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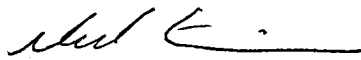
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Joint Administrators' progress report for the period 12 July 2020 to 11 January 2021

Hop Stuff Brewery Limited - in
Administration

8 February 2021

Deemed delivered: 9
February 2021

Notice to creditors

This progress report provides an update on the administration of Hop Stuff Brewery Limited – in administration (the 'Company').

We have included (Appendix 2) an account of all amounts received and payments made since the date of our appointment.

We have also explained our future strategy for the administration and how likely it is that we will be able to pay each class of creditor.

You will find other important information in this progress report such as the costs which we have incurred to date.

A glossary of the abbreviations used throughout this document is attached (Appendix 5).

Finally, we have provided answers to frequently asked questions and a glossary of insolvency terms on the following website, <http://www.kpmg.co.uk/hopstuffbrewery>. We hope this is helpful to you.

Please also note that an important legal notice about this progress report is attached (Appendix 6).

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1 Executive summary

This progress report covers the period from 12 July 2020 to 11 January 2021.

Following the extension of the administration in the previous period, we continued to review the affairs of the Company. The main ongoing matters have been communications regarding an employee tribunal claim against the Company, handling ongoing queries from bondholders of the Company, and finalising the position of preferential claims with the Redundancy Payments Service (Section 2 - Progress to date).

Based on current estimates, we forecast that the Secured creditor will suffer a shortfall against their debt. (Section 3 - Dividend prospects).

Based on current estimates, we anticipate that preferential creditors should receive a dividend of 100p in the £. The timing of any dividend is dependent upon finalising the preferential claim position with the Redundancy Payments Service. This has been delayed due to COVID-19, though we do expect to have paid preferential creditors during the next reporting period. (Section 3 - Dividend prospects).

Based on current estimates, it is highly unlikely that there will be a dividend to unsecured creditors. (Section 3 - Dividend prospects).

The administration is currently due to end on 11 July 2021.

Please note: you should read this progress report in conjunction with our previous progress reports and proposals issued to the Company's creditors which can be found at <http://www.kpmg.co.uk/hopstuffbrewery>. Unless stated otherwise, all amounts in this progress report and appendices are stated net of VAT.



Neil Gostelow
Joint Administrator

2 Progress to date

This section updates you on our strategy for the administration and on our progress to date. It follows the information provided in our previous progress report.

2.1 Strategy and progress to date

Strategy

We obtained an extension of the administration in the previous period, which would allow us to continue managing the affairs of the Company in order to achieve the purpose of the administration.

Tribunal claim

We were made aware of an Employment Tribunal claim that we were awaiting the outcome of in the previous period, but proceedings were delayed due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

We understand there is currently a large backlog with the Tribunal system and are awaiting an update. We will provide an update in the next progress report.

Bondholders

We continue to handle queries from unsecured bondholders of the Company.

Preferential creditors

Another ongoing matter relates to finalising the preferential creditor claim position with the Redundancy Payments Service. While this has been delayed due to COVID-19, we anticipate that this will be finalised in the next reporting period.

2.2 Asset realisations

Realisations during the period are set out in the attached receipts and payments account (Appendix 2).

There were no significant realisations during the period.

Investigations

We have continued to review the affairs of the Company to determine whether there are any actions which can be taken against third parties to increase recoveries for creditors.

2.3 Costs

Payments made in this period are set out in the attached receipts and payments account (Appendix 2).

There were no significant payments during the period.

2.4 Schedule of expenses

We have detailed the costs incurred during the period, whether paid or unpaid, in the schedule of expenses attached (Appendix 3).

Summaries of the most significant expenses which have been incurred in the period but have not yet been paid are provided below.

Administrators' fees

We have incurred time costs of £9,117 during the period.

3 Dividend prospects

3.1 Secured creditors

The Bank has a debenture containing fixed and floating charges over the Company for a £200,000 overdraft facility and a £170,000 loan. Boyes Turner LLP solicitors have verified the validity of the security.

Based on current estimates, we forecast that the secured creditor will suffer a shortfall against their c.£370,000 debt.

3.2 Preferential creditors

We estimate the amount of preferential claims to be £12,640.

Based on current estimates, we anticipate that preferential creditors should receive a dividend of 100p in the £. The timing of any dividend are dependent upon finalising the position with the Redundancy Payments Service, as described above.

3.3 Unsecured creditors

Based on current estimates, it is highly unlikely that there will be a dividend to unsecured creditors.

4 Joint Administrators' remuneration and disbursements

Time costs

From 12 July 2020 to 11 January 2021, we have incurred time costs of £9,117. These represent 25 hours at an average rate of £363 per hour.

Disbursements

During the period, we have not incurred any disbursements.

Additional information

We have attached (Appendix 4) an analysis of the time spent, the charge-out rates for each grade of staff and the expenses paid directly by KPMG for the period from 12 July 2020 to 11 January 2021. We have also attached our charging and disbursements policy.

5 Future strategy

5.1 Future conduct of the administration

We will continue to manage the affairs, the business and the property of the Company in order to achieve the purpose of the administration. This will include but not be limited to:

- Payment of the costs of the administration, including the Joint Administrators' remuneration and expenses;
- Making distributions to the secured and preferential creditors, and to unsecured creditors should funds become available;
- Finalising matters in relation to corporation tax, VAT and pensions; and
- Completing all statutory and compliance matters.

5.2 Future reporting

We plan to finalise the remaining matters in the Administration and apply to Court to end the Administration. Further information and notices will be sent in compliance with the requirements in due course.

We intend to provide our final progress report by 11 July 2021.

Appendix 1 Statutory information

Company information

Company name	Hop Stuff Brewery Limited
Date of incorporation	3 April 2013
Company registration number	08471474
Present registered office	KPMG LLP, 15 Canada Square, London, E14 5GL

Administration information

Administration appointment	The administration appointment granted in High Court of Justice - Business & Property Courts of England and Wales, 004275 of 2019
Appointor	Court
Date of appointment	12 July 2019
Joint Administrators' details	Neil Gostelow and Will Wright
Estimated values of the Net Property and Prescribed Part	Estimated Net Property is £4,928. Estimated Prescribed Part is £Nil. The Prescribed Part has been taken into account when determining the dividend prospects for unsecured creditors (Section 3).
Prescribed Part distribution	<p>The Joint Administrators do not intend to apply to Court to obtain an order that the Prescribed Part shall not apply.</p> <p>This is because it is anticipated that the Prescribed Part will be automatically disapplied given that the estimated Net Property is less than £10,000 and the costs of making a distribution are anticipated to be disproportionate to the benefits.</p> <p>However, if the circumstances of the administration change, the Joint Administrators may make a distribution to the unsecured creditors; or if appropriate, may apply to the Court to obtain an order that the Prescribed Part shall not apply on the grounds that the cost of making a distribution to the unsecured creditors would be disproportionate to the benefits.</p>
Functions	The functions of the Joint Administrators are being exercised by them individually or together in accordance with Paragraph 100(2)
Current administration expiry date	11 July 2021

Appendix 2 Joint Administrators' receipts and payments account

Hop Stuff Brewery Limited - in Administration

Abstract of receipts & payments

Statement of affairs (£)	From 12/07/2020 To 11/01/2021 (£)	From 12/07/2019 To 11/01/2021 (£)
FIXED CHARGE ASSETS		
Goodwill	NIL	336,178.00
	NIL	336,178.00
FIXED CHARGE COSTS		
Legal fees	NIL	(500.00)
Pre-administration legal fees	NIL	(22,365.00)
Administrators' pre-administration costs	NIL	(52,902.10)
	NIL	(75,767.10)
ASSET REALISATIONS		
Leasehold property	NIL	85,121.00
Furniture & equipment	NIL	17,629.00
Motor vehicles	NIL	8,225.00
Stock	NIL	11,980.00
Book debts	NIL	618.87
Cash at bank	NIL	1,492.75
Other assets	NIL	1.00
	NIL	125,067.62
OTHER REALISATIONS		
Bank interest, gross	NIL	1,907.45
Sundry refunds	NIL	287.88
	NIL	2,195.33
COST OF REALISATIONS		
Administrators' pre-administration costs	NIL	(31,905.90)
Pre-administration legal fees	NIL	(9,135.00)
Legal fees and expenses	NIL	(3,730.00)
Statutory advertising	NIL	(36.50)
Insurance of assets	NIL	(392.00)
	NIL	(45,199.40)
	NIL	342,474.45
REPRESENTED BY		
Floating ch. VAT rec'able		8,815.48
Floating charge current NIB wef 25.03.20		318,612.85
Fixed charge VAT rec'able		15,153.42

Hop Stuff Brewery Limited - in Administration

Abstract of receipts & payments

Statement of affairs (£)	From 12/07/2020	From 12/07/2019
	To 11/01/2021 (£)	To 11/01/2021 (£)
Floating ch. VAT control		(107.30)
		342,474.45

Appendix 3 Schedule of expenses

Schedule of expenses			
	Incurred and paid in the period	Incurred in the period not yet paid	Total (£)
Administrators' fees	0.00	9,116.70	9,116.70
TOTAL	0.00	9,116.70	9,116.70

Requests for further information and right to challenge our remuneration and expenses

Creditors' requests for further information

If you would like to request more information about our remuneration and expenses disclosed in this progress report, you must do so in writing within 21 days of receiving this progress report.

Requests from unsecured creditors must be made with the concurrence of at least 5% in value of unsecured creditors (including, the unsecured creditor making the request) or with the permission of the Court.

Creditors' right to challenge our remuneration and expenses

If you wish to challenge the basis of our remuneration, the remuneration charged, or the expenses incurred during the period covered by this progress report, you must do so by making an application to Court within eight weeks of receiving this progress report.

Applications by unsecured creditors must be made with concurrence of at least 10% in value of unsecured creditors (including the unsecured creditor making the challenge) or with the permission of the Court.

The full text of the relevant rules can be provided on request by writing to Hayley Jennings at KPMG LLP, 2 Forbury Place, 33 Forbury Road, Reading, Berkshire, RG1 3AD.

Appendix 4 Joint Administrators' charging and disbursements policy

Joint Administrators' charging policy

The time charged to the administration is by reference to the time properly given by us and our staff in attending to matters arising in the administration. This includes work undertaken in respect of tax, VAT, employee and pensions (up to 1 March 2020) from KPMG in-house specialists.

Our policy is to delegate tasks in the administration to appropriate members of staff considering their level of experience and requisite specialist knowledge, supervised accordingly, so as to maximise the cost effectiveness of the work performed. Matters of particular complexity or significance requiring more exceptional responsibility are dealt with by senior staff or us.

A copy of "A Creditors' Guide to Joint Administrators Fees" from Statement of Insolvency Practice 9 ('SIP 9') produced by the Association of Business Recovery Professionals is available at:

<https://www.r3.org.uk/technical-library/england-wales/technical-guidance/fees/more/29113/page/1/guide-to-administrators-fees/>

If you are unable to access this guide and would like a copy, please contact Hayley Jennings on 01189 642541.

Hourly rates

Set out below are the relevant hourly charge-out rates for the grades of our staff actually or likely to be involved on this administration. Time is charged by reference to actual work carried out on the administration; using a minimum time unit of six minutes.

All staff who have worked on the administration, including cashiers and secretarial staff, have charged time directly to the administration and are included in the analysis of time spent. The cost of staff employed in central administration functions is not charged directly to the administration but is reflected in the general level of charge-out rates.

Table of charge-out rates

Charge-out rates (£) for: Restructuring			
Grade	From 01 Jan 2020 £/hr	From 01 Oct 2020 £/hr	From 01 Jan 2021 £/hr
Partner	690	690	690
Director	620	620	620
Senior Manager	560	560	560
Manager	467	467	467
Senior Administrator	325	325	325
Administrator	236	236	236
Support	147	147	147

The charge-out rates used by us might periodically rise (for example to cover annual inflationary cost increases) over the period of the administration. In our next statutory report, we will inform creditors of any material amendments to these rates.

Policy for the recovery of disbursements

Where funds permit the officeholders will seek to recover both Category 1 and Category 2 disbursements from the estate. For the avoidance of doubt, such expenses are defined within SIP 9 as follows:

Category 1 disbursements: These are costs where there is specific expenditure directly referable to both the appointment in question and a payment to an independent third party. These may include, for example, advertising, room hire, storage, postage, telephone charges, travel expenses, and equivalent costs reimbursed to the officeholder or his or her staff.

Category 2 disbursements: These are costs that are directly referable to the appointment in question but not to a payment to an independent third party. They may include shared or allocated costs that can be allocated to the appointment on a proper and reasonable basis, for example, business mileage.

Category 2 disbursements charged by KPMG Restructuring include mileage. This is calculated as follows:

Mileage claims fall into three categories:

Use of privately-owned vehicle or car cash alternative – 45p per mile.

Use of company car – 60p per mile.

Use of partner's car – 60p per mile.

For all of the above car types, when carrying KPMG passengers an additional 5p per mile per passenger will also be charged where appropriate.

We have not incurred any disbursements during the period.

We have the authority to pay Category 1 disbursements without the need for any prior approval from the creditors of the Company.

Narrative of work carried out for the period 12 July 2020 to 11 January 2021

The key areas of work have been:

Statutory and compliance	posting information on a dedicated web page; preparing statutory receipts and payments accounts; ensuring compliance with all statutory obligations within the relevant timescales; obtaining approval from the Secured creditor of a 12 month extension of the administration; dealing with any closure related formalities.
Strategy documents, Checklist and reviews	formulating, monitoring and reviewing the administration strategy; briefing of our staff on the administration strategy and matters in relation to various work-streams; regular case management and reviewing of progress, including regular team update meetings and calls; meeting with management to review and update strategy and monitor progress; reviewing and authorising junior staff correspondence and other work; dealing with queries arising during the appointment;

	reviewing matters affecting the outcome of the administration; allocating and managing staff/case resourcing and budgeting exercises and reviews; liaising with legal advisors regarding the various instructions complying with internal filing and information recording practices, including documenting strategy decisions.
Reports to debenture holders	providing written and oral updates to the Secured creditor regarding the progress of the administration and case strategy.
Cashiering	reconciling post-appointment bank accounts to internal systems; ensuring compliance with appropriate risk management procedures in respect of receipts and payments.
Tax	analysing VAT related transactions; analysing and considering the tax effects the pre-packaged sale; reviewing the Company's duty position to ensure compliance with duty requirements; dealing with post appointment tax compliance.
Shareholders	responding to enquiries from shareholders regarding the administration; providing copies of statutory reports to the shareholders.
General	reviewing time costs data and producing analysis of time incurred which is compliant with Statement of Insolvency Practice 9;
Asset realisations	reviewing outstanding debtors and management of debt collection strategy.
Employees	dealing with queries from employees regarding various matters relating to the administration and their employment; communicating and corresponding with HM Revenue and Customs; dealing with issues arising from employee redundancies, including statutory notifications and liaising with the Redundancy Payments Office; managing claims from employees;
Pensions	collating information and reviewing the Company's pension schemes; calculating employee pension contributions and review of pre-appointment unpaid contributions; ensuring compliance with our duties to issue statutory notices;
Creditors and claims	updating the list of unsecured creditors; responding to enquiries from creditors regarding the administration and submission of their claims; agreeing preferential claims; drafting our progress report.

Time costs

SIP 9 –Time costs analysis (12/07/2020 to 11/01/2021)

	Hours	Time Cost (£)	Average Hourly Rate (£)
Administration & planning			
Statutory and compliance			
Checklist & reviews	2.80	825.50	294.82
Closure and related formalities	0.20	108.70	543.50
Statutory receipts and payments accounts	0.30	97.50	325.00
Strategy documents	0.80	485.10	606.38
Tax			
Post appointment corporation tax	2.00	650.00	325.00
Creditors			
Creditors and claims			
Agreement of preferential claims	0.20	124.00	620.00
General correspondence	8.70	2,330.10	267.83
Statutory reports	6.20	2,674.50	431.37

SIP 9 –Time costs analysis (12/07/2020 to 11/01/2021)

	Hours	Time Cost (£)	Average Hourly Rate (£)
Employees			
Correspondence	3.90	1,821.30	467.00
Total in period	25.10	9,116.70	363.22
Brought forward time (appointment date to SIP 9 period start date)	313.27	112,786.25	
SIP 9 period time (SIP 9 period start date to SIP 9 period end date)	25.10	9,116.70	
Carry forward time (appointment date to SIP 9 period end date)	338.37	121,902.95	

Appendix 5 Glossary

Company	Hop Stuff Brewery Limited - in Administration
Group	The Company together with; Taproom SE8 Limited Yeomans Pubs and Bars Limited Taproom TN23 Limited
Joint Administrators/we/our/us	Neil Gostelow and Will Wright
KPMG	KPMG LLP
Secured creditor/Bank	Coutts & Company
TUPE	Transfer of Undertakings (Protection of Employment) Regulations 2006.

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