Liquidator's Progress Report

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Pursuant to Sections 92A and 104A and 192 of the Insolvency Act 1986

To the Registrar of Companies

Company Number

08257969

Name of Company

Cuisinier Mantra Limited

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Kikis Kallis FCCA FABRP, Mountview Court, 1148 High Road, Whetstone, London, N20 0RA

the liquidator(s) of the company attach a copy of my/our Progress Report under section 192 of the Insolvency Act 1986.

The Progress Report covers the period from 10/02/2016 to 09/02/2017

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Kallis & Company **Mountview Court** 1148 High Road Whetstone London, N20 0RA

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Cuisinier Mantra Limited (In Liquidation) Liquidator's Abstract of Receipts & Payments

From 10/02/2016 To 09/02/2017		Statement of Affairs
	ASSET REALISATIONS	
9.62	Cash at Bank	
1,630.77	Rates Refund	
2,400.00	Third Party Funds	2,400.00
4,040.39		
	COST OF REALISATIONS	
2,000.00	Preparation of S. of A.	
816.55	Agents/Valuers Fees	
(2,816.55)		
	UNSECURED CREDITORS	
NIL	Directors	(1,000.00)
NIL	HM Revenue & Customs (PAYE)	30,250.26)
NIL		
	DISTRIBUTIONS	
NIL	Ordinary Shareholders	(100.00)
NIL		
1,223.84		(28,950.26)
1,223.04		(26,950.26)
	REPRESENTED BY	
563.31	VAT Receivable	
660.53	Bank 1 Current Interest Bearing	
1,223.84		

Kikis Kallis FCCA FABRP Liquidator

CUISINIER MANTRA LIMITED (IN LIQUIDATION)

Liquidator's First Progress Report to Members and Creditors For the year ending 09/02/2017

STATUTORY INFORMATION

Company name: Cuisinier Mantra Limited

Registered office: Mountview Court, 1148 High Road, Whetstone, London, N20 0RA

Former trading address: 253 Bath Road, Hounslow, TW3 3DA

Registered number: 08257969

Liquidator's name: Kikis Kallis FCCA FABRP

Liquidator's address: Mountview Court, 1148 High Road, Whetstone, London, N20 0RA

Liquidator's date of appointment: 10 February 2016

INTRODUCTION

Cuisinier Mantra Limited ("the Company") was placed into liquidation by a Special Resolution of the members followed by a meeting of the creditors convened under Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 on 10/02/2016. This report provides an update on the progress in the liquidation for the year ended 09/02/2017.

The Company traded as an Indian restaurant from premises at 253 Bath Road, Hounslow, TW3 3DA. Difficulties arose due to the high levels of competition that the Company faced from nearby restaurants which resulted to the gradual decrease of its turnover. With its turnover continuously decreasing and its overheads increasing, the company started to make losses and was unable to pay its crown liabilities as and when they were due.

The Company had no assets as at the date of Liquidation. In the course of my administration, I have reviewed the Company's affairs to establish whether there were any potential undisclosed asset recoveries or conduct matters that justified further investigation. Subsequent to my appointment, asset realisations totalling £1,630.77 relating to a rates refund were achieved.

My report on the progress in the liquidation for the year ended 09/02/2017 follows, which should be read in conjunction with my previous correspondence with creditors.

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

My Receipts & Payments Account for the period from 10/02/2016 to 09/02/2017 is attached at Appendix 1 and is further explained below.

As the Company was registered for VAT, all items are shown as net of VAT on the receipts & payments account, and the VAT was recovered for the benefit of the insolvent estate.

ASSETS

Cash at Bank

At the date of the Liquidation, no realisations were anticipated, however, the sum of £9.62 has been received being the balance of the company's bank account.

Rates Refund

This is an unexpected realization in the Liquidation. A sum of £1,630.77 has been recovered. This is an unexpected realisation in the Liquidation in respect of a rates refund and no further realisations are expected.

Third party funds

The sum disclosed as being third party funds represents the monies paid by the director prior to my appointment towards my fee for convening and organising the meeting of creditors and assisting with the preparation of the statement of affairs.

LIABILITIES

Secured Liabilities

An examination of the Company's mortgage register held by the Registrar of Companies, showed that the Company has no current charges over its assets.

The legislation requires that if the Company has created a floating charge after 15 September 2003, a prescribed part of the Company's net property (i.e. the money that would otherwise be available to the charge holder) should be ring-fenced for distribution to unsecured creditors. In this case there were no creditors secured by a floating charge such that the prescribed part provisions do not apply.

Preferential Creditors

There were no preferential creditors anticipated in this regard.

Unsecured Creditors

The statement of affairs included 2 unsecured creditors with an estimated total liability of £31,250.26 of which £30,250.26 is owed to HMRC. I have received claims from 5 creditors at a total of £281,962.82, including HMRC's final claim of £271,971.59. To date I have not received claims from all of the unsecured creditors with original estimated claims in the statement of affairs.

A dividend will not be declared to unsecured creditors as the funds realised have been used to make payments to meet the expenses of the Liquidation.

INVESTIGATION INTO THE AFFAIRS OF THE COMPANY

I undertook an initial investigation into the Company's affairs to establish whether there were any potential asset recoveries or conduct matters that justified further investigation, taking account of the public interest, potential recoveries, the funds likely to be available to fund an investigation, and the costs involved. Specifically, I obtained and reviewed copy bank statements for the 6 months prior to the Company ceasing to trade from the Company's bankers; and compared the information in the Company's last set of accounts with that contained in the statement of affairs lodged in the liquidation.

There were no matters that justified further investigation in the circumstances of this appointment.

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

PRE-APPOINTMENT REMUNERATION

The Creditors previously authorised the payment of a fee of £2,000 plus VAT for assistance with preparing the statement of affairs, producing and circulating the notices for the meetings of members and creditors prior to my appointment at a meeting held on 10 February 2016.

Funds to pay the fee for the statement of affairs and meetings were advanced by the director. The fee was paid on appointment and is shown in the enclosed receipts and payments account.

LIQUIDATORS' REMUNERATION

My remuneration was previously authorised by a written resolution dated 30/03/2016. My remuneration was authorised on a time cost basis based on a fees estimate of £13,357.80. The fees estimate acts as a cap and I

cannot draw remuneration in excess of that estimate without first seeking approval from the creditors. My total time costs to 09/02/2017 amount to £6,356.50 representing 46.38 of hours work at an average charge out rate of £137.05 per hour. The actual average charge out rate incurred to date, £141.15 compares with the estimated average charge out rate of £155.60 in my fees estimate.

I have not drawn remuneration to 09/02/2017.

The following table highlights any significant differences between my estimated time costs and my time costs incurred to 09/02/2017 for each category:

Description of categories	Estimated time	Estimated value of the time costs £	Blended charge out rate £	Actual time	Actual value of the time costs £	Actual blended charge out rate £
ADMINISTRATION (INC. FINANCIALS)	51.80	£8,687.50	£167.71	32.46	£4,445.25	£135.53
INVESTIGATIONS	19.00	£2,425.00	£127.63	5.55	£871.75	£157.07
REALISATION OF ASSETS	3.00	£560.00	£186.67	5.79	£685.50	£118.39
CREDITORS	12.00	£1,685.00	£140.42	2.58	£354.00	£137.21
GRAND TOTAL FOR ALL CATEGORIES OF WORK	85.80	£13,357.50	£155.60	46.38	£6,356.50	£137.05

A schedule of actions undertaken for each category in the reporting period is attached herewith as Appendix 2.

A schedule of my time costs incurred in the reporting period is attached herewith as Appendix 3.

As mentioned in my initial report to creditors, the fee estimated includes potential time costs for all eventualities of the case. In this instance, the actual time spent is significantly lower than that estimates due to the fact that all eventualities have been completed fairly efficiently.

My total actual time costs will not exceed the estimated time costs.

ADMINISTRATION (INCLUDING FINANCIALS)

The estimated time under this category included time to be spent in preparing progress report(s) to creditors. As this report has been prepared following the reporting period, the time to be included in this regard will be allocated to the following reporting period.

Actual time I incurred to 09/02/2017 under this category is particularly lower that the estimated time.

Closure procedures will commence as soon as final VAT is received. Further time will be spent in undertaking a final review, preparing and issuing my final report to creditors and convening and holding final meetings of members and creditors. This additional work does not give financial benefit to the creditors, but I have to undertake it in order to meet my requirements under the insolvency legislation and the Statements of Insolvency Practice, which set out required practice that I must follow.

Therefore, I do not anticipate that my total time costs to case closure will exceed my estimated total time costs under this category.

INVESTIGATIONS

The actual time spent under this category is particularly lower than originally anticipated. This is because at the time of the preparation of my fee estimate report it was uncertain whether additional time would be required to be

taken to complete investigations, therefore, I had to consider every eventuality. However, during the course of my administration, I have not identified any matters that justified further investigation.

As my investigations are completed, I do not anticipate that I will incur any further time to case closure under this category.

REALISATION OF ASSETS

The actual time incurred under this category to date is slightly higher than anticipated as there was an unexpected asset realisation of rates refund. In particular, I have spent time liaising with the business rent and rates specialists with regard to the business rates appeal negotiations and the recovery of the same. Time was also spent in liaising with the bank to open an estate bank account with which asset realisations were held. Although the actual time spent on the case under this category is higher than the estimated time, my total time costs remain significantly lower than the total estimated costs.

I do not anticipate. I will incur further time to case closure under this category as there will be no further realisations.

CREDITORS

The number of hours originally anticipated for dealing with creditors claims was estimated on the basis of the added complexity of having to deal with Crown Debts. However, claims appear to have been processed efficiently and as such I have not had extensive dealings with any of the creditors following my appointment.

Overall, I do not anticipate that the total time costs I will incur in this matter in respect of the categories of work for which I am being remunerated on a time cost basis will exceed the total estimated remuneration I set out in my fees estimate when my remuneration was authorised by the creditors.

Further information about creditors' rights can be obtained by visiting the creditors' information micro-site published by the Association of Business Recovery Professionals (R3) at http://www.creditorinsolvencyguide.co.uk/. A copy of 'A Creditors Guide to Liquidators' Fees' published by the Association of Business Recovery Professionals and 'Statement of Insolvency Practice 9' are available at the link http://www.kallis.co.uk/services/creditors. Hard copies can be obtained on request to my office.

LIQUIDATORS' EXPENSES

As per my receipts and payments account various expenses have been incurred and paid which are detailed below, together with expenses which have yet to be paid. Unpaid expenses will be written off due to lack of funds.

The disbursements listed are all Category 1 disbursements, with the exception of storage which is a Category 2 disbursement. My firm's disbursements recovery policy is attached as Appendix 4 and 1 would advise that 1 have used the services of professional advisors and agents in this matter as follows:

Professional Advisor/Agent	Nature of Work	Fee Arrangement
CVS	Business rent & rates specialists	50% of realisations + disbursements

The choice of professionals was based on my perception of their experience and ability to perform this type of work, the complexity and nature of the assignment and the basis of my fee arrangement with them. The fees charged have been reviewed and I am satisfied that they are reasonable in the circumstances of this case.

The following table details the disbursements that were incurred, paid and which remain outstanding in the Liquidation:

	Period from 10/02/2016 to £	09/02/2017
Disbursement	Paid £	<u>To be paid</u> £
Office Holder's Expenses		214.75
Agents Fees	816.55	
Postage		4.16

Amounts listed as Office Holder's Expenses relate to the following:

Specific Bond	40.00
Statutory Advertising	174.75

FURTHER INFORMATION

An unsecured creditor may, with the permission of the court or with the concurrence of 5% in value of the unsecured creditors (including the creditor in question) request further details of the Liquidator's remuneration and expenses, within 21 days of receipt of this report. Any secured creditor may request the same details in the same time limit.

An unsecured creditor may, with the permission of the court or with the concurrence of 10% in value of the creditors (including the creditor in question), apply to court to challenge the amount and/or basis of the Liquidator's fees and the amount of any proposed expenses or expenses already incurred, within 8 weeks of receipt of this report. Any secured creditor may make a similar application to court within the same time limit.

SUMMARY

The liquidation will remain open until I have drawn final fees and a final VAT has been received so that closing procedures can be concluded. Once these matters have been dealt with, the liquidation will be finalised and our files will be closed.

Should you have any queries regarding this matter please contact Kalani Gunawardana on 020 8446 6699.

Kikis Kallis FCCA FABRP

LIQUIDATOR

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Classification of Work Content		Senior					Total	Average
	Partner Hours	Manager	Manager Hours	Senior Hours	Support Hours	Total Hours	Cost (GBP)	Rate (GBP)
Administration & Planning	0:00	8.10	000	07.0	20.95	29.25	4,124.25	141.00
Finandals	00:00	00:0	000	0000	3.21	3.21	321.00	100.00
Realisation of Assets	00:0	0.00	000	2.79	3.00	5.79	685.50	118.39
Investigations	00.00	2.00	00:0	0000	3,55	5.55	871.75	157.07
Creditors	0.00	0.30	0.00	0.83	1.45	2.58	354.00	137.21
Total Hours	00'0	10 40	0.00	3.82	32.16	66.38		137.05
Total Fees (GBP)	0.00	2,964 00	0.00	640.75	2,781.75		6,356.50	

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Appendix 4.

PRACTICE FEE RECOVERY POLICY FOR KALLIS & COMPANY

Introduction

The insolvency legislation was changed in October 2015, with one or two exceptions, for insolvency appointments made from that time. This sheet explains how we intend to apply the alternative fee bases allowed by the legislation when acting as office holder in insolvency appointments. The legislation allows different fee bases to be used for different tasks within the same appointment. The fee basis, or combination of bases, set for a particular appointment is/are subject to approval, generally by a committee if one is appointed by the creditors, failing which the creditors in general meeting, or the Court.

Further information about creditors' rights can be obtained by visiting the creditors' information micro-site published by the Association of Business Recovery Professionals (R3) at http://www.creditorinsolvencyguide.co.uk/. Details about how an office holder's fees may be approved for each case type are available in a series of guides issued with Statement of Insolvency Practice 9 (SIP 9) and can be accessed at www.kallis.co.uk. Alternatively a hard copy may be requested from Kallis & Company, Mountview Court, 1148 High Road, London N20 ORA. Please note, that we have provided further details in this policy document.

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

Under some old legislation, which still applies for insolvency appointments commenced before 6 April 2010, there is no equivalent mechanism for fees to be challenged.

Time cost basis

When charging fees on a time costs basis we use charge out rates appropriate to the skills and experience of a member of staff and the work that they perform. This is combined with the amount of time that they work on each case, recorded in 6 minute units with supporting narrative to explain the work undertaken.

Chargeout Rates

Grade of staff	Current charge-out rate per hour, effective from 01/10/2015	Previous charge-out rate per hour, effective from 01/10/2012 £	Previous charge-out rate per hour, effective from 01/10/2010 £
Partner - appointment taker	£340-375	£275-£335	£275-£320
Senior Manager	£285	£275	£275
Manager	£225	£170-£275	£170-£275
Senior/Case Administrator	£150-175	£90-£175	£90-£175
Support Staff	£85-100	£60-£85	£60-£85

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

These charge-out rates charged are reviewed on periodic basis and are adjusted to take account of inflation and the firm's overheads.

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

Administration and Planning; Financials; Investigations; Realisation of Assets; Creditors; Trading; Case specific matters.

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

When we seek time costs approval we have to set out a fees estimate. That estimate acts as a cap on our time costs so that we cannot draw fees of more than the estimated time costs without further approval from those who approved our fees. When seeking approval for our fees, we will disclose the work that we intend to undertake, the hourly rates we intend to charge for each part of the work, and the time that we think each part of the work will take. We will summarise that information in an average or "blended" rate for all of the work being carried out within the estimate. We will also say whether we anticipate needing to seek approval to exceed the estimate and, if so, the reasons that we think that may be necessary.

The disclosure that we make should include sufficient information about the insolvency appointment to enable you to understand how the proposed fee reflects the complexity (or otherwise) of the case, any responsibility of an exceptional kind falling on the office holder, the effectiveness with which the office holder has carried out their functions, and the value and nature of the property with which the office holder has to deal.

If we subsequently need to seek authority to draw fees in excess of the estimate, we will say why we have exceeded, or are likely to exceed the estimate; any additional work undertaken, or proposed to be undertaken; the hourly rates proposed for each part of the work; and the time that the additional work is expected to take. As with the original estimate, we will say whether we anticipate needing further approval and, if so, why we think it may be necessary to seek further approval.

Percentage basis

The legislation allows fees to be charged on a percentage of the value of the property with which the office holder has to deal (realisations and/or distributions). Different percentages can be used for different assets or types of assets. In cases where we were appointed prior to 1 October 2015, most of our fees were recovered on a time costs basis and appropriate authority was obtained from the creditors or the

committee as set down in the legislation. The legislation changed on 1 October 2015 and we now seek remuneration on a percentage basis more often. A report accompanying any fee request will set out the potential assets in the case, the remuneration percentage proposed for any realisations and the work covered by that remuneration, as well as the expenses that will be, or are likely to be, incurred. Expenses can be incurred without approval, but must be disclosed to help put the remuneration request into context.

The percentage approved in respect of realisations will be charged against the assets realised, and where approval is obtained on a mixture of bases, any fixed fee and time costs will then be charged against the funds remaining in the liquidation after the realisation percentage has been deducted.

The disclosure that we make should include sufficient information about the insolvency appointment to enable you to understand how the proposed fee reflects the complexity (or otherwise) of the case, any responsibility of an exceptional kind falling on the office holder, the effectiveness with which the office holder has carried out their functions, and the value and nature of the property with which the office holder has to deal.

If the basis of remuneration has been approved on a percentage basis then an increase in the amount of the percentage applied can only be approved by the committee or creditors (depending upon who approved the basis of remuneration) in cases where there has been a material and substantial change in the circumstances that were taken into account when fixing the original level of the percentage applied. If there has not been a material and substantial change in the circumstances then an increase can only be approved by the Court.

Fixed fee

The legislation allows fees to be charged at a set amount. Different set amounts can be used for different tasks. In cases where we were appointed prior to 1 October 2015, most of our fees were recovered on a time costs basis and appropriate authority was obtained from the creditors or the committee as set down in the legislation. The legislation changed on 1 October 2015 and we now seek remuneration on a fixed fee basis more often. A report accompanying any fee request will set out the set fee that we proposed to charge and the work covered by that remuneration, as well as the expenses that will be, or are likely to be, incurred. Expenses can be incurred without approval, but must be disclosed to help put the remuneration request into context.

The disclosure that we make should include sufficient information about the insolvency appointment to enable you to understand how the proposed fee reflects the complexity (or otherwise) of the case, any responsibility of an exceptional kind falling on the office holder, the effectiveness with which the office holder has carried out their functions, and the value and nature of the property with which the office holder has to deal.

If the basis of remuneration has been approved on a fixed fee basis then an increase in the amount of the fixed fee can only be approved by the committee or creditors (depending upon who approved the basis of remuneration) in cases where there has been a material and substantial change in the circumstances that were taken into account when fixing the original level of the fixed fee. If there has not been a material and substantial change in the circumstances then an increase can only be approved by the Court.

Members' voluntary liquidations and Voluntary Arrangements

The legislation changes that took effect from 1 October 2015 did not apply to members' voluntary liquidations (MVL), Company Voluntary Arrangements (CVA) or Individual Voluntary Arrangements (IVA). In MVLs, the company's members set the fee basis, often as a fixed fee. In CVAs and IVAs, the fee basis is set out in the proposals and creditors approve the fee basis when they approve the arrangement.

All bases

With the exception of Individual Voluntary Arrangements and Company Voluntary Arrangements which are VAT exempt, the officeholder's remuneration invoiced to the insolvent estate will be subject to VAT at the prevailing rate.

Agent's Costs

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

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

In new appointments made after 1 October 2015, the office holder will provide details of expenses to be incurred, or likely to be incurred, when seeking fee approval. When reporting to the committee and creditors during the course of the insolvency appointment the actual expenses incurred will be compared with the original estimate provided.

Disbursements

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

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

Category 2 expenses are incurred by the firm and recharged to the estate; they are not attributed to the estate by a third party invoice and/or they may include a profit element. These disbursements are recoverable in full from the estate, subject to the basis of the disbursement charge being approved by creditors in advance. Examples of category 2 disbursements are photocopying, internal room hire, internal storage and mileage.

It is proposed that the following Category 2 disbursements are recovered:

Room Hire £50 per hour
Mileage 40p per mile
Storage £15 per box per annum
Destruction Costs £5.50 per box