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# Joint administrators' progress report from 4 June 2019 to 3 December 2019

Extra Energy Supply Limited and Utility Professional Business Operations Limited (both in administration)

High Court of Justice, Business and Property Courts in Birmingham, Insolvency & Companies List (ChD)

Case no. 8325 of 2018 and Case no 8340 of 2018

24 December 2019



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## **Useful Information**

Further information can be obtained from the sources below.

#### General enquiries

https://www.pwc.co.uk/extraenergy

#### Customers

Telephone: 0800 953 4774 / 0800 368 5452

https://www.pwc.co.uk/extraenergy

https://www.scottishpower.co.uk/extra-energy

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#### **Suppliers**

https://www.pwc.co.uk/extraenergy

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# Abbreviations and definitions

The following table shows the abbreviations and insolvency terms that may be used in this report:

Abbreviation or definition	Meaning
(the) Administrators/we/us/our	Michael Thomas Denny, David Matthew Hammond and Ian David Green (Ian David Green from 4 December 2018 until 19 December 2019)
CCL	Climate Change Levy – a tax on energy delivered to non-domestic users in the United Kingdom
CDDA	Company Directors' Disqualification Act 1986
(the) Companies	Extra Energy Supply Limited and Utility Professional Business Operations Limited - both in administration
CVL / Liquidation	Creditors' Voluntary Liquidation
DCAs	Debt collection agencies
Director	Mordechay Ben-Moshe
EEG / secured creditor (first ranking)	Extra Energie GmbH
EEHCL / secured creditor (second ranking)	Extra Energy Holding (Cyprus) Limited
EESL	Extra Energy Supply Limited - in administration
FAQs	Frequently Asked Questions
HMRC	HM Revenue & Customs
IA86	Insolvency Act 1986
IR16	Insolvency (England and Wales) Rules 2016
OFGEM	Office of Gas and Electricity Markets
preferential creditors	Claims for unpaid wages earned in the four months before the
	insolvency up to £800, holiday pay and unpaid pension
	contributions in certain circumstances
prescribed part	The amount set aside for unsecured creditors from floating
	charge funds in accordance with section 176A IA86 and the
	Insolvency Act 1986 (Prescribed Part) Order 2003
PwC	PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP

ROCs	Renewables Obligation Certificates
RPS	Redundancy Payments Service, an executive agency sponsored by the Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy, which authorises and pays the statutory claims of employees of insolvent companies under the Employment Rights Act 1996
Sch B1 IA86	Schedule B1 to the Insolvency Act 1986
secured creditors	Creditors with security in respect of their debt, in accordance with section 248 IA86
SIP	Statement of Insolvency Practice. SIPs are issued to insolvency practitioners under procedures agreed between the insolvency regulatory authorities. SIPs set out principles and key compliance standards with which insolvency practitioners are required to comply.
SIP 2	Statement of Insolvency Practice 2: Investigations by office holders in administrations and insolvent liquidations and the submission of conduct reports by office holders
SIP 13	Statement of Insolvency Practice 13: Disposal of assets to connected parties in an insolvency process
SMEs	Small to medium-sized enterprises
SoLR	Supplier of Last Resort
unsecured creditors	Creditors who are neither secured nor preferential
UPBOL	Utility Professional Business Operations Limited - in administration

# Key messages

#### Why we've sent you this report

I'm writing to update you on the progress of the administration of Extra Energy Supply Limited and Utility Professional Business Operations Limited in the six-month period since our last report dated 3 July 2019.

You can still view our earlier report on our website at <a href="https://www.pwc.co.uk/extraenergy">https://www.pwc.co.uk/extraenergy</a>. Please get in touch with Helena Perevalova on 0113 289 4000 or at <a href="helena.perevalova@pwc.com">helena.perevalova@pwc.com</a> if you need the password to access the report.

#### How much creditors may receive

Please note that the guidance below on dividends is only an indication and should not be used as the main basis of any bad debt provision or debt trading.

#### **EESL**

The following table summarises the possible outcome for creditors, based on what we currently know.

#### Secured creditors:

What secured creditors are owed:		£
EEG		103,087,000 (*)
EEHCL		15,000,000 (*)
What we think secured creditors could recover:	% Recovery	Forecast timing
EEG	Uncertain	Up to 12 months
EEHCL	Uncertain	Up to 12 months

<sup>(\*)</sup> These are the estimated total debts owed to the secured creditors. Subject to a review of its validity, our expectation is that the security will only apply to new credit provided after 1 November 2018, the date when the security was registered. At the time of writing, the Administrators have still not been provided with documentation relating to the granting of security by EEG, EEHCL or their advisors. This has been requested over a period of several months.

As previously reported, the security position is subject to a review of its validity which remains ongoing. Our expectation is that the security, if valid, will only apply to new credit provided to EESL after 1 November 2018, the date when it was registered. This was understood to be c.£5m. EESL paid c.£4.7m to EEG following the creation of the security but prior to the administration. The net new lending which is secured therefore appears to be approximately £0.3m.

Based on the information currently available, we think the secured creditors will be fully repaid their total outstanding secured lending (if valid) of approximately £0.3m out of their security over EESL's assets. However, to date, no claims have been submitted by EEG or EEHCL.

#### Preferential and unsecured creditors:

	% Recovery	Forecast timing	
For preferential creditors:	N/A	N/A	
For unsecured creditors (*):	Up to 12%	24+ months	

(\*) We understand that the principal unsecured creditors are EEG and EEHCL after deduction of any nominal secured debt, together with the Office of Gas and Electricity Markets ("OFGEM") and ScottishPower as a potential subrogated creditor.

Based on what we currently know, there are no preferential creditors in EESL.

Based on the information currently available we expect that EESL's unsecured creditors will be paid a dividend over and above the prescribed part.

There is, at present, material uncertainty around the level of return to creditors. This is due to two primary factors:

- 1. Overall level of creditor claims we have not yet received claims in respect of potential amounts owed to EEG and EEHCL, or to ScottishPower regarding any potential subrogated claim for the refund of customer credit balances. Creditor claims received to date total £28,892,138 but the overall quantity is as yet unknown. We anticipate total claims will significantly exceed those received to date.
- 2. Final billing whilst a significant proportion of accounts have been final billed, the overall level of returns is uncertain given the fact that the final billing and associated collections processes remain ongoing.

The amount and timing of any dividend will primarily be dependent upon the final level and timing of book debt and other realisations, as well as the final level of unsecured claims admitted for dividend.

#### **UPBOL**

#### Secured creditors:

There are no registered charges and therefore no secured creditors of UPBOL.

#### Preferential and unsecured creditors:

The following table summarises the possible outcome for creditors, based on what we currently know.

For unsecured creditors:	Up to 10%	24+ months	
For preferential creditors:	100 %	December 2019	
	% Recovery	Forecast timing	

#### Preferential creditors (UPBO)

Based on what we currently know, all the Companies' employees were employed by UPBOL, accordingly, the preferential creditors (mainly employees) fell under UPBOL.

There were no claims for arrears of wages in respect of basic pay. Preferential claims mainly relate to accrued but not taken / paid holiday in respect of former employees who were made redundant on 4 December 2018 following our appointment. Some of the preferential claims have been paid by the RPS.

During the period of this report, we have reviewed and agreed preferential claims from 148 employees totalling £60,261.79, in addition to the RPS claim of £51,175.29. We issued a notice of intended dividend in September 2019 with a final date for proving of 31 October 2019. Since the end of the period covered by this report, we have declared and paid a dividend of 100 p in £ totalling £111,437.08.

#### Unsecured creditors (UPBOL)

We anticipate that there will be a small dividend to unsecured creditors of UPBOL based on our current estimates of potential asset realisations, level of creditor claims and costs of the administration. Creditor claims received to date total £2,036,725.23 but we are yet to receive claims from the largest unsecured creditors. We anticipate total claims will significantly exceed those received to date.

#### What you need to do

If you haven't already done so, please send your claim to us so that we can agree it in principle. A claim form can be downloaded from our website at <a href="https://www.pwc.co.uk/extraenergy">https://www.pwc.co.uk/extraenergy</a> or you can get one by contacting Helena Perevalova at <a href="https://www.pwc.co.uk/extraenergy">helena Perevalova at helena.perevalova@pwc.com</a> or telephoning 0113 289 4000.

We may decide that some or all creditors who are owed £1,000 or less by either of the Companies won't be required to submit a proof of debt in order to receive the anticipated dividend payment.

A creditor who we decide is not required to submit a proof of debt will be notified when we deliver notice of our intention to pay a dividend of the amount we'll treat as their admitted debt for the purpose of the dividend, unless the creditor advises us that the amount is incorrect (in which case a proof of debt will be required) or not owed.

# Progress since we last reported

#### Book debts and final billing

As previously reported, the key asset of EESL is the book debts, consisting of amounts already billed preappointment and further amounts which had not been billed at the date of our appointment.

At the appointment date, EESL's accounts indicated the aged debtor ledger totalled c.£69m inclusive of any VAT but net of provisions. There were significant system and billing issues during the early years of the Companies' trading as management focused on revenue growth. This led to some segments of the debtor ledger being significantly aged, and includes, for instance, deceased debtors of c.£0.5m and insolvent customers of c.£6.7m. These debts were therefore always likely to be more challenging to collect than the unbilled debt, and through collections activity we have become aware of a relatively high level of disputed debt

We advised in our previous communications that there was significant value in the debt owed by customers but not yet billed, estimated at c.£19m. However, we were faced with several challenges in achieving final billing.

In our previous report, we explained that EEHCL unilaterally and without notice switched off access to the Companies' billing system in February 2019, following unsuccessful attempts to negotiate an acceptable proposal for its continued use.

Using the customer information which we had preserved from system back-ups, we engaged a third party billing provider (known to both PwC and ScottishPower, and also used by a number of other industry participants) to develop and host a new billing system for EESL. This required an extensive level of development and testing work and introduced further delay into the final billing process. However, in the circumstances, this represented the only available route to be able to achieve final billing at all.

Final billing commenced on 23 May 2019, nearly six months following our appointment and approximately three months following the withdrawal of system access. This process continued until 13 October 2019, by which time a total of c.134k final customer statements had been issued with a total debit value of £32.4m.

As at 3 December 2019, there were c.6k customers who had not yet been final billed, and a further c.13k customers with credit balances for whom we were working with ScottishPower to provide the relevant information for them to issue refunds. These numbers have continued to reduce through December 2019 with the significant majority of all domestic customers now having been sent final account statements.

We have committed significant time and resources to support the robustness of the final billing process. In particular, we have taken the following steps:

- We have worked closely with ScottishPower to agree closing meter reads for EESL customers as at
  the date of transfer to ScottishPower, which are also used as opening meter reads for ScottishPower.
  Where possible these have involved processing actual meter reads. Where estimated reads have
  been required, these have been undertaken with reference to industry data and agreed by both EESL
  and ScottishPower.
- We have retained experienced billing experts within EESL, and also consulted industry experts within PwC. Both were involved in the selection of our third party billing provider and the development and review of the final billing process.

We have continued regular communications with ScottishPower to agree operational and commercial matters, in particular in relation to providing customer credit balance information to assist ScottishPower with refunding the amounts due to EESL's customers.

#### **Collections**

With the assistance of a team of retained Company staff, we have continued to contact customers that have outstanding debts relating to unpaid final bills to recover the amounts due, including new final bills issued since our appointment.

This process has involved outbound dialling together with text messages and the issuing of debt letters to c.82k customers (c.37k relate to customers whose debts which had been billed prior to our appointment). These debt collection activities have resulted in c.£13.7m being collected as at 3 December 2019, including c.£4m of debts which had been billed as at our appointment.

Where customers do not pay as a result of our standard debt collection activities, debts are allocated to third party debt collection agencies, and/or to solicitors to commence legal action to recover the amounts due. This is standard industry practice to collect debts that a company's in-house debt collection team have been unable to recover.

As expected, the collections resulting from final billing have more than justified the costs incurred in reaching this position. In the six month period covered by this report, the value collected from customers totals c.£10.2m (including c.£0.6m of historic debt). This equates to a weekly average of c.£392k, and compares to a weekly average of £135k for the period between 4 December 2018 and 22 May 2019, which did not have the benefit of any final billing activity. Billing has also been achieved at a materially lower level of overall cost than the costs which had been proposed to us by EEHCL and EEG.

We have also maintained regular dialogue with other stakeholders such as OFGEM and the Citizens' Advice Bureau regarding final billing progress, debt collection activities and the customer experience, particularly in relation to vulnerable customers. We have provided customers with a fair and reasonable period of time to settle their debt in line with standard industry practice.

#### Customers

As previously reported, EESL's customers transferred to ScottishPower with effect from 25 November 2018, shortly before the Companies were placed into administration on 4 December 2018.

As stated on the websites of both OFGEM and ScottishPower, ScottishPower will honour outstanding credit balances for both current and past customers of EESL who are still owed money.

https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/publications-and-updates/extra-energy-customers-your-questions-new-supplier-scottish-power

https://www.scottishpower.co.uk/extra-energy

If customers have queries regarding ongoing supply and outstanding credit balances please contact ScottishPower directly.

We are working closely with Scottish Power to establish processes and communications for the small number of remaining customers who are due a credit and have not yet had their credit balance confirmed to them by Scottish Power. This is unfortunately a difficult and time consuming process. We share customers' frustrations at the delays involved, and are fully focused on completing this process as expeditiously as is possible.

Amounts owed to EESL relating to energy supplies prior to 25 November 2018 are still due and payable to EESL. If customers have queries regarding these outstanding amounts please contact the EESL customer services team on 0800 953 4774 / 0800 368 5452. Customers can also find out more information under the Customer section on our dedicated website at <a href="https://www.pwc.co.uk/extraenergy">https://www.pwc.co.uk/extraenergy</a>.

As explained earlier, we have been reconciling customer accounts since our appointment to produce final statements. This has taken many months and was delayed by the lack of access to the pre-appointment billing system and the need to build a new technology platform to effect the final billing process. We appreciate that this delay has been frustrating to customers, and we have been focused on making this complex process as efficient as possible whilst maintaining appropriate levels of customer service.

We have retained a dedicated customer service team at EESL to support our strategy of addressing customer queries and resolving any complaints within a reasonable period, and have strongly encouraged customers to call this team in order to agree payments or discuss accounts. We are only seeking to recover debts that we believe are validly owed to EESL. In the case of particularly complex disputes, the Administrators' case team have engaged directly with the customers and the EESL customer service team to bring any disputes to a prompt resolution.

We have continued to receive a significant volume of customer calls, emails, letters and website enquiries, not only from customers with outstanding debt but also from those expecting a credit balance refund. We thank customers again for their patience whilst we continue to deal with this volume of enquiries.

#### **Employees**

As previously reported, UPBOL employed 418 staff at the date of our appointment. In order to undertake our administration strategy for EESL, it was critical that we retained a certain number of roles and associated staff in order to assist with final billing, debt collection and other administrative matters during the administration period. A total of 107 staff were retained upon appointment to carry out those activities.

Regrettably, it was necessary to make 311 redundancies immediately upon appointment, a further two redundancies on 31 December 2018 and 4 January 2019. We worked with management to develop a skills matrix for the "end state" organisation against which the skills, experience and ability of remaining staff were assessed against the matrix to identify which individuals would be selected for redundancy. As a result 16 individuals were given notice of redundancy with a leave date of 16 November 2019 with a further 3 who have been given notice of redundancy with a leave date of 17 December 2019.

In January 2020, the remaining staff will relocate to smaller premises and we have worked with the Company's management team to address any concerns that the retained staff had in relation to the impact of this move.

We have continued to address employees' queries via the dedicated employee e-mail inbox which we set up upon appointment.

Upon appointment, we paid all arrears of wages to ensure continuity of business. The payment was made by EESL due to cash flow constraints in UPBOL, and due to the retained employees being required to effect EESL's administration strategy. A costs reconciliation will be undertaken in due course and any relevant amounts recharged by EESL to UPBOL where necessary, subject to sufficient asset realisations.

One member of HR staff has continued to assist with managing the employees. Their work has included legal correspondence, consultancy arrangements, providing support with the payment of wages, answering all ongoing enquiries and continuing to answer questions received from former employees.

Our ongoing work will include communications with legal advisors, payroll and associated employee-related payments, and continuing to work with the Company's HR staff to maintain an appropriate level of support for retained and former employees.

133 former employees have made claims in the Employment Tribunal. Each of the individuals have engaged a solicitor to bring the claims on their behalf. The claims have included statutory redundancy pay, notice pay, unpaid wages, pay in lieu of holiday accrued but not taken as well as for a Protective Award in respect of the Company's failure to enter into meaningful collective consultation prior to their redundancy. We have negotiated terms of a Consent Judgment for a Protective Award ("PA") which will be presented to the Employment Tribunal for consideration. As part of those negotiations, we have sought to have all claim elements other than a Protective Award withdrawn.

Before agreeing to seek instructions to withdraw the non-PA claim elements, we had to satisfy the solicitor that all former employees had been able to make claims to the RPS and to challenge amounts paid by it. This meant that we have had to review each element of each of the 133 claimant's claims made to the Tribunal against their claim made to the RPS and the payment made from the National Insurance Fund. It was necessary for us to do this because these claims may have been incorrectly calculated, have been paid in full by the RPS or because former employees had already been invited to agree preferential claim values and/or submit any residual unsecured claims.

#### Credit cover

As previously reported, we have recovered £570k and £724k of credit cover funds into EESL and UPBOL, respectively. We can now confirm that this completes credit cover realisations in both Companies.

#### Pre-appointment cash

In addition to the £3.4m cash which we collected upon our appointment from the Companies' bank accounts, we continue to liaise the pre-appointment bankers regarding any potential contingent liabilities that they may have in respect of the merchant banking facilities. Once these contingent liabilities have crystallised, we anticipate further pre-appointment funds will be released to the Companies, but the amount of such funds is currently unknown.

#### Leasehold property

As previously reported, we operated from three floors in the Companies' leasehold office premises in central Birmingham, and used the canteen and car parking spaces for the purposes of the administration.

After discussing options with the landlord to return the unused floors for the potential occupation by other tenants, we took the decision to operate from new premises from 18 December 2019 and have now returned the property to the landlord.

The remaining members of staff will be relocating to serviced offices in Birmingham city centre from 18 December 2019. It was not appropriate to relocate offices any sooner given the critical need to retain operational stability whilst dealing with final billing, collections and complaints resolution activity. However, the relocation will have the effect of significantly reducing property costs moving forward by c.£60k per month.

#### Rates refunds

We have recovered £50.8k into EESL from the local authorities in respect of business rates prepayments. We do not currently anticipate any further rates recoveries.

#### Fixtures and fittings

As previously advised, we collected £5,175 from the sale of certain office desks and chairs. At the time of issue of this report, we have relocated to new premises. This took place on 18 December 2019 and we returned the property to the landlord the following day on 19th December 2019. John Pye have removed all of the Companies' office equipment and furniture from all floors and have been instructed to prepare for auction. As at December 2019, we're waiting for the auction to be scheduled.

#### CCL and VAT receivables

We previously explained that the energy sector can generally be complex from a VAT perspective due to different bases on which VAT accounting is typically carried out (cash and invoice basis), different rates applicable and varying de minimis limits. It is also common to face difficulties in insolvent situations due to the potential misalignment between VAT and insolvency law.

An important aspect we had to consider is the tax point for the energy supplies, as there are key discrepancies between the VAT legislation and the insolvency rules. At the time of the previous report we had sought advice from legal Counsel and were beginning to enter discussions with HMRC on this matter.

Since then we have managed to agree an approach with HMRC whereby the VAT returns are prepared and paid on the basis of VAT law principles concerning time of supply and tax point. However, we also submit a breakdown of the amounts attributable to the administration and the amounts considered to be provable debt under insolvency rules. HMRC have agreed to use these additional submissions to process adjustments manually to remove the provable debts element from amounts payable by the Administrators. Following these adjustments, we have agreed that HMRC will refund the amounts attributable to provable debts to the Administrators.

At this time we have not yet received any of the above refunds. We have been in regular contact with HMRC, who still agree to the above approach, but we understand that it has been more difficult than anticipated for HMRC to process these non-standard adjustments within their system.

Similar technical issues regarding the time of supply are applicable to CCL, and we are still in the process of agreeing an approach with HMRC to exclude provable debts from the CCL to be accounted for and paid by us. Due to the technically specialist nature of the matter, it has been difficult to find a contact within HMRC who is familiar enough with both the CCL legislation and the insolvency rules to be able to correspond with us. Currently we understand that the Environment Taxes team at HMRC are in communication with our contact within HMRC VAT insolvency policy for support with their analysis.

We note that due to the loss of access to the billing system, many of the VAT procedures had to be amended to allow meaningful work on the more limited data available. Throughout the period we have had to make various updates to these new procedures as a result of specific anomalies occurring in the VAT reports.

#### Next steps (CCL and VAT)

We need to continue to progress the above issues, and we remain in regular dialogue with HMRC in order to bring them to a conclusion.

We are awaiting the customer meter readings to be finalised so that we have the information required to submit the final CCL return. The current expectation is that we will be in a position to prepare this return in spring 2020.

We have been submitting monthly VAT returns for EESL, however, we have applied to move to quarterly returns which will take effect from the period 1 January 2020 to 31 March 2020. It is our expectation that there will only be a further two VAT returns following the finalised meter readings.

We de-registered UPBOL from VAT with effect from 31 July 2019.

#### **Connected party transactions**

SIP 13 requires us to disclose details regarding any disposal of assets in the administration to a director or other connected party. As at the date of this report, there are no such transactions to report.

#### Other issues

As at the date of this report we have still not received the following:

- Statement of Affairs in relation to both EESL and UPBOL, which is a statutory requirement, in spite of
  providing several extensions and offering support and information to the Company director to assist
  with the preparation of the documents. We have yet to receive an acceptable explanation for the failure
  to submit the documents.
- Supporting documentation regarding the validity of the security granted by EESL to its connected
  parties EEG and EEHCL. As previously reported, the Companies' director and the relevant
  counterparties failed to provide the documentation despite being requested to do so on multiple
  occasions, and we are not aware of any reasonable explanation for this failure.

We are continuing to review conduct matters and fulfilling our other obligations under SIP 2 in respect of the periods prior to and following our appointment, in line with our statutory duties as administrators. It would not be appropriate at this stage to comment in any detail on these matters. Further updates will be provided, where relevant, in our future reports.

#### **Extension of the Administrations**

As there remains a significant number of customers to contact in respect of billed as well as yet unbilled debts, which will also result in further customer enquiries, data subject access requests, and future complex litigation matters in relation to disputed debts, we have decided that the Administrations needed to be extended.

This is in addition to further time required to quantify and realise other assets for the Administration estates, conduct a claims agreement process, as well as continue to provide assistance to ScottishPower until all credit refunds have been processed.

As a result, in the beginning of November 2019 we filed an application to Court to extend both Administrations for 18 months. Our request was granted and the Administrations are now extended until 4 June 2021.

#### Changes of administrator

lan David Green, one of the appointed joint administrators, has changed responsibilities in PwC and has ceased to take insolvency appointments. An application was made to the Court to remove him. The application was granted by the Court on the 5 December 2019 and so lan David Green was removed as joint administrator with effect from 19 December 2019.

He will be released from all liability in respect of his conduct as administrator with effect from 28 days from 19 December 2019. Creditors have 28 days from receiving this notice to apply to Court to vary or discharge the Court order.

David Matthew Hammond and I, the remaining administrators of the Companies, do not think it is necessary for a third administrator to be appointed to replace Ian David Green.

#### Investigations and actions

During the period covered by this report, we continued to fulfil our duties under the Company Directors' Disqualification Act 1986 ("CDDA") and the Statement of Insolvency Practice No 2 ("SIP 2").

The content of any submissions to the Insolvency Service is confidential and therefore we are unable to provide any further information in that regard. We will continue to comply with our statutory duties under the CDDA and SIP2, including responding to any requests from the Insolvency Service or other authorities as and when required.

#### Our receipts and payments account

We set out in Appendix A accounts of our receipts and payments in the administrations from 4 June 2019 to 3 December 2019.

#### Our expenses

We set out in Appendix B statements of the expenses we incurred up to 3 December 2019 and estimates of our future expenses.

#### **Our fees**

We set out in Appendix C an update on our remuneration which covers our fees, disbursements and other related matters in these administrations. During the period of this report, decision procedures were held with creditors approving our fees to be set on a time cost basis.

#### Pre-administration costs

You can find in Appendix D information about the approval of the unpaid pre-administration costs detailed in our previous communications.

#### Creditors' rights

Creditors have the right to ask for more information within 21 days of receiving this report as set out in Rule 18.9 IR16. Any request must be in writing. Creditors can also challenge fees and expenses within eight weeks of receiving this report as set out in Rule 18.34. This information can also be found in the guide to fees at:

https://www.icaew.com/-/media/corporate/files/technical/insolvency/creditors-guides/2017/administration-creditor-fee-guide-6-april-2017.ashx?la=en

You can also request a copy free of charge by e-mailing Helena Perevalova at <u>Helena.Perevalova@pwc.com</u> or telephoning 0113 289 4000.

#### What we still need to do

We are continuing to recover EESL's book debts and are working with Scottish Power to establish processes and communications for remaining customers who are due a credit and have not yet had their credit balance confirmed to them by Scottish Power. We mentioned when we last reported that the final billing process was expected to take at least three months from its commencement in late May 2019, we have made significant progress and have confirmed the positions to c.93% of all customer contracts which required a final bill post administration. We are now processing the final accounts where detailed review and manual intervention is required to produce final account statements. We continue to invest significant resource into finalising this process as quickly as possible.

We are pursuing some outstanding amounts via a debt recovery process, which may lead to legal action in certain cases. The timescales to recover the outstanding debts is unknown but may take several months.

As the debt collections draw to a close, we will need to wind down the operations of the business including termination of undertakings granted to suppliers and the surrender of the lease to the landlord. Extra Energy vacated the Hagley Road Office on the 19th December 2019 and have moved into smaller premises at One Victoria Square, Birmingham.

In addition to this, we will need to take the following action:

- Finalise all other asset realisations and recovery actions;
- Conclude tax and VAT compliance matters;
- Obtain clearance from HMRC;
- · Conclude on the validity of the secured creditors' charges;
- · Agree unsecured claims and distribute any funds available.

#### **Next steps**

We are currently considering the best strategy for ending the administration, and will provide an update on this in our next report.

We expect to send our next report to creditors in approximately six months.

If you have any questions, please get in touch with Nadia Mann at Nadia, Mann@pwc.com or on 0113 289 4000

Yours faithfully For and on behalf of the Companies



Michael Denny Joint Administrator

Michael Thomas Denny and David Matthew Hammond have been appointed as Joint Administrators of Extra Energy Supply Limited and Utility Professional Business Operations Limited to manage their affairs, business and property as its agents without personal liability. Both are licensed in the United Kingdom to act as Insolvency Practitioners by the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales.

The Joint Administrators are bound by the Insolvency Code of Ethics which can be found at: <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/insolvency-practitioner-code-of-ethics">https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/insolvency-practitioner-code-of-ethics</a>

The Joint Administrators may act as controllers of personal data as defined by UK data protection law depending upon the specific processing activities undertaken. PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP may act as a processor on the instructions of the Joint Administrators. Personal data will be kept secure and processed only for matters relating to the Joint Administrators' appointment. Further details are available in the privacy statement on the PwC.co.uk website or by contacting the Joint Administrators.

# Appendix A: Receipts and payments

#### **EESL**

Company balance sheet at 4 December 2018 (£)		4 December 2018 to 3 June 2019 (£)	3 June 2019 to 3 December 2019 (£)	4 December 2018 to 3 December 2019 (£)
	Floating charge			
	Receipts			
68,779,000		3,488,334	7.426,286	10,914,620
4,389,047	) · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	3,347,514	-	3,347,514
	Third party funds (transferred to UPBOL)	58,286	<u>-</u> ]	58,286
2,038,000	Credit cover refunds (**)	570,839	3,877	574,716
	Sundry debts and refunds	50,815	3,640	54,455
	Third party cost recharges	-	558,395	558,395
	Bank interest gross	9,537	17,088	26,625
1,549,000	Fixed assets / fixtures and fittings	5,175	-	5,175
4,124,920	Software / investments	-	- 1	-
	Total receipts	7,530,500	8,009,286	15,539,786
	n	·		
	Payments Office holders' fees	_	1,990,156	1,990,156
	Office holders' expenses		45,484	45,484
	Wages and salaries	982,261	787,685	1,769,946
	Customer services agent	661,016	589,145	1,250,160
	PAYE/NIC and pension deductions	318,190	524,179	842,369
	Rents and service charge	252,076	296,588	548,665
	Billing fees and expenses	209,146	834,465	1,043,611
	Debt collection fees	168,335	1,039	169,374
	Legal fees and expenses	77,692	149,144	226,836
	Third party funds (transferred to UPBOL)	//,092	58,286	58,286
	Utilities and rates	38,899	79,032	117,930
	Subcontractors' fees	33,045	151,823	184,868
	Telephone	31,542	21,262	52,804
	Network system fees	18,126	199,620	217,745
	Licences and royalties	-	15,435	15,435
	Employee/subcontractor expenses	11,699	29,005	40,704
	Insurance	1 1	8,249	8,249
	Office costs, stationery and postage	9,829	11,664	21,493
	Taxation	-	6,750	6,750
	Direct expenses	6,670	17,044	23,714
	Payroll bureau fees and expenses	3,469	2,790	6,258
	Sundry expenses	2,778	875	3,653
	Lease, hire and HP payments	1,475	6,648	8,123
	Overdraft, loans interest, bank charges	703	-	703
	Storage costs	351	279	630
	Professional fees	60	130	190
	Total payments	2,827,362	5,826,776	8,654,138
	Net floating charge realisations	4,703,138	2,182,511	6,885,649
	VAT control account	(278,023)	(1,226,373)	(1,504,396)
.=. ==.	Balance held in interest bearing current account	4,425,115	956,138	5,381,253

<sup>(\*)</sup> in addition to the £10 9m of book debt collections shown in the post-appointment bank accounts (table above) there is c.£2.8m of book debts collected in the pre-appointment bank accounts before being periodically swept across into the post-appointment accounts.

Adjusting for these balances, the total book debt collections as at 3 December 2019 were £13.7m and the net floating charge realisations were £9.7m. At 3 December 2019 a total of c £65k collected book debts was held by the D.A's, which includes £63 6k held by Credit Style, net of agents' commissions. A small amount was held by other DCAs. These funds will be remitted into the administration estate in due course and are not included within our collection figures, but do represent additional asset realisations.

<sup>(\*\*)</sup> There will be no further recoveres of credit cover refunds as the funds will be retained by the parties holding them to offset their unsecured creditor positions

#### Pre-appointment bank balances

A total of c.£0.9m is still being held in the Companies' pre-appointment bank account with Lloyds Bank Plc at 3 December 2019. This cash balance is subject to contingent claims, the value of which are as yet unconfirmed. We are not currently assuming any recovery from this balance.

#### **UPBOL**

Company balance sheet at 4 December 2018 (£)		4 December 2018 to 3 June 2019 (£)	3 June 2019 to 3 December 2019 (£)	4 December 2018 to 3 December 2019 (£
	Floating cliarge			
	Receipts		:	
3,069,597	Credit cover refunds (*)	724,294	-	724,29
	Bank interest gross	1,117	2,372	3,48
138,000	Cash in hand	79,047	58,286	137,33
2,263,800	Intercompany realisations	-	-	
36,061	Intangible assets	-	-	
	Total receipts	804,458	60,658	865,11
	Payments			
	Office costs		261	26
	Total payments		261	26
	Net floating charge realisations	804,458	60,919	864,85
	Net noating charge realisations	804,430	00,919	004,05
	VAT control account	-	(52)	(52
	Balance held in interest bearing current account	804,458	60,867	864,80

<sup>(\*)</sup> There will be no further recoveries of credit cover refunds as the funds will be retained by the parties holding them to offset their unsecured creditor positions

# Appendix B: Expenses

The following table provides details of our expenses. Expenses are amounts properly payable by us as administrators from the estate and includes our fees, but excludes distributions to creditors. The table also excludes any potential tax liabilities that we may need to pay as an administration expense because amounts becoming due will depend on the position at the end of the tax accounting period.

The table should be read in conjunction with the receipts and payments account at Appendix A, which shows expenses actually paid during the period and the total paid to date.

#### **EESL**

The table should be read in conjunction with the receipts and payments account at Appendix A, which shows expenses actually paid during the period and the total paid to date.

	Brought forward						
	from preceding	incurred in the					
	period	period under review	Cumulative	Estimated future	Anticipated total	Initial estimate	Variance
Nature of expense	(£)	(£)	<u>(£)</u>		<u>(£)</u>	(£)	(£)
Wages and salaries	982,261	787,685	1,769,946	596,000	2,365,946	2,689,943	323,997
Customer services agents	661,016	699,875	1,360,891	144,586	1,505,476	1,748,216	242,740
PAYE/NC and pension deductions	318,190	524,179	842,369	328,000	1,170,369	871,309	(299,061)
Rents and service charge	252,076	414,670	666,746	183 243	849,990	726,500	(123,490)
Billing fees and expenses	209,146	834,465	1,043,611	-	1,043,611	929,146	(114,465)
Debt collection fees	168.335	1,039	169,374	65,000	234,374	708,335	473,961
Legal fees and expenses	170,750	85,254	256,004	189,000	445,004	260,750	(184,254)
Utilities and rates	38.899	81,386	120,285	30,963	151,248	128,301	(22,947)
Subcontractors' fees	33,045	166,407	199,452	47 531	246,983	152,564	(94,419)
Telephone	31,542	16,086	47,628	1,599	49,227	49,373	145
Netw ork system fees	18,126	234,820	252,945	85,304	338,250	140,430	(197,820)
Employee / subcontractor expenses	11,703	29,001	40,704		40,704	21,703	(19,001)
Office costs, stationery and postage	9,829	11,914	21,743	200	21,943	23,882	1,939
Direct expenses	6,670	17,044	23,714	2,000	25,714	11,670	(14,044)
Licences, trademarks, royalties	•	15,435	15,435	-	15,435	-	(15,435)
Payroli bureau fees and expenses	3,469	3,914	7,383		7,383	6,969	(414)
Sundry expenses / contingency	2.778	1,477	4,255	19,523	23,778	23,778	-
Lease/Hre/HP payments	1,475	10,248	11,723	-	11,723	2,975	(8,748)
Overdraft / loans interest/bank charges	703	`-	703	2,109	2,812	2,812	
Storage costs	351	379	730	945	1,675	751	(923)
Professional fees	60	690	750	-	750	180	(570)
Taxation advice	•	6,750	6,750	-	6,750	-	(6,750)
Pre-administration costs (*)	251,078		251,078		251,078	251,078	
Insurance	2,384	2,401	4,785	7,177	11,962	9,534	(2,427)
Administrators Category 1 disbursements	20,467	15,111	35,578	500	36,078	38,761	2,683
Administrators Category 2 disbursements	1,565	123	1,688	500	2,188	3,165	977
Total expenses	3,195,918	3,960,353	7,156,271	1,704,180	8,860,450	8,802,125	(58,326)

<sup>(\*)</sup> Pre-administration costs have been paid during the period covered by this report

At 3 December 2019 we have incurred total fees of £3,229,091. Of this, £1,808.420 was incurred during the first six months of the administration before the basis of our fees was approved, and £1,420,671 was incurred during the six months covered by this report. Our future fees are currently uncertain and have therefore not been included in the table above

We think that our expenses will exceed the initial estimate of £8,802,125 provided to all creditors before the basis of our fees was fixed. This is because the collection process has taken longer than previously anticipated.

It should be noted that total collections have also exceeded expectations. We now think that the administrations will now last six months longer than previously anticipated and that it will be necessary to maintain operations for a longer period. If it is necessary to increase our fee and expenses estimate, we will report to creditors with details of our revised estimate.

#### **UPBOL**

	Brought forward from previous period	Incurred in the period under review	Cumulative	Estimated future	Anticipated total	Initial estimate	Variance
Nature of expense	(£)	(£)	(2)	(£)	(£)	(£)	(£)
Legal costs and expenses	-	3,651	3,651	-	3,651	_	(3,651)
Insurance	1,732	1,733	3,465	5,197	8,662	6,927	1,734
Office costs, stationery and postage	-	261	261	-	261	-	261
Pre-administration costs	13,215	w	13,215	-	13,215	13,215	-
Office holders' fees	132,269	109,710	241,979	55,910	297,889	297,889	-
Administrators Category 1 disbursements	475	451	926	49	975	975	=
Administrators Category 2 disbursements	-	9	9	13	21	-	21
Total expenses	147,690	115,814	263,504	61,169	324,674	319,006	(1,635)

The pre-administration costs have now been approved by the creditors as an expense of the administration and will be drawn in due course.

## Appendix C: Remuneration update

#### **EESL**

Our fees were approved on a time cost basis by the general body of creditors on 9 September 2019. To 3 December 2019 we have drawn fees of £1,990,156.30 in line with the approval given, as shown on the enclosed receipts and payments account. This represents fees of £240,156.30 and £1,750,000 for our preappointment and post-appointment work, respectively.

In the period covered by this report we incurred time costs of £1,420,671 and in the previous period from 4 December 2018 to 3 June 2019, i.e. before the basis of our fees was approved, we incurred time costs of £1,808,420. These amounts do not necessarily reflect how much we will eventually draw as fees.

We think that our time costs will exceed our initial estimate of £3,419,869. This is because the book debt collection process has taken longer than anticipated, which required us to maintain active operations for longer and therefore incur additional cost. This longer process has also meant that we now anticipate the administrations to last until June 2021 and have extended them accordingly, which is six months longer than our initial estimate of December 2020. We are likely to seek approval to exceed the fees estimate at a later date and will provide revised estimates at that time.

We set out later in this Appendix details of our work to date, anticipated future work, disbursements, subcontracted work and payments to associates.

#### Our hours and average rates

#### 4 June 2019 to 3 December 2019

Work Type Group	Partner	Director	Senior N	/lanager A	ssociate	Senlor	Support	Total hours	Total Cost	Average
			Manager			Associate		ĺ		Hourly Rate
	(Hrs)	(Hrs)	(Hrs)	(Hrs)	(Hrs)	(Hrs)	(Hrs)	(Hrs)	(£)	(£ per hr)
Accounting & Treasury	-		34	57	73	53	-	218	62,646	287
Assets	1	115	7	330	23	38	-	514	220,182	428
Creditors	-		- 27	16	150	62	204	405	71,430	176
Employees & Pensions	-	1	4	112	1	18	1	136	55,557	408
Investigations	-	-	0	6	-	12		18	6,265	340
Statutory & Compliance	31	355	25	226	44	165		845	185,067	219
Strategy & Planning	5	40	29	9	10	23	-	116	40,156	346
Operations	2	-	3	781	10	447	-	1,242	557,830	449
IT support	-	8	19	-	17	29	-	73	33,304	456
Tax & VAT	5	2	104	6	7	119		243	188,234	774
Grand Total	43	521	199	1,543	335	966	205	3,811	1,420,671	373

#### 4 December 2018 to 3 June 2019

This is our second progress report, however, it is the first report we're issuing following approval of our fee basis. We therefore provide below a summary of our time costs incurred in the previous period.

			Senior			Senior				Average
Work Type Group	Partner	Director	Manager f	Manager A	ssociate	Associate	Support	Grand Total	Total Cost	Hourly Rate
	(Hrs)	(Hrs)	(Hrs)	(Hrs)	(Hrs)	(Hrs)	(Hrs)	(Hrs)	(£)	(£)
Accounting & Treasury			9	28	14	58		108	30,566	282
Assets	2	176	401	420	90	87		1,176	482,684	411
Creditors			52	71	35	42		200	73,790	369
Employees & Pensions		18	69	96	13	16		211	85,512	405
Investigations		2	7	33		24		65	22,599	349
Statutory & Compliance	8	42	35	70	17	95		267	83,408	313
Strategy & Planning	18	138	47	53	11	22	1	290	123,909	427
Operations	6	3	107	752	188	697	26	1,779	511,872	288
IT support		9	17	173	78	281		558	135,824	243
Tax & VAT	3	28	150	31	2	117	3	334	258,256	772
Grand Total	37	416	893	1,726	449	1,437	30	4,988	1,808,420	363

#### Total from appointment to 3 December 2019 and comparison to our initial estimate

		Incurred	i		Initial esti	mate		Varianc	e
			Average			Average			Average
Work Type Group	Hours	Cost	Hourly Rate	Hou	rs Co	st Hourly Rate	Hour	s Cost	Hourly Rate
	(Hrs)	(£)	(£)	(Hr	<i>i)</i> ( <i>i</i>	E) <i>(£)</i>	(Hrs	(£)	(£)
Accounting & Treasury	326	93,212	286	23	68,69	0 289	(88)	(24,522)	3
Assets	1,690	702,866	416	2,31	2 913,15	8 395	62	210,292	(21)
Creditors	605	145,220	240	54	3 177,57	6 327	(62	) 32,356	87
Employees & Pensions	347	141,069	407	22	92,11	2 403	(118	(48,957)	(4)
Investigations	83	28,864	346	13	52,39	8 391	5	1 23,534	45
Statutory & Compliance	1,112	268,475	241	61	1 204,05	4 334	(501	(64,421)	93
Strategy & Planning	406	164,065	404	49	192,21	0 389	8	28,145	(15)
Operations	3,021	1,069,702	354	3,11	2 995,78	8 320	9	l (73,914)	(34)
IT Support	632	169,128	268	55	135,82	4 243	(74	(33,304)	(25)
Tax & VAT	577	446,490	774	80	588,05	9 731	22	141,569	(43)
Grand Total	8,799	3,229,091	367	9,03	3,419,86	9 379	23	190,778	12

Our time costs have exceeded our initial estimate in respect of certain categories of work. This is due to the following factors:

- Complexities around the final billing process
- Large volume of customer queries and complaints
- Significant amount of data analysis and review in finalising customer account balances
- Complex VAT and CCL matters due to the nature of the Companies' business
- Reviewing and resolving a range of employee matters including protective award claims
- Large number of creditor enquiries and claims submitted
- Addressing requests from the Insolvency Service for a large volume of company information

#### **UPBOL**

Our fees were approved on a time cost basis by the general body of creditors on 30 September 2019. We have not yet drawn fees in respect of our work on UPBOL and will do so in the next few months.

In the period covered by this report we incurred time costs of £109,710 and in the previous period from 4 December 2018 to 3 June 2019, i.e. before the basis of our fees was approved, we incurred time costs of £132,269. These amounts do not necessarily reflect how much we will eventually draw as fees.

We set out later in this Appendix details of our work to date, anticipated future work, disbursements, subcontracted work and payments to associates.

### Our hours and average rates

#### 4 June 2019 to 3 December 2019

			Senior		•	Senior				Average
	Partner	Director	Manager	Manager	Associate	Associate	Support	<b>Grand Total</b>	Total Cost	Hourly Rate
Work Type Group	(Hrs)	(Hrs)	(Hrs)	(Hrs)	(Hrs)	(Hrs)	(Hrs)	(Hrs)	(£)	(£)
Accounting & Treasury	-	-	-	0	1	5	-	6	1,267	200
Assets	-	-	-	1	-	4	-	5	2,738	570
Creditors	] -	-	5	9	8	49	-	72	28,278	392
Employees & Pensions	-	6	13	10	2	24	-	65	28,736	440
Investigations	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	4	1,427	352
Statutory & Compliance	1	19	3	11	5	44	-	84	21,843	261
Strategy & Planning	1	8	2	13	2	36	2	64	18,672	294
Operations	-	-	-	2	6	11	-	9	2,497	285
Tax & VAT	_	-	1	0	1	5	-	8	4,252	556
Grand Total	2	33	24	47	25	183	2	316	109,710	347

#### 4 December 2018 to 3 June 2019

			Senior			Senior			Total	Average
Work Type Group	Partner	Director	Manager	Manager	Associate	Associate	Support	<b>Grand Total</b>	Cost	Hourly Rate
	(Hrs)	(Hrs)	(Hrs)	(Hrs)	(Hrs)	(Hrs)	(Hrs)	(Hrs)	(£)	(£)
Accounting & Treasury	1		·	0	1	6		8	2,051	273
Assets				6		34		39	8,861	226
Creditors				0	5	4		9	1,758	186
Employees & Pensions	0	5	0	59	24	174		263	74,426	283
Investigations			0	2		11		13	3,748	286
Statutory & Compliance	2	21	3	25	1	42		93	26,123	280
Strategy & Planning	1	7		2	0	8	2	20	5,457	269
Operations				0	5	22		26	5,307	202
Tax & VAT			2			5	0	7	4,538	622
Grand Total	3	33	5	95	37	304	3	479	132,269	276

#### Total from appointment to 3 December 2019 and comparison to our initial estimate

		Incur	red		Initial es	timate		Varia	nce
Work Type Group	Grand total	Total cost	Average hourly rate	Grand total	Total cost	Average hourly rate	Grand total	Total cost	Average hourly rate
	(Hrs)	(E)	(Hrs)	(Hrs)	(£)	(Hrs)	(Hrs)	(£)	(Hrs)
Accounting & Treasury	14	3,318	240	39	11,051	285	25	7,733	45
Assets	44	11,599	264	41	9,861	240	(3)	(1,738)	(24)
Creditors	82	30,036	369	122	33,528	275	41	3,492	(94)
Employees & Pensions	328	103,162	315	314	90,356	288	(14)	(12,806)	(27)
Investigations	17	5,175	302	13	3,748	297	(4)	(1,427)	(5)
Statutory & Compliance	177	47,966	271	210	65,123	309	33	17,157	38
Strategy & Planning	84	24,129	288	120	38,457	321	36	14,328	33
Operations	35	7,804	223	26	5,307	201	(9)	(2,497)	(22)
Tax & VAT	15	8,790	588	69	40,458	584	54	31,668	(4)
Grand Total	795	241,979	305	954	297,889	312	159	55,910	(58)

#### Our time charging policy and hourly rates

We and our team charge our time for the work we need to do in the administration. We delegate tasks to suitable grades of staff, taking into account their experience and any specialist knowledge that is needed and we supervise them properly to maximise the cost effectiveness of the work done. Anything complex or important matters of exceptional responsibility are handled by our senior staff or us.

All of our staff who work on the administration (including our cashiers, support and secretarial staff) charge time directly to the case and are included in any analysis of time charged. Each grade of staff has an hourly charge out rate which is reviewed from time to time. Work carried out by our cashiers, support and secretarial staff is charged for separately and isn't included in the hourly rates charged by partners or other staff members. Time is charged in six minute units. The minimum time chargeable is three minutes (i.e. 0.05 units). We don't charge general or overhead costs.

We set out below the maximum charge-out rates per hour for the grades of our staff who already or who are likely to work on the administration.

	From 1 July 2018	From 1 July 2019
Grade	Maximum rate per hour Regional (London) (£)	Maximum rate per hour Regional (London) (£)
Partner	640 (890)	690 (910)
Director	540 (780)	595 (800)
Senior Manager	465 (590)	515 (605)
Manager	365 (510)	405 (525)
Senior Associate	275 (425)	310 (435)
Associate	180 (265)	210 (270)
Support staff	95 (135)	120 (140)

We call on colleagues in our Tax, VAT, Real Estate and Pensions departments where we need their expert advice. Their specialist charge-out rates vary but the following are the maximum rates by grade per hour.

	From 1 July 2018	From 1 July 2019
Grade	Specialist maximum rate per hour (£)	Specialist maximum rate per hour (£)
Partner	1,520	1,520
Director	1,390	1,395
Senior Manager	1,230	1,290
Manager	770	775
Senior Associate	570	575
Associate	305	305
Support staff	250	250

In common with many professional firms, our scale rates may rise to cover annual inflationary cost increases.

## Payments to associates

We did not make any payments to associates in the period covered by this report.

## Our work in the period

Earlier in this section we have included an analysis of the time spent by the various grades of staff. Whilst this is not an exhaustive list, in the following table we provide more detail on the key areas of work:

Category of work	Work undertaken	Why the work was necessary	What, if any, financial benefit the work provided to creditors OR whether it was required by statute
A\$\$E\$\$ Debtors - for customers requiring final billing (EESL)	Reviewing and amending customer communications — letters, emails, text messages   • issume fand statement to customers  • issume fand statement to customers  • Maintaining an online "self-serve" payment portal for customers  • Maintaining II and telephons, including call routing and missaging   • Maintaining II and telephons, including call routing and missaging   • Maintaining II and telephons in the with Direct Debt 1 ules   • Repalar contents with OFGEM and of these Achieve Bursen regarding billing and collections and service levels II  • Origoning communication with Sextish Players to assist them with their communication packs for unpaid debtors   • Origoning communications of billing, callections and service levels II  • Reviewing and agreeing third party DCA callections   Monitoring DCA projects against collections    **Monitoring DCA projects against collections   **A	To meximise realisations for creditors	Financial benefit of realisting assets to allow a distribution to creditors
Debtors – existing (EESL) Credit cover (EESL/UPBOL)	Managing Compenses' staff with regards to debtor realisations, weekly monitoring of progress and autherence to industry standard customer protocois □     Reacowing and agreement planty DCA collection plans and communication packs for ugod debtors □     Instructing DCAs with regards to aged debtor collections and monitoring progress, against collections □     Contacting debtors via outbound dealling, text messages and the issue of debt letters □     Contesponding with industry suppliers to recover caredit cover balances ✓     Monitoring and keeping record of credit cover realisations ✓		
Property (EESL)	Reviewing and paying monthly rent invoices *     Dealing with the rathings authorits, reviewing and paying business rates *     Holding discussions with landorids regarding the surrender of the lease	To conduct the operations of the Administrations	No drees financial benefit but necessary for the conduct of the Adminstrations
Other chattel assets (EESL) Intangthe assets (EESL/UPBOL)	Lassing with values, auctioneurs and interested parties      Lassing with values, auctioneurs and interested parties      Preparing and issuing letters to energy brokers in relution to prepayments	To mavimise realisations for creditors	Financial benefit of realiving assets to allow a distribution to creditors
linsurance (EESL/UPBOL) Third party assets (EESL)	Corresponding with insurer regarding ongoing insurance requirements      Lianying with owners/Cessors to arrange collection of leased/fured assets	To safeguard assets	Statutory requirement
Operations Operations (EESL.)	Holding daily operational and performance focused meetings with souror munagement team      Working with management and staff to deal with all appropriate matters and querics.      Regular employee meetings to update, gain feedback and identify areas for improvement.      Preparation and authorisation of purchase orders, review and approval of costs (including supplier invoices and payrealls).      Maintaining performance reporting and KPis to monitor progress, and enable strategic decision-making.	To conduct the operations of the Adiminstrations	To help realise assets and necessary for the conduct of the Admunstrations.

Customer matters	• **Actions ledging receipt of letters, emails and website queries from customers and reviewing each account to enable us to respond to each query   □	To discharge our duties as Administrators in respect of customers	To facilitate the realisation of book debts to allow a distribution to creditors
(EESL)	Responding to customer queries by telephone, letter and email, both in relation to outstanding debts and credit balanco refunds □     Monitoring customer feedback in social incebs and addressing any issues as appropriate □     Lausing with EESL's dedicated complaints fram in addressing customer queries □     Regularly updating the administration website with relovant information for customers, as and when necessary □		
Operational receipts and payments	Updating financial models, reporting outcomes and periodic assessment of operational strategy	Ensures proper and secure stowardship of funds	Statutory requirement
(FESL)	<ul> <li>Entring receipts and payments into financial models and accounting system □</li> <li>Authorising and processing receipts, payments and journals □</li> </ul>		
Employees and pensions			
Communications with employees	<ul> <li>Monitoring a dedicated employee e-mail inbox to assist with employee queries</li> </ul>	To discharge our duties as Administrators in respect of	Statutory requirement
(EESI/UPBOL)	<ul> <li>Preparing letters to newly redundant employees advising of their emblements and options available *         <ul> <li>Holding workly employee briefings —</li> </ul> </li> <li>Receiving and following up employee coquines via telephone, post and email —</li> </ul>	outwitten.	
Payroll (EESL)	Calculating and paying partodic payroll □     Declaring and paying over PAYE/NIC to HMRC and other deductions to relevant agencies and third parties □	11	
Redundancy related work (UPBOL)	Arranging consultation privates for new redundancies *     Selecting and making further redundancies *     Preparing and delivering a bespoke set of communications to recently redundant employees *		
Other employee matters (UPBOL)	Vaintaining a small HK function to support operations including legal correspondence, consultates attaining and ongoing enquires		
	<ul> <li>Dealing with Employment Tribunal in respect of protective awards</li> <li>Responding to solicitors representing exit an former employees</li> </ul>		
Pensions (UPBOL)	Reviewing persion selection and complying with statutory persions obligations      Calculating contributions and requesting hayments to the relevant scheme or policy		
Creditors			
Creditor enquiries	• Regularly, maintaining the administration website and updating it with relevant information for creditors as and when nocessary 🗅	To keep creditors informed of the progress of the Administrations	ne Statutory requirement
(EESL/UPBOL)	Receiving and following up creditor enquires via telephone, email and post □     Reviewing and preparing correspondence to creditors and their representatives □     Receiphing and filling proofs of debt □		
Secured creditors (EESL)	Responding to secured creditar's queries      Providing ad hoc updates to secured creditors where appropriate      Continuing to work with solucions to usees the validity of security	***************************************	
Preferential claims (UPBOL)	Corresponding with employees regarding dividend <	To quantify and pay a dividend to preferritial creditions	to Financial benefit to preferential creditors
	<ul> <li>Preparing, resume and recoving employer preferential claim agreement forms</li> </ul>		and statutory requirement
	Corresponding with the RPS regarding proof of debt  Calculating davidend rate and preparing dividend file  Advertising davident ontous  Preparing and paying preferential dividend  Preparing and Paying preference  Preparing and Paying preference  Preparing and Paying Paying Preparing Prepari		

Unvecured daims	Receiving prisons of debt and maintaining register	To account for all creditors' claums Statutory requirement	Statutory requirement
(EESL/UPBOL)			
Providing customer credit balance information to ScottishPower (EESL)	Lussing with OFGEW, ScottshPower and solicitive to provide customer credit balance information in order to assist ScottshPower with refunding credit balances due to EESU's customers  Holding internal invettings to discuss the business strategy in this regard		Financial benefit to customers with a credit balance
Key stakeholder enquiries (EESL/UPBOL)	Rosponding to any shareholder quencs.      Lausing with OFGEM with regards to final billing progress, debt collection activities and customer matters.      Lausing with Officers. Advice Bureau with regards to final billing progress, debt collection activities and customer matter.	To descharge our duties as Admunstrators	Statutory requirement
Investiaations Conducting investigations (EESL/UPBOL)	<ul> <li>Reviewing company books and records where related to investigator, work □</li> <li>Reviewing the Companies' management accounts, transactions and other financial data □</li> <li>Liassing: with the Department for Business, Energy &amp; Industrial Strategy, as necessary □</li> </ul>	To discharge our duttes, as Administrators	Shittiory requirement
Statutory and compliance Remuneration report	<ul> <li>Preparing and circulating to circlitors a report giving details of the work we expect to carry out during the case, our fees estimate and the expenses that are likely to be incurred </li> <li>Preparing documents and information for the purpose of obtaining approval to fees, Category 2 disbursaments and other matters in the administrations </li> </ul>	To inform creditors of the costs of the Administrations	Skitutory requirement
Progress reports and extensions	Preparing and sexuing first progress reports to creditors, members and the Rogestrar      Making applications to the Court for the extension of the administrations and filing relevant notices	To keep evaluors informed of the progress of the Administrations	Statton requirement
Books and records	Collating company books and records where not related to investigation, work for storage      Arranging for Company records to be sent into storage	For safeguarding Company information	Statutory, requirement
Other Matutory and compliance	Responding to Deta Subject Access Requests      Review and allocation of case post as appropriate	Obligation under General Data Protection Rules and for efficient management of the case	Statutory, requirement
Tax and VAT Tax (EESL/UPBOL)	Proparing tax computation      Laising with HMRC	To duclaring our obligations towards HMRC and to recover tund, where possible	Statutory, requirement
VAT (EESL/UPBOL)	Preparing and abuniting VAT returns     Laising with HARC on general compliance matters.      Research into technical issues.      Research into technical issues.      Seelives defined from seal on technical matrices in relation to the VAT complements, excepte to the process sector including preparation and will incorde of advices.		
EESt only:			

Discussions with HMRC regarding the above complex VAT matter

Consulting with HMRC regarding reporting VAT on supplies for which payment may not be received and the resulting effect on eash flow \*/

	Decussions with EESL's staff regarding cash allocation complevatios, racluding identifying cash relating to previously reported supplies werens further cash payments 🗸	
	• Following the less of access to the Companies' accounting system, providing assistance in redeveloping prixesses to prepare VAT returns based on more limited data, including devising a method to issue credit notes past-appointment	
	• Detailed discussions with HMRC regarding pre-appointment proviable debt and time of supply, including exploring conveys, that have not been tested before, such as the interaction between 1AT have and insolverey law **	
	Providing assistance in redeveloping the VAT bad dobt rollef calculation	
	Assisting HARC with their review of VAT return workings due to the complexity and ron-typical method for Bad Debt Rehief claims <	
	Applying to move EESL to quarterly VAT returns 🗸	
UPBOL only: •	Applying to de-register UPBOL for VAT ✓	
(EESL)	Responding to queries from HMRC regarding environmental taxes and the trading settles of EESL / Assessing and requesting information required to calculate the CCL reclaim figures, and final nuctor readings	
Strategy and planning		
Strategy and planning	Preparing free budgets, and monitoring cost  the	For the effective management of Finans ial benefit of minimising the costs of the Administrations
	Revising as first bill in to recover accrued administration fine costs and disbursements > Sexurous stringes for the Administration fine costs and disbursements > Sexurous stringes for the Administrations and making adjustments as necessary Bioliting team meetings and discussions regarding victors of Administrations Conducting was monthly case reviews Conducting victors of sexurous provides the sexurous conducting and proved systems of record Conducting and proved systems of record Conducting and proved systems of record Conducting and Conducting victors of record Conducting conducting the sexurous conducting conducting conducting victors of the sexurous conducting victors of the sexurous conducting victors and conducting victors of the sexurous conductions victors of the sexurous conducting victors of the sexurous conducting victors of the sexurous conducting victors of the sex	
	Updating case checklish, and dian management systems $\square$	
Accounting and treasury		
Accounting and treasury	Ensures proper and a Ensures proper and some specific part of things with non-operational receipts, payments and yournals and yournals and yournals and yournals and yournals are properties of things and yournals are properties and yournals and yournals are properties and yournals are properties and yournals and yournals are properties are properties and yournals are properties and yournals are properties are properties are properties and yournals are properties are properties and yournals are properties and yournals are properties are properties and yournals are properties are properties are properties are properties and yournals are properties are pr	Ensures proper and secure Statutory requirement stewardship of funds
	Canrying out bank reconcilations and managing investment of funds $\square$ Corresponding with bank regarding specific transfers $\square$	

## Our previous work

As this progress report is the first to be issued following the approval of the basis of our fees, below are details of work we undertook in the previous period.

Category of work	Work undertaken	Why the work was necessary	What, if any, financial benefit the work provided to creditors OR whether it was required by statute
Assets			
Debtors – for customers requiring final billing	$ullet$ Reviewing and amending customer communications – letters, emails, text messages $\Box$	Financial benefit of realisms for creditors allow a distribution to creditors	Financial benefit of realising assets to allow a distribution to creditors
(EESL)	<ul> <li>Reviewing and amending customer bill formats, appropriate to these encunistances ✓</li> </ul>		
	<ul> <li>Amalgamating customer and billing data from multiple sources, into a format to be used for final billing \(\sigma\)</li> </ul>		
	<ul> <li>Working with foreign group companies over a period of 2 months to consider appropriate adaptation of the existing billing system </li> </ul>		
	• When the existing biling solution was made unavailable to us, we assessed the options to achieve biling – for example, in house, third party or Scottish Power <		
	• Negotiating with third party billing provider, and developing this through to a signed contract for services $\checkmark$		
	• Working with Scottish Power to agree meter reads to be used as closing meter reads for EESL, and as opening meter reads for Scottish Power 🗸		
	<ul> <li>Providing c.159k final statements and sending to the customers </li> </ul>		
	Maintaining an online "self-serve" payment portal for customers		
	<ul> <li>Maintaining IT and telephony solutions, including call routing and messaging.</li> </ul>		
	<ul> <li>Maintaining a Direct Debit solution in line with Direct Debit rules□</li> </ul>		
	Developing a communication strategy, and process for communicating bills to customers (including email and papercopy solutions) /		
	• Training of staff to utilise new systems and processes 🗸		
	<ul> <li>Regular contact with OFGEM and Crizers Advice Bureau regarding billing and collections activity.</li> </ul>		
	<ul> <li>Agreement of a process to assist Scottish Power with their commitment to honour customer credit balances through provision of final statement for such customers </li> </ul>		
	<ul> <li>Ongoing monitoring of builing, collections and service levels</li> </ul>		
Debtors – existing	Managing Companies staff with regards to debtor realisations, weekly monitoring of progress and adhoesory to industry standard nustomer networks!  - Adhoesory to industry standard nustomer networks!	i	
(EESI.)	<ul> <li>Reviewing and agreeing third party DCA collection plans and communication packs for aged debtors □</li> <li>Instructing DCAs with regards to aged debtor collections and monitoring progress against collections □</li> </ul>		
	<ul> <li>Liausing with solicitors with regards to legal actions against non-paying customers□</li> </ul>		
	• Contacting debtors via outbound dialling, text messages and the issue of debt letters to c 37k custoniers 🗅		
	Collections of a large proportion of historic debts		
Credit cover (EESL/UPBOL)	Reviewing and assessing credit cover position *     Reviewing credit cover terms and conditions *	ī	
	<ul> <li>Validating industry suppliers to recover credit cover balances</li> <li>Corresponding with industry suppliers to recover credit cover balances</li> <li>Monthorms and keeping record of credit cover realisations</li> </ul>		

Property	Securing possession of property 🗸	To conduct the operations of the Administrations	No direct financial benefit but necessary for the
(EESL)	<ul> <li>Liaising with agents and landlords in relation to ongoing use </li> <li>Reviewing options in relation to lease matters </li> </ul>		conduct of the Administrations
•	Reviewing and paying monthly rent invoices      Dealing with the ratings authority, neviewing and paying business rates		
Other chattel assets	• Lausing with valuers, auctioneers and interested parties 🗸	To maximise realisations for creditors	Financial benefit of realising assets to allow a distribution to creditors
. (EESI.)	• Reviewing asset Instings •/ Facilitating asset inspections by interested parties and completing asset sales •/		
Prepayments – business rates (EESL)	Recovery of pre-payments made to local authorities, realising $E_{\rm S1} k \checkmark$		
Retention of title claims	Atranging for the completion of referition of title daims ×	To discharge our duties as	Statutory requirement
(EESL)	• Maintaining retention of title file ✓	Administrators in respect of suppliers	
••••	Meeting claimants on site to identify goods  Adjudicating retention of title claims  Corresponding with claimants regarding outcome of adjudication  Negotiating settlements to satisfy valid claims  Negotiating settlements to satisfy valid claims		
Intangible assets	<ul> <li>Reviewing Company information to decide if any intangible assets can be realised </li> </ul>	To maximise realisations for creditors	Financial benefit of realising assets to allow a distribution to creditors
(EESL/UPBOL)	<ul> <li>Preparing and issuing letters to energy brokers in relation to pre-payments </li> </ul>		
Insurance (RESL/UPBOL)	Identifying potential issues requiring attention of insurance specialists ✓     Reviewing insurance policies ✓     Concesponding with insurer regarding initial and ongoing insurance requirements □	To safeguard assets	Statutory requirement
Other asset recoveries	identifing any other potential asset recoveries 🗸	To maximise realisations for creditors	Financial benefit of realising assets to allow a distribution to creditors
(EESL)			
Third party assets	Reviewing leasing documents	To discharge our duties as	Statutory requirement
(RESL)	<ul> <li>Liaising with owners/lessons to arrange collection of leased/fined assets ✓</li> </ul>	Administrators in respect of suppliers	
Operations			
Operations	<ul> <li>Liaising with evisting and new suppliers regarding ongoing services during the administration</li> </ul>	To conduct the operations of the Administrations	To help realise assets and necessary for the conduct of the Administrations
(EESI.)	<ul> <li>Reviewing terms and conditions, negotiating commercial matters and finalising contracts for suppliers</li> </ul>		
•	• Reviewing Companies' budgets and financial statements 🗸		

Considering GDPR requirements, writing and agreeing data protection agreements with appropriate suppliers

	• Developing effective customer query and complaint processes 🗸		
	• Weekly, employee meetings to update, gam feedback and identify areas for improvement 🗆		
	<ul> <li>Implementing financial control processes, including preparation and authorisation of purchase orders, review and approval of costs (including supplier invoices and payrolls)          <ul> <li>Establishing and maintaining performance reporting and KPN to monitor progress and enable strategic decision-making □</li> </ul> </li> </ul>		
Customer matters	Preparing and updating FAQs to assist in addressing customer queries <	To discharge our duties as Administrators in respect of customers	To facultate the realisation of book debits to allow a distribution to creditors
(EESL)	<ul> <li>Acknowledging recent of letters, emails and website queries from customers and reciewing each account to enable us to respond to each query.   </li> </ul>		
	<ul> <li>Responding to customer queries by letter and entail, both in relation to outstanding debits and credit balance refunds.   —</li> </ul>		
	Responding to large volumes of customer calls relating to both debts and credit refunds □     Monitoring customer feedback in social media and addressing any issues as appropriate □     Lialsing with BESL's dedicated complaints team in addressing customer queries □     Regularly updating the administration website with relevant information for customers as and when necessary □		
Operational receipts and payments	Building and updating financial models, reporting outcomes and assessing operational strategy <	Elisures proper and secure stewardship of funds	Statutory requirement
(EFSL)	<ul> <li>Entering receipts and payments into financial models and accounting system \( \)</li> <li>Authorising and processing receipts, payments and purnals \( \)</li> </ul>		
Employees and pensions		To desproyer our difference	
Communications with employees	• Drafting, issuing and delivering intial communications and announcements <	Administrators in respect of employees	Statutor, requirement
(EESL/UPBOL)	<ul> <li>Setting up and monitoring a dedicated employee e-mail inbox to assist with employee queries \( \)     Preparing letters to employees advising of their entitlements and options available \( \)     Issuing tailored communications to 107 retained staff \( \)     Holding weekly employee briefings \( \)     Receiving and following up employee enquires viz telephone, post and email \( \) </li> </ul>	n na Crada	
Payoll (HESL)	Reviewing employee files and company's books and revords ✓     Reviewing awards and payroll structure ✓     Calculating and paying periodic payroll □     Deducting and paying periodic payroll □     Deducting and pay it gover PAYE/NIC to HMRC and other deductions to relevant agencies and third parties □	-	
Redundancy related work (UPBOL)	Commencing at consultation process with employ ees      Selecting and making 313 redundancies following our appointment		
	Preparing and delivering a bespoke set of communications to those employees who were under consultation prior to the SoLR process		
	• Lausing with the RPS and external agencies 🗅		

Working with new IT support providers to establish standalone, robust IT systems without support from foreign group companies <
 Holding daily operational and performance focused meetings with senior management team 
 Working with management and staff to deal with all appropriate matters and quenes

ž	• Manntaining a small HR function to support operations including legal correspondence, consultancy, arrangements and addressing ongoing enquines including queries from ex-employees	To conduct the operations of the To h Administrations for ti	To help realise assets and necessary for the conduct of the Administrations
Pensions	• Revening insurance policies ×	To discharge our duties as Administrators in respect of pensions	Statutory requirement
(UPBOL)	<ul> <li>Issuing statutory notices ✓</li> <li>Dealing with general pension scheme issues and the Pension Protection Fund □</li> <li>Calculating contributions and requesting payments to the relevant scheme or policy □</li> </ul>		
Creditors			
Creditor enquiries	<ul> <li>Setting up a dedicated website for delivery of initial and ongoing communications and reports </li> </ul>	To keep creditors informed of the State progress of the Administrations	Statutory requirement
(EESL/UPBOL)	Regularly manutaming the administration website and updating it with relevant information for creditors as and when necessary □     Receiving and following up creditor enquiries via telephone, email and post □     Reviewing and preparing correspondence to creditors and their representatives □     Receipting and filing proofs of debt □		
Secured creditors	• Notifung secured creditors of appointment of	To keep secured creditors informed of State the progress of the Administrations	Statutory requirement
(EESL)	Responding to secured creditor's queries □     Providing ad hoc updates to secured creditors where appropriate □		
	• Instructing solicitors to assess the validity of security and larsing with creditor and lawyers to obtain contractual documentation 🗅	To ensure different classes of creditors between the different classes of are correctly identified creditors	To ensure fair distribution of funds between the different classes of creditors
Providing customer credit balance information to ScottishPower	Lasing with OFCEM, ScottishPower and solicitors to provide customer credit balance information in order to assist ScottishPower with refunding credit balances due to EESU's customers	To discharge our duties as Administrators in respect of the SoLR cred process	Financial benefit to customers with a credit balance
(EESL)	$ullet$ Holding internal meetings to discuss the business strategy in this regard $\Box$		
Key stakeholder enquiries	Responding to any shareholder queries	To discharge out duties as Stat	Stafutory requirement
(EESL/UPBOL)	<ul> <li>Preparing and usuing update reports to shareholder / Director / majority creditors   Liaising with OFGEM with regards to final billing progress, debt collection activities and customer matters  </li> </ul>		
	• Laising with Critzens Advoce Bureau with regards to final billing progress, debt collectron activities and customer matters 🛘		
Investigations			
Conducting investigations	<ul> <li>Collecting and reviewing company books and records where related to investigatory work.</li> </ul>	To discharge our duties as Stat Administrators	Statutory requirement
(EESL/UPBOL)	<ul> <li>Prepaining comparative financial statements and defloaches statement \( \times\)</li> <li>Lasising with the director to obtain legal documents supporting the security, position \( \times\)</li> <li>Reviewing the Companies imanagement accounts, transactions and other financial data and preparing investigation file \( \times\)</li> <li>Lodging findings with the Department for Business, Energy &amp; Industrial Strategy \( \times\)</li> </ul>		
Statutory and compliance			
Initial letters and notifications	<ul> <li>Preparing and issuing all necessary initial letters and notices regarding the administration and our appointment </li> </ul>	To discharge our duties as Administrators and to inform all	Statutory requirement

(EEST/UPBOL)	• Requesting Statement of Affairs ("SAA") from the Director <	stakeholders of the appointments	
	• Discussing and agreeing 3 extensions of time for submission 🗸		
,	• Holding various discussions with Company staff and the Director/his advisors to offer support and information to aid completion 🗸	To identify all the assets and habilities of the Companies	
•	<ul> <li>Seeking legal advice following the failure to submit the SoA </li> <li>Linising with our solicitors in further attempts to request submission of a Statement of Affairs </li> </ul>		
Remuneration report	Preparing and circulating to creditors a report gruing details of the work we expect to carry out during the case, our fees estimate and the expenses that are likely to be incurred <	To inform creditors of the costs of the Statutory is Administrations	Statutor, requirement
Proposals	Drafting and reviewing a statement of proposals to creditors including preparing receipts and payments accounts and statutor, information	To keep creditors informed of the Statutory i	Satutory requirement
	<ul> <li>Circulating notice of the proposals to creditors, members and the Registrar of Companies </li> <li>Preparing decision notice and issuing to creditors </li> </ul>		
	• Preparing a record of the approval of our proposals and issuing to rreditors, members, the Registrar of Companies and the Court 🗸		
Books and records	Collating company books and records where not related to investigatory work for storage *	For safeguarding Company Statutory information	Satutory requirement
Other statutory and compliance	• Review and allocation of case post as appropriate 🗆		
Tax and VAT			
Тах	• Cathering information for the initial tax review <	To understand the Companies' tax Statutory	Statutory requirement
(EESL/UPBOL)	$ullet$ Carrying out tax review and subsequent enquiries $\checkmark$	affairs to enable us to discharge our	
	• Lasing with HMRC 🗆	compliance obligations	
VAI (EESL/UPBOL)	Cathering information for the initial VAT review  Carrying out VAT review and subsequent enquiries  Preparing and submitting VAT returns Laising with HMRC on general compliance matters  Research into technical issues		
EESL only: •	<ul> <li>Considering reporting / data issues, including meetings on site </li> </ul>		
	• After EE lost access to accounting systems, perform a subsequent VAT review <		
	• Seeking advice from legal Counsel on technical matters in relation to the VAT complexities specific to the energy sector, including preparation and settling note of advice *		
	- Discussions with HMRC regarding the above complex VAT matter $\checkmark$		
	• Consulting with HMRC regarding reporting VAT on supplies for which payment may not be received and the resulting effect on cash flow V		
	<ul> <li>Discussions with EESL's staff regarding cash allocation complexities, including identifying cash relating to previously reported supplies versus further cash payments </li> </ul>		
	• Following the loss of access to the Companies' accounting system, providing assistance in redeveloping processes to prepare VAT returns based on more limited data, including devising a method to issue credit notes post-appointment <		
	• Providing assistance in re-developing the VAT bad debt relief calculation 🗸		
CCL (EESI.)	• Responding to quenes from HMRC regarding environmental taxes and the trading status of EESL $\checkmark$		

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Opening bank accounts and arranging facilities ✓     Dealing with non-operational receipts, payments and journals □     Carrying out bank recoordinations and managing investment of funds □     Consequence of the bank is according to the second of t	Accounting and treasury			
Dealing with non-operational receipts, payments and journals      Carrying out bank reconciliations and managing investment of funds      Consequence with board receipting consequents.	Accounting and treasury	• Opening bank accounts and arranging facilities <	Ensures proper and secure stewardship of funds	Statutory requirement
• Cortesponding war pains regarding special craises.		Dealing with non-operational receipts, payments and journals □     Carrying out bank reconciliations and menaging investment of funds □     Corresponding with bank regarding specific transfers □		

### **Our future work**

We still need to do the following work to achieve the purpose of administration. This includes ongoing work which we have so far been carrying out and will need to continue to do in future.

Category of work	Work to be undertaken	Why the work is necessary	What, if any, financial benefit the work will provide to creditors OR whether u's required by statute
Assets Debtors – for customers requiring final billing (EESL)	<ul> <li>Completing final billing for a small number of complex accounts →</li> <li>Instructing DCAs with regards to unpaid debtor collections and monitoring progress against collections →</li> <li>Laising with solicitors with regards to legal actions against non-paying customers →</li> </ul>	To maximise realisations for creditors	Financial benefit of realising assets to allow a distribution to creditors
Property (EESL)	Concluding matters related to the leases of the vacated property. →     Negotiating suirender of the leases →     Preparing and issuing formal disclaimen notices (if necessary) in the liquidation →	Administrations	No direct finances benefit but necessary for the conduct of the Administratios
Insurance (EESL/UPBOL)	Corresponding with insurers regarding ongoing insurance requirements  .	To safeguard assets	Satutory requirement
Asset recoveries (EESL)	Instructing and liaising with solicitors regarding any recovery actions →     Holding internal meetings to discuss status of litigation →     Attending to negotiations and settlement matters →	To maximise realisations for creditors	Financial benefit of realising assets to allow a distribution to creditors
Other assets (EESL)	Submission of an unsecured claim in UPBOL and receipt of any dividend →	To maximise realisations for EESL's creditors	Financial benefit of realising assets to allow a distribution to creditors
Operations Operations (EESL)	<ul> <li>Laarsing with suppliers regarding ongoing services during the administration □</li> <li>Holding daily operational and performance focused meetings with senior management team □</li> <li>Working with management and staff odeal with all appropriate matters and queries □</li> <li>Holding regular employee meetings to update, gan feedback and dentify areas for improvement □</li> <li>Maintaining financial control processes, including preparation and authorisation of purchase orders, review and approval of costs (including supplier myoose and payrolls) □</li> <li>Maintaining performance reporting and KPIs to monitor progress and enable strategic decision-making □</li> </ul>	To conduct the operations of the Administrations	To help realise assets and necessary for the conduct of the Administrations
Customer matters (EESL)	Acknowledging receipt of letters, emails and website queries from customers and recrewing each account to enable us to respond to each query.  Responding to customer queries by letter and email, both in relation to outstanding debts and credit balance refunds.  Responding to ouscomer calls relating to both debts and credit refunds.  Nonthoring customer eadback in social media and addressing any issues as appropriate.  Liasing with EESL's dedicated complaints team in addressing any issues as appropriate and in addressing any issues as and when necessary.	To discharge our duties as Administrators in respect of customers	To facilitate the realisation of book debts to allow a distribution to creditors
Operational receipts and payments (EESL)	<ul> <li>Entering receipts and payments into financial models and accounting system </li> <li>Authorising and processing receipts, payments and journals </li> </ul>	Ensures proper and secure stewardship of funds	Statutor, requirement

Employees and rensions	i		To describe come a constitution of	
Communications with employees	•	Preparing letters to employees to relation to future inclundancies $ ightarrow$	Outstraige our unites as Administrators in respect of employees	Statutory requirement
(EESL/UPBOL)	• •	Holding regular employee briefings □ Receiving and following up employee enquines via telephone, post and email □	and for the state of the state	
Payodl (EESL)				
Redundancy related work (UPBOL)	• • •	Completing a consulation process in relation to future redundances → Dealing with Employment Tribunal Claims in respect of protective awards → Laising with external agencies as required □		
Other employee matters (UPBOL)		Maintaining a sinall HR function to support operations including legal correspondence, rousultancy arrangements and addressing employee enquiries. Desline with Employment Tribunal Claims in respect of protective awards		
Pensions (UPBOL)	•	Calculating contributions and requesting payments to the relevant scheme or policy $\Box$	To discharge our duties as Administrators in respect of pensions	Station; requirement
Creditors				
Creditor enquíries	•	Regularly maintaining the administration website and updating it with relevant information for creditors as and when necessary 🗅	To keep creditors informed of the progress of the Administrations	Statutory requirement
(EESL/UPBOL)	• • •	Recenving and following up creditor enquiries via telephone, email and post  Reviewing and preparing correspondence to creditors and their representatives  Reveipting and filing proofs of debt		
Secured creditors	•	Responding to secured creditors' queries $\square$	To keep secured creditors informed of the progress of the Administrations	Statutory requirement
(EESL)	• • •	Providing ad hoc updates to secured creditors where appropriate   Continuing to liaise with solicitors and secured creditors to assess the validity of security.		
Preferential claims (UPBOL)	•	Addressing any employee queries following the payment of the proferential dividend →	To complete all matters related to the Statutory requirement preferential dividend	Statutory requirement
	•	Dealing with any bounced payments of preferential dividends ≯		
Unsecured claims	•	Dealing with proofs of debt for dividend purposes →	To ensure proper management of the distribution process	Financial benefit of paying a dividend to unsecured creditors
(EESL/UPBOL)	•	Preparing correspondence to potential creditors inviting lodginent of proof of debt $ ightarrow$		
	•	Receiving proofs of debt and maintaining register →	To discharge out duty to distribute funds to the Companies' creditors	This is also a statutory requirement
	• •	Adyudicating claims, including requesting further information from claimants → Prename correscondence to claimants advising outcome of aduatication and advising of intention to declare		
	• •	dividend → Advertusing intention to declare dividend → Calculating dividend tasts and preparing dividend file →		
	•	Preparing correspondence to creditions announcing declaration of dividend 🗲		

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Providing customer credit balance information to &cettishPower (EESL)	• Liaising with Scottish Power to provide customer credit balance information for a few remaining accounts	To discharge our duties as Administrators in respect of the Sol.R process	Financial benefit to customers with a credit balance
Key stakeholder enquiries (EESI/UPBOL)	Responding to any shareholder queries □     Preparing and issuing update reports to shareholder / Director / majority creditor □     Laising with OPGEM with regards to final billing progress, debt collection activities and customer matters □     Laising with Chronis Advice Bureau with regards to final billing progress, debt collection activities and customer matters □	To duscharge our duties as Admunistrators	Statutory requirement
Investigations Conducting investigations (EESL/UPBOL)	Reviewing company books and records where related to investigatory work □	To discharge our duties as Star Administrators	Satutory requirement
Statutory and compliance Creditors' committee	<ul> <li>If necessary, establishing a creditors' committee and holding initial meeting →         <ul> <li>Conducting ongoing correspondence and holding meetings with members of the committee if one is formed →</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	To keep creditors informed of the progress of the Administrators	Satutory requirement
Progress reports and extensions	Preparing and usuing periodic progress reports to creditors, members and the Registrar of Companies      □		
Meetings / resolutions	Issuing any notices and associated documentation for seeking any future decisions of creditors as required →	To ensure correct approval is obtained for certain actions	Satutory requirement
Books and records	Dealing with records in storage, including retrieval of information where necessary. →	For seleguarding Conpany Saturding Conpany Saturding Contract Saturdin	Satutory requirement
Conversion to CVL	Preparing and issuing notice of move to CVL to the Registrar of Companies →     Setting up internal case systems and files →     Preparing and issuing all necessary initial letters and notices once the CVL has been registered →	To allow a distribution to be made to Statum unsecured creditors	Satitory requirement
Other statutory and compliance	Review and allocation of case post as appropriate	To ensure proper management of the Statutor, requirement	atutory requirement
Closure procedures	Withdrawing undertakings and obtaining clearances from third parties →     Completing checklists and clary management system →     Closing down internal systems →	To ensure or derly dosure of the case Statutory requirement	atuory requirement

# Tax and VAT

Tax	Preparting periodic tax computations and submission of tax returns to HMRC	To discharge our tax compliance obligations	Statutory requirement
(EESL/UPBOL)	Preparation and submission of corporate interest restriction returns $ o$		
∙	<ul> <li>Investigating the Witholding Tax (WHT) position regarding previous interest payments to group companies and obtaining clearances from HMRC as appropriate ⇒</li> </ul>		
• Jo	<ul> <li>Ensuring appropriate tax accounting arrangements are in place under the Senior Accounting Officer regime, including the preparation and submission of the annual notifications and certificates →</li> </ul>		
•	Review and publication online of the 2018 group tax strategy. →		
•	Preparation of risk assessment and review of "reasonable prevention procedures" to comply with the tax evasion prevention regime $\Rightarrow$		
•	Liarsing with HMRC as necessary $\square$		
•	Request for corporation tax dearance prior to case closure →		
(EESL/UPBOL)	Preparing and submitting periodic VAT returns □ Dealing with VAT enquires □ Laising with HMRC on general compliance matters □ Research into technical issues □		
EESL only: •	Providing assistance in re-developing the VAT bad debt relief calculation □ Assisting HMRC with their review of VAT return workings due to the complexity and non-typical method for Bad Debt Relief claims →		
• TOO	Agreeing final meter readings with Scottish Power in order to calculate the figures to include in the CCL rectain →		
(EESL)	<ul> <li>Preparing the CCL return and submitting to HMRC →</li> <li>Preparing and submitting a had delt relief claim in respect of CCL paid to HMRC for which no corresponding payment has been received from customers →</li> </ul>		
Strategy and planning Strategy and planning	Monitoring the costs of the Administrations	For the effective management of the	Financial benefit of minimising the costs of the
	Revising settinated outcome statements □ Issuing periodic bills to cover administration time costs → Reviewing strategies for the administrations and making adjustments as necessary □ Conducting periodic case reviews □ Hoding team meehings and discussions regarding status of Administrations □ Filing of documents in approved systems of record □ Piling of documents and discussions regarding stemis □	Administrations	Administrations
Accounting and treasury Accounting and treasury	Dealing with non-operational receipts, payments and journals □ Carrying out bank reconciliations and managing investment of funds □ Carrying with bank regarding specific transfers □	Ensures proper and secure stewardship of funds	Satutory requirement
	Closing bank accounts →		

#### **Disbursements**

We don't need to get approval to draw expenses or disbursements unless they are for shared or allocated services provided by our own firm, including room hire, document storage, photocopying, communication facilities. These types of expenses are called "Category 2" disbursements and they must be directly incurred on the case, subject to a reasonable method of calculation and allocation and approved by the same party who approves our fees.

Our expenses policy allows for all properly incurred expenses to be recharged to the administration and has been approved by the general body of creditors, where required.

The following disbursements arose in the period of this report.

#### **EESL**

Category	Policy	Costs incurred (£)
2	Photocopying – At 10 pence per sheet copied, only charged for circulars to creditors and other bulk copying.	87
2	<b>Mileage</b> – At a maximum of 71 pence per mile (up to 2,000cc) or 93 pence per mile (over 2,000cc)	36
1	Other – All other disbursements reimbursed at cost:	
	Travel and subsistence	14,169
	<ul> <li>Postage</li> </ul>	475
	Bonding and insurance	450
-	• Courier	17
	Total	15,234

### **UPBOL**

Category	Policy	Costs incurred (£)
2	Photocopying – At 10 pence per sheet copied, only charged for circulars to creditors and other bulk copying.	9
1	Other – Other disbursements reimbursed at cost:	
	Bonding and insurance	450
	Total	459

# Our relationships

We have no business or personal relationships with the parties who approve our fees or who provide services to the administration where the relationship could give rise to a conflict of interest.

# **Details of subcontracted work**

The following work, which we or our staff would normally do, has been subcontracted out:

Service provided	Name of organisation	Reason selected	Basis of fees
Payroll processing	Sage UK Ltd Outsource Services	<ul><li>Industry knowledge</li></ul>	Time costs and disbursements
Customer services	Clanchatton     Birmingham Ltd	<ul><li>Industry knowledge</li></ul>	<ul> <li>Time costs and disbursements</li> </ul>
Billing services	<ul><li>Ensek Ltd</li><li>Arlington Coney Ltd</li></ul>	<ul> <li>Industry knowledge</li> </ul>	Time costs and disbursements
Payment services	<ul><li>Allpay Ltd</li><li>First Data</li></ul>	<ul><li>Industry knowledge</li></ul>	Cost per transaction
Technical support	Electro Comm Digital Services Limited	<ul> <li>Industry knowledge</li> </ul>	Time costs and disbursements
Processing debt collection communications	Teleperformance	<ul><li>Industry knowledge</li></ul>	Time costs and disbursements
Debt collection	<ul><li>Wilkin Chapman LLP</li><li>Clarke Wilmott</li></ul>	<ul> <li>Industry knowledge</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Time costs and disbursements</li> </ul>
Investigations work	UK Search Ltd	<ul> <li>Industry knowledge</li> </ul>	Time costs and disbursements
IT support	<ul> <li>Spring Technology</li> <li>Consult Energy</li> <li>Midnight Analytics Ltd</li> <li>Next Connex</li> <li>Datel Computing</li> <li>Bottom Line</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Industry knowledge</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Time costs and disbursements</li> <li>Time costs and disbursements</li> <li>Fixed fee</li> <li>Fixed fee</li> <li>Fixed fee</li> <li>Fixed fee</li> </ul>
Document production	Technologies  Mitie Group Plc	<ul> <li>Regular supplier to Administrators' firm</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Fixed fee per sheet printed / copied</li> </ul>
Auctioneers	John Pye & Sons Ltd	<ul> <li>Industry knowledge</li> </ul>	Fixed fee

Health and safety consultants	Veritas Consulting	<ul> <li>Industry knowledge</li> </ul>	• Fixed fee
Security consultants	Horme Consulting Ltd	<ul><li>Industry knowledge</li></ul>	Time costs
Document collection and	Iron Mountain Ltd	<ul> <li>Industry knowledge</li> </ul>	Fixed fee per box
storage	<ul> <li>Simply Shred Ltd</li> </ul>	Kilowiedge	

# Legal and other professional firms

We've instructed the following professionals on this case:

Service provided	Name of firm / organisation	Reason selected	Basis of fees
Legal services	Gateley Plc	Industry knowledge	Time costs and disbursements
Legal services	Eversheds Sutherland LLP	<ul> <li>Industry knowledge</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Time costs and disbursements</li> </ul>
Insurance	AUA Insolvency Risk Services	Insolvency expertise	Standard statistical calculations

We require all third party professionals to submit time costs analyses and narrative in support of invoices rendered. We undertake the following steps to review professional firms' costs:

- Review amounts charged against the description of work undertaken and the circumstances of the case;
- Seek further breakdown of costs and detail of work undertaken where necessary; and
- · Review invoices against any fee agreements with the suppliers.

We are satisfied that the amounts incurred to date are reasonable in the circumstances of the case.

# Appendix D: Pre-administration costs

# **EESL**

The following costs incurred before our appointment with a view to EESL going into administration were approved for payment as an expense of the administration on 9 September 2019 and were paid during the period covered by this report.

Total	251,077
Expenses incurred by the administrators:	10,921
Fees charged by the administrators	240,156
Nature of costs	Amount (£)

#### **UPBOL**

The following costs incurred before our appointment with a view to UPBOL going into administration were approved for payment as an expense of the administration on 30 September 2019 but have not yet been paid. We anticipate to pay these expenses in the next six months approximately.

12,640
575
13,215

# Appendix E: Other information

#### **EESL**

High Court of Justice Business and Property Courts in Birmingham Court details for the administration: Insolvency & Companies List (ChD) Case 8325 of 2018 Company's registered name: Extra Energy Supply Limited Trading name: Extra Energy 08053154 Registered number: Registered address: 54 Hagley Road, Birmingham, B16 8PE Mordechay Ben-Moshe Company directors: Company secretary: Neil Dodds Shareholdings held by the directors None and secretary: Date of the Joint Administrators' 4 December 2018 appointment: Michael Thomas Denny - 19 Cornwall Street, Birmingham, B3 2DT Joint Administrators' names, addresses and contact details: David Matthew Hammond - 19 Cornwall Street, Birmingham, B3 2DT Ian David Green - 7 More London Riverside, SE1 2RT (4 December 2018 to 19 December 2019) Director: Mordechay Ben-Moshe - 54 Hagley Road, Birmingham, Appointer's/ applicant's name and address: B16 8PE Objective being pursued by the (B) Achieving a better result for the Company's creditors as a whole **Administrators:** than would be likely if the Company were wound up (without first being in administration) In relation to paragraph 100(2) Sch 1 IA86, during the period for which Division of the Administrators' the administration is in force, any function to be exercised by the persons responsibilities: appointed to act as Administrators may be done by any or all of the persons appointed or any of the persons for the time being holding that Regulation (EU) 2015/848 of the The Regulation applies to this administration and the proceedings are European Parliament and the Council main proceedings of 20 May 2015 on Insolvency Proceedings (recast):

# <u>UPBOL</u>

Court details for the administration:	High Court of Justice Business and Property Courts in Birmingham Insolvency & Companies List (ChD) Case 8340 of 2018
Company's registered name:	Utility Professional Business Operations Limited
Trading name:	Extra Energy
Registered number:	08656255
Registered address:	54 Hagley Road, Birmingham, B16 8PE
Company directors:	Mordechay Ben-Moshe
Company secretary:	Neil Dodds
Shareholdings held by the directors and secretary:	None
Date of the Joint Administrators' appointment:	4 December 2018
Joint Administrators' names, addresses and contact details:	Michael Thomas Denny – 19 Cornwall Street, Birmingham, B3 2DT
	David Matthew Hammond - 19 Cornwall Street, Birmingham, B3 2DT
	lan David Green – 7 More London Riverside, SE1 2RT (4 December 2018 to 19 December 2019)
Appointer's/ applicant's name and address:	Director: Mordechay Ben-Moshe – 54 Hagley Road, Birmingham, B16 8PE
Objective being pursued by the Administrators:	(B) Achieving a better result for the Company's creditors as a whole than would be likely if the Company were wound up (without first being in administration)
Division of the Administrators' responsibilities:	In relation to paragraph 100(2) Sch 1 (A86, during the period for which the administration is in force, any function to be exercised by the persons appointed to act as Administrators may be done by any or all of the persons appointed or any of the persons for the time being holding that office
Regulation (EU) 2015/848 of the European Parliament and the Council of 20 May 2015 on Insolvency Proceedings (recast):	The Regulation applies to this administration and the proceedings are main proceedings