtained on request.

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**Other professional costs**

**Solicitors**

Forbes Solicitors were instructed as legal advisors in relation to the right of action against the former Company Directors. Their costs have been agreed on the basis of 15% on any recoveries made, plus disbursements and VAT, therefore their fee in total is £13,500. The solicitors agreed that their fee was to be apportioned across the 11 months and paid monthly as and when monies have been received by the Directors under their payment terms as per the Settlement Agreement.

**CREDITORS' RIGHTS**

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 officeholder's remuneration and expenses, within 21 days of 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 creditors (including the creditor in question), apply to court to challenge the amount and/or basis of fees and the amount of any proposed expenses or expenses already incurred, within 8 weeks of receipt of this report. Any secured creditor may make a similar application to court within the same time limit.

**EC REGULATIONS (WHETHER PROCEEDINGS ARE MAIN PROCEEDINGS OR TERRITORIAL)**

The Company's centre of main interest was in Unit 64, The Bury Business Centre, Kay Street, Bury, Lancashire, BL9 6BU and therefore it is considered that the EC Regulations will apply. These proceedings are main proceedings as defined in Article 3 of the EC Regulation.

**CONCLUSION**

The administration of the case will be continuing to finalise the outstanding matters as mentioned in this report.

If you require any further information, please contact this office.

Signed



Clive Morris

Liquidator

25 January 2021

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Appendix I

Statutory Information

<b>Company Name</b>	Accident Lawyers Helpline (ALH) UK Ltd
<b>Former Trading Name</b>	None
<b>Company Number</b>	08023205
<b>Registered Office</b>	Heskin Hall Farm Wood Lane Heskin Preston PR7 5PA
<b>Former Registered Office</b>	Unit 64 Bury Business Centre Kay Street Bury BL9 6BU
<b>Officeholder</b>	Clive Morris
<b>Officeholder's address</b>	Marshall Peters Heskin Hall Farm Wood Lane Heskin Preston PR7 5PA
<b>Date of appointment</b>	26 November 2015


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**Appendix II**

**Receipts and Payments account for the Review Period 26 November 2019 to 25 November 2020  
and the Cumulative Period 26 November 2015 to 25 November 2020**

**Accident Lawyers Helpline (ALH) Uk Ltd**  
**(In Liquidation)**  
**Liquidator's Summary of Receipts & Payments**

Statement of Affairs £	From 26/11/2019 To 25/11/2020 £	From 26/11/2015 To 25/11/2020 £	
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20,568.00	Cash at Bank	NIL	23,077.63
	Miscellaneous Refund	NIL	197.83
	Settlement of Claims - Directors	4,000.00	24,000.00
NIL	Tangible Assets	NIL	NIL
		4,002.31	48,279.51
	COST OF REALISATIONS		
	Debt Collection Fees	NIL	833.33
	Legal Disbursements	114.00	114.00
	Legal Fees - Settlement Claim	833.33	9,166.64
	Office Holders Expenses	NIL	696.90
	Office Holders Fees	2,222.76	27,976.84
	Preparation of S. of A.	NIL	7,500.00
		(3,170.09)	(46,287.71)
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(24,000.00)	HM Revenue & Customs - VAT	NIL	NIL
(1,067,360.00)	Trade & Expense Creditors	NIL	NIL
		NIL	NIL
	DISTRIBUTIONS		
(100,000.00)	Ordinary Shareholders	NIL	NIL
		NIL	NIL
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	Bank 1 Current		1,547.24
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**Appendix III**

**Time costs for the period 26 November 2019 to 25 November 2020**

Time Entry - SIP9 Time & Cost Summary

A087 - Accident Lawyers Helpline (ALH) Uk Ltd  
All Post Appointment Project Codes  
From: 26/11/2019 To: 25/11/2020

Classification of Work Function	Partner	Manager	Other Senior Professionals	Assistants & Support Staff	Total Hours	Time Cost (£)	Average Hourly Rate (£)
Administration & Planning	0.00	0.00	0.00	13.00	13.00	2,730.00	210.00
Case Specific Matters	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Creditors	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Investigations	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Realisation of Assets	0.00	0.00	0.00	4.00	4.00	840.00	210.00
Trading	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Hours	0.00	0.00	0.00	17.00	17.00	3,570.00	210.00
Total Fees Claimed						2,222.76	
Total Disbursements Claimed						0.00	



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Appendix IV

Detailed list of work undertaken for Accident Lawyers Helpline (ALH) UK Ltd in Creditors' Voluntary Liquidation for the review period 26 November 2019 to 25 November 2020

Below is detailed information about the tasks undertaken or to be undertaken by the Liquidator.

General Description	Includes
Statutory and General Administration	Maintaining and updating IPS system and maintaining physical file
Document maintenance/file review/checklist	Filing of documents Periodic file reviews documenting strategy Periodic reviews of the application of ethical, anti-money laundering and anti-bribery safeguards Maintenance of statutory and case progression task lists/diaries Updating checklists
Bank account administration	Maintenance of the estate cash book Banking remittances and issuing cheques/BACS payments
Planning / Review	Discussions regarding strategies to be pursued Meetings with team members and independent advisers to consider practical, technical and legal aspects of the case
Reports	Preparing annual progress report
Investigations	Conduct initial investigation into the Directors conduct for purposes of the Right of Action
Litigation / Recoveries	Strategy meeting regarding litigation Seeking funding from creditors Reviewing terms of solicitors' conditional fee agreements Preparing brief to solicitors Liaising with solicitors regarding recovery actions Attending to negotiations Attending to settlement matters
Realisation of Assets	Realising the assets of the Company (connected to litigation) Collection of monies under the settlement agreement
Creditor Communication	Receive and follow up creditor enquiries via telephone

Appendix V

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Cumulative Time cost Information for the period 26 November 2015 to 25 November 2020

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All Post Appointment Project Codes  
From: 26/11/2015 To: 25/11/2020

Classification of Work Function	Partner	Manager	Other Senior Professionals	Assistants & Support Staff	Total Hours	Time Cost (£)	Average Hourly Rate (£)
Administration & Planning	6.00	18.10	13.50	32.10	69.70	14,259.50	204.58
Case Specific Matters	0.00	0.70	0.25	22.10	23.05	2,863.00	124.21
Creditors	0.00	0.30	2.00	3.25	5.55	993.50	179.01
Investigations	0.50	25.40	10.50	7.20	43.60	9,365.00	214.79
Realisation of Assets	7.50	42.50	14.00	50.00	114.00	23,212.50	203.62
Trading	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Hours	14.00	87.00	40.25	114.65	255.90	50,693.50	198.10
Total Fees Claimed						27,976.84	
Total Disbursements Claimed						0.00	