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Notice of progress report in voluntary winding up



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1 Company details

Company number 0 8 2 8 5 5 0 7

Company name in full V&L Consultants Limited

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Please complete in typescript or in
bold black capitals.

2 Liquidator's name

Full forename(s) Louise Donna

Surname Baxter

3 Liquidator's address

Building name/number Suite WG3, The Officers' Mess Business Centre

Street Royston Road

Post town Duxford

County/Region Cambridge

Postcode C B 2 2 4 Q H

Country

4 Liquidator's name ①

Full forename(s) Dominik

Surname Thiel-Czerwinke

① Other liquidator

Use this section to tell us about
another liquidator.

5 Liquidator's address ②

Building name/number 1066 London Road

Street

Post town Leigh On Sea

County/Region Essex

Postcode S S 9 3 N A

Country

② Other liquidator

Use this section to tell us about
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6 Period of progress report

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To date	^d 0	^d 5	^m 1	^m 2	^y 2	^y 0	^y 2	^y 3	

7 Progress report

☒ The progress report is attached	
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8 Sign and date

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V&L Consultants Limited **(In Members' Voluntary Liquidation)**

Progress report

Period: 06 December 2022 to 05 December 2023

Important Notice

This report has been produced solely to comply with our statutory duty to report to members of the Company pursuant to Section 92A of the Insolvency Act 1986. This report is private and confidential and may not be relied upon, referred to, reproduced or quoted from, in whole or in part, by members for any purpose other than this report to them, or by any other person for any purpose whatsoever.

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1. INTERPRETATION

<u>Expression</u>	<u>Meaning</u>
"the Company"	V&L Consultants Limited (In Members' Voluntary Liquidation)
"the liquidators", "we", "our" and "us"	Louise Donna Baxter of Begbies Traynor (Central) LLP, Suite WG3, The Officers' Mess Business Centre, Royston Road, Duxford, Cambridge, CB22 4QH and Dominik Thiel-Czerwinke of Begbies Traynor (Central) LLP, 1066 London Road, Leigh On Sea, Essex, SS9 3NA
"the Act"	The Insolvency Act 1986 (as amended)
"the Rules"	The Insolvency (England and Wales) Rules 2016 (as amended)
"secured creditor" and "unsecured creditor"	Secured creditor, in relation to a company, means a creditor of the company who holds in respect of his debt a security over property of the company, and "unsecured creditor" is to be read accordingly (Section 248(1)(a) of the Act)
"security"	(i) In relation to England and Wales, any mortgage, charge, lien or other security (Section 248(1)(b)(i) of the Act); and (ii) In relation to Scotland, any security (whether heritable or moveable), any floating charge and any right of lien or preference and any right of retention (other than a right of compensation or set off) (Section 248(1)(b)(ii) of the Act)
preferential creditors	Any creditor of the Company whose claim is preferential within Sections 386, 387 and Schedule 6 to the Act

2. COMPANY INFORMATION

Trading name(s):	NA
Company registered number:	08285507
Company registered office:	Begbies Traynor Suite WG3, The Officers' Mess Business Centre, Royston Road, Duxford, Cambridge, CB22 4QH
Former trading address:	2nd Floor, 32-33 Gosfield Street, Fitzrovia, London, W1W 6HL

3. DETAILS OF APPOINTMENT OF LIQUIDATORS

Date winding up commenced:	06 December 2021
Date of liquidators' appointment:	06 December 2021
Changes in liquidator (if any):	None

4. PROGRESS DURING THE PERIOD

Receipts and Payments

Attached at Appendix 1 is our abstract of receipts and payments for the period from 06 December 2022 to 05 December 2023 and for the entire period of the liquidation.

Asset Realisations

During the period gross interest of £7.78 has been received on funds held in the liquidation bank account. A corporation tax refund of £1,565.76 has been received in respect of the periods ending 30 November 2013 and 30 November 2014.

Cost of Realisations

A final contribution of £112.50 has been paid towards liquidators fixed fees of £2,500.

£200 has been paid in corporation tax penalties.

£33.30 has been paid to Insolvency Risk Services for the liquidators' bond premium and £257.55 has been paid to Courts Advertising Ltd for the statutory advertising.

What work has been done in the period of this report, why was that work necessary and what has been the financial benefit (if any) to members?

Details of the types of work that generally fall into the headings mentioned below are available on our firm's website - <http://www.begbies-traynorgroup.com/work-details> Under the following headings we have explained the specific work that has been undertaken on this case. Not every piece of work has been described, but we have sought to give a proportionate overview which provides sufficient detail to allow members to understand what has been done, why it was necessary and what financial benefit (if any) the work has provided to members.

The details below relate to the work undertaken in the period of the report only.

General case administration and planning

- Maintaining physical and electronic case files;
- Updating the electronically held information at this office;
- General filing of incoming communications;
- Updating case strategy plan;
- Review and update of case compliance checklists;
- Dealing with correspondence (physical and electronic) that is considered routine in the context of the engagement and otherwise does not directly fall into other categories;
- Completion of six month case compliance reviews and progression checklists;
- Ensure time recording data is compliant with Statement of Insolvency Practice 9;

The work identified above does not hold a direct commercial benefit to members, however it ensures this particular engagement is dealt with to the standards expected and also in a timely fashion. Elements of this work are required to comply with best practice and statute. We are required to maintain records to demonstrate how the case was administered and to document the reasons for any decisions that materially affect the case.

Compliance with the Insolvency Act, Rules and best practice

- Submission of annual reports to Companies House and the members;
- Reviewing the adequacy of the specific penalty bond periodically;
- Ongoing consideration to ethical practice;
- Ongoing consideration to money laundering regulations;
- Updating statutory diaries where necessary;

Banking:

- Maintaining and managing the solvent estate bank account.
- Maintaining and managing the office holders' cash book on this assignment.
- Undertaking regular bank reconciliations of the liquidation bank account.
- Complying with risk management procedures;
- Preparing and processing cheque requisition forms for the payment of post-appointment invoices;
- Preparing and processing remittance advises for incoming funds;

Whilst having no direct financial benefit to the shareholders of the Company, the work detailed above is completed as it is the duty of the appointed office holder to comply with the Insolvency Act and Rules and Company creditors and shareholders benefit from this being done to a standard expected of this firm.

Realisation of assets

- Liquidation bank account interest;
- Collection of corporation tax refunds

On this assignment, the work detailed above has realised assets for the estate. The office holders are duty bound to realise and get in the Company's property and maximise asset realisations, in order to make distributions to the shareholders.

Dealing with all creditors' claims (including employees), correspondence and distributions

The time charged to this code relates to correspondence with HMRC, in order to ensure all outstanding returns have been filed and corporation tax paid.

Funds remained outstanding to the director at the date of liquidation and payment of the outstanding directors loan account balance totalling £16.00 has been repaid.

On this engagement, the work detailed above has had no direct financial benefit to the shareholders of the Company, however it is required as a precursor to concluding the liquidation.

Other matters which includes meetings, tax, litigation, pensions and travel

Tax / VAT

- Post appointment tax compliance – submission of corporation tax returns and VAT returns;
- Correspondence with HMRC concerning outstanding pre liquidation corporation tax returns

It is a requirement of the office holders to complete and file corporation tax returns until conclusion of the matter.

It is the duty of the appointed office holder to comply with the Insolvency Act and Rules and Company

shareholders benefit from this being done to a standard expected of this firm.

5. CREDITORS

As in any liquidation, in a members' voluntary liquidation creditors are required to prove their claims and the liquidators must examine the proofs and the particulars of the claims and admit them, in whole or in part, or reject them. The liquidators must then settle the priorities of the creditors (as between secured, preferential, secondary preferential and unsecured creditors) before paying them in full with statutory interest.

We have paid, all of the creditors listed in the statement of assets and liabilities embodied within the declaration of solvency sworn by the director.

6. DISTRIBUTIONS TO MEMBERS

A cash distribution of £84,500 was made on 14 December 2021, this represented a distribution of £84,500 per ordinary £1 share held.

7. REMUNERATION & EXPENSES

A fixed fee of £2,500 was approved by the members, and has now been paid in full.

Details of the category 1 and category 2 expenses which have been incurred, and remain outstanding are provided at Appendix 3.

We are authorised to draw expenses, including expenses for services provided by our firm (defined as category 2 expenses in Statement of Insolvency Practice 9), in accordance with our firm's policy, details of which were presented to the general meeting of the Company at which various resolutions, including the special resolution that the Company be wound up voluntarily, were passed and which is attached at Appendix 2 of this report.

Category 1 Expenses

To 05 December 2023, we have paid expenses in the sum of £290.85.

Category 2 Expenses

There have not been any Category 2 expenses.

8. LIQUIDATORS' EXPENSES

A statement of the expenses incurred during the period of the liquidation is attached at Appendix 3.

9. ASSETS THAT REMAIN TO BE REALISED AND WORK THAT REMAINS TO BE DONE

Assets that remain to be realised

A VAT refund of £80.67 is being reclaimed.

What work remains to be done

Issue of annual progress report to members and file at Companies House. As soon as the above VAT refund is received we will arrange for the liquidation to be closed.

Expenses

We do not expect to incur any further expenses.

How much will this further work cost?

We have agreed a fixed fee, so no further fees will be charged.

10. OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION

Use of personal information

Please note that in the course of discharging our statutory duties as liquidators, we may need to access and use personal data, being information from which a living person can be identified. Where this is necessary, we are required to comply with data protection legislation. If you are an individual and you would like further information about your rights in relation to our use of your personal data, you can access the same at <https://www.begbies-traynorgroup.com/privacy-notice>. If you require a hard copy of the information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

11. MEMBERS' RIGHTS

Right to request further information

Pursuant to Rule 18.9 of the Rules, within 21 days of the receipt of this report a member or members of the Company with at least 5% of the voting total rights of all the members having the right to vote at general meetings of the Company (or any member or members with less than 5% of the total voting rights, but with the permission of the court) may request in writing that we provide further information about our remuneration or expenses which have been incurred during the period of this progress report.

Right to make an application to Court

Pursuant to Rule 18.34 of the Rules, within 8 weeks of receipt of this progress report any member or members of the Company with at least 10% of the total voting rights of all the members having the right to vote at general meetings of the Company (or any member, or members with less than 10% of the total voting rights, but with the permission of the Court) may make an application to court on the grounds that the remuneration charged or the expenses incurred during the period of this progress report are excessive or, the basis fixed for our remuneration is inappropriate.

Obtaining information on the remuneration of liquidators and the payment of expenses

The basis of remuneration for acting as liquidators was sought following appointment. Notwithstanding this, beneficiaries of the surplus are able to seek information on their rights in relation to the remuneration and the payment of expenses and can obtain a copy of 'Begbies Traynor Guide for Shareholders. A Guide to the Liquidators' fees – England and Wales' on our website at <https://www.begbies-traynorgroup.com/services-to/shareholders>

Alternatively, if you require a hard copy of the guide, please contact our office and a copy will be sent to you.

12. CONCLUSION

We will report again in approximately twelve months time or at the conclusion of the liquidation, whichever is the sooner.



Louise Baxter
Joint Liquidator

Dated: 31 January 2024

ACCOUNT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

Period: 06 December 2022 to 05 December 2023

V&L Consultants Limited
(In Liquidation)
Joint Liquidators' Summary of Receipts & Payments

Declaration of Solvency £		From 06/12/2022 To 05/12/2023 £	From 06/12/2021 To 05/12/2023 £
	ASSET REALISATIONS		
	Bank Interest Gross	7.78	7.78
87,398.00	Cash at Bank	NIL	87,381.28
	Tax Refund	1,565.76	1,565.76
		<u>1,573.54</u>	<u>88,954.82</u>
	COST OF REALISATIONS		
	Corporation Tax	200.00	200.00
	Office Holders Fees	112.50	2,500.00
	Specific Bond	33.30	33.30
	Statutory Advertising	257.55	257.55
		<u>(603.35)</u>	<u>(2,990.85)</u>
	UNSECURED CREDITORS		
(16.00)	Directors loan account	16.00	16.00
		<u>(16.00)</u>	<u>(16.00)</u>
	DISTRIBUTIONS		
	Ordinary Shareholders	NIL	84,500.00
		<u>NIL</u>	<u>(84,500.00)</u>
<u>87,382.00</u>		<u>954.19</u>	<u>1,447.97</u>
	REPRESENTED BY		
	Clients premium account		1,367.30
	Vat Receivable		80.67
			<u>1,447.97</u>



Louise Donna Baxter
Joint Liquidator

TIME COSTS AND EXPENSES

Begbies Traynor (Central) LLP,'s charging policy;

BEGBIES TRAYNOR CHARGING POLICY

INTRODUCTION

This note applies where a licensed insolvency practitioner in the firm is acting as an office holder of a solvent estate and seeks member approval to draw remuneration on the basis of the time properly spent in dealing with the case. It also applies where further information is to be provided to members regarding the office holder's fees following the passing of a resolution for the office holder to be remunerated on a time cost basis. Best practice guidance¹ requires that such information should be disclosed to those who are responsible for approving remuneration.

In addition, this note applies where member approval is sought to make a separate charge by way of expenses or disbursements to recover the cost of facilities provided by the firm. It also applies where payments are to be made to parties other than the firm, but in relation to which the office holder, the firm or any associate has an interest. Best practice guidance² indicates that such charges should be disclosed to those who are responsible for approving the office holder's remuneration, together with an explanation of how those charges are calculated.

OFFICE HOLDER'S FEES IN RESPECT OF THE ADMINISTRATION OF SOLVENT ESTATES

The office holder has overall responsibility for the administration of the estate. He/she will delegate tasks to members of staff. Such delegation assists the office holder as it allows him/her to deal with the more complex aspects of the case and ensures that work is being carried out at the appropriate level. There are various levels of staff that are employed by the office holder and these appear below.

The firm operates a time recording system which allows staff working on the case along with the office holder to allocate their time to the case. The time is recorded at the individual's hourly rate in force at that time which is detailed below.

EXPENSES INCURRED BY OFFICE HOLDERS IN RESPECT OF THE ADMINISTRATION OF SOLVENT ESTATES

Best practice guidance classifies expenses into two broad categories:

- ❑ Category 1 disbursements (approval not required) - specific expenditure that is directly related to the case and referable to an independent external supplier's invoice. All such items are charged to the case as they are incurred.
- ❑ Category 2 disbursements (approval required) - items of expenditure that are directly related to the case which include an element of shared or allocated cost and are based on a reasonable method of calculation, but which are not payable to an independent third party.

(A) The following items of expenditure are charged to the case (subject to approval):

- Internal meeting room usage for the purpose of statutory meetings of creditors is charged at the rate of £100 per meeting;
- Car mileage is charged at the rate of 45 pence per mile;
- Storage of books and records (when not chargeable as a Category 1 disbursement) is charged on the basis that the number of standard archive boxes held in storage for a particular case bears to the total of all archive boxes for all cases in respect of the period for which the storage charge relates

(B) The following items of expenditure will normally be treated as general office overheads and will not be charged to the case although a charge may be made where the precise cost to the case can be determined because the item satisfies the test of a Category 1 disbursement:

¹ Statement of Insolvency Practice 9 (SIP 9) – Remuneration of insolvency office holders in England & Wales

² Ibid 1

- Telephone and facsimile
- Printing and photocopying
- Stationery

BEGBIES TRAYNOR CHARGE-OUT RATES

Begbies Traynor is a national firm. The rates charged by the various grades of staff that may work on a case are set nationally, but vary to suit local market conditions. The rates applying to the Cambridge office as at the date of this report are as follows:

Charge-out rate (£ per hour)	
10 July 2023	
Grade of staff	until further notice
Partner	600
Director	560
Senior Manager	500
Manager	415
Assistant Manager	300
Senior Administrator	265
Administrator	215
Junior Administrator	170
Cashier	170
Secretarial	170
Charge-out rate (£ per hour)	
1 January 2022 – 09 July 2023	
Grade of staff	
Partner	545
Director	490
Senior Manager	435
Manager	380
Assistant Manager	275
Senior Administrator	240
Administrator	195
Junior Administrator	155
Cashier	155
Secretarial	155
Charge-out rate (£ per hour)	
1 December 2018 – 31 December 2021	
Grade of staff	
Partner	495
Director	445
Senior Manager	395
Manager	345
Assistant Manager	250
Senior Administrator	225
Administrator	175
Junior Administrator	140
Support	140

Time spent by support staff such as secretarial, administrative and cashiering staff is charged directly to cases. It is not carried as an overhead.

Time is recorded in 6 minute units.

STATEMENT OF LIQUIDATORS' EXPENSES

Type of expense	Name of party with whom expense incurred	Amount incurred £	Amount discharged £	Balance (to be discharged) £
Expenses incurred with entities not within the Begbies Traynor Group				
Statutory advertising	Courts Advertising Ltd	257.55	257.55	-
Bond	Insolvency Risk Services	33.30	33.30	-