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| Company name in full | Drinkmaster Limited        | bold black capitals.                                    |  |
|                      |                            |   |  |
| 2                    | Liquidator's name          |   |  |
| Full forename(s)     | Simon Wesley               |   |  |
| Surname              | Hicks                      |   |  |
| 3                    | Liquidator's address       |   |  |
| Building name/number | Brailey Hicks              |   |  |
| Street               | 13 Reynolds Park           |   |  |
|                      | Plympton                   |   |  |
| Post town            | Plymouth                   |   |  |
| County/Region        | Devon                      |   |  |
| Postcode             | PL7 4FE                    |   |  |
| Country              | United Kingdom             |   |  |
| 4                    | Liquidator's name <b>o</b> |   |  |
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| To date            | <u>                                      </u>   |                                       |          |
| 7                  | Progress report   |                                       |          |
|                    | ☐ The progress report is attached   |                                       | <u> </u> |
|                    |   |                                       |          |
| 8                  | Sign and date   | <u> </u>                              |          |
| Liquidator's signa | ture X  | ×                                     |          |
| Signature date     | 2 0 5 5 2 3   |                                       |          |

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ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT FOR THE PERIOD 22 SEPTEMBER 2022 TO 21 SEPTEMBER 2023 ("the Review Period")

DRINKMASTER LIMITED ("the Company") - IN CREDITORS' VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION

## ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT OF DRINKMASTER LIMITED - IN CREDITORS' VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION

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## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

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

### Assets

| Asset               | Estimated to<br>realise per<br>Statement of<br>Affairs | Realisations<br>to date | Anticipated future realisations | Total<br>anticipated<br>realisations |
|---------------------|--|-------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Cash at bank        | 122,981.00   | 118,749.15              | 0.00                            | 118,749.15                           |
| Book Debts          | 27,291.00  | 20,193.43               | 0.00                            | 20,193.43                            |
| Stock               | 11,500.00  |                         |                                 | <u>-</u>                             |
| Motor vehicle       | 5,800.00   | 43,750.00               | 0.00                            | 43,750.00                            |
| Fixture & fitting's | 2,685.00   |                         |                                 |                                      |
| Bank interest gross | Nil  | 412.37                  | 100.00                          | 512.37                               |
| Pension refund      | Nil  | 39.22                   | 0.00                            | 39.22                                |
| Total               | 170,257.00   | 183,144.17              | 100.00                          | 183,244.17                           |

### **Expenses**

| Expense                                 | Amount per<br>fees and<br>expenses<br>estimates | Expense<br>incurred to<br>date | Anticipated<br>further<br>expense to<br>closure | Total<br>anticipated<br>expense |
|---|---|--------------------------------|---|---------------------------------|
| Pre liquidation costs                   |   |                                |   |                                 |
| Brailey Hicks                           | 7,500.00  | 7,500.00                       | 0.00  | 7,500.00                        |
| Lambert Smith Hampton                   | 2,200.00  | 2,200.00                       | 0.00  | 2,200.00                        |
| Statutory advertising                   | 91.00   | 91.00                          | 0.00  | 91.00                           |
| Post liquidation costs                  |   |                                |   |                                 |
| Liquidator's remuneration               | 31,000.00                                       | 31,000.00                      | 0.00  | 31,000.00                       |
| Legal fees – Michelmores<br>LLP         | 5,000.00  | 2,650.00                       | 0.00  | 2,650.00                        |
| Agents fees – Lambert Smith Hampton     | 5,100.00  | 8,068.95                       | 0.00  | 8,068.95                        |
| Debt collection fees – JP<br>Associates | 1,500.00  | 3,012.68                       | 0.00  | 3,012.68                        |
| ERA specialist – Courts Trustee Limited | 1,120.00  | 1,120.00                       | 0.00  | 1,120.00                        |
| Specific bond                           | 1,064.00  | 1,064.00                       | 0.00  | 1,064.00                        |
| Statutory advertising                   | 182.00  | 182.00                         | 0.00  | 273.00                          |
| Case management software fee            | 175.00  | 175.00                         | 0.00  | 175.00                          |
| Rent payable                            | 13,500.00                                       | 13,500.00                      | 0.00  | 13,500.00                       |
| Locksmith                               | 300.00  | 300.00                         | 0.00  | 300.00                          |
| Security costs                          | 317.92  | 317.92                         | 0.00  | 317.92                          |
| Insurance of assets                     | 2,500.00  | 855.22                         | 0.00  | 855.22                          |
| Storage costs                           | 6,000.00  | 8,894.75                       | 7,000.00  | 15,894.75                       |
| Postage                                 | 1,000.00  | 664.32                         | 100.00  | 764.32                          |
| Mileage                                 | 373.80  | 373.80                         | 0.00  | 373.80                          |
| Total                                   | 78,923.72                                       | 81,969.64                      | 7,100.00  | 89,160.64                       |

#### **Dividend prospects**

| Creditor class                   | Dividend paid to date | Anticipated dividend, based upon the above |  |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------|--|--|
| Secured creditor                 | 0.00                  | 6p in the £                                |  |
| Preferential creditors           | 0.00                  | 100p in the £                              |  |
| Secondary Preferential creditors | N/A                   | N/A  |  |
| Unsecured creditors              | 0.00                  | 6p in the £                                |  |

#### Summary of key issues outstanding

- Dividend distribution to preferential creditors: A notice of intended dividend was circulated to preferential creditors, preferential creditors had until 31 August 2023 to submit their claims.
- Prescribed part calculation: A notice of intended dividend will be circulated shorty after the payment of the preferential dividend.
- Payment to secured creditor: Upon the prescribed part being calculated and paid, payment can be made to the secured creditor.
- Dividend to unsecured creditors: Once all the matters above have been concluded, a prescribed part dividend to be made to unsecure creditors.

#### Closure

Due to the issues outstanding as listed above, it is anticipated that the liquidation will be concluded within the next 9 months.

#### ADMINISTRATION AND PLANNING

#### Statutory information

Statutory information may be found at Appendix I.

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

### Reporting

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

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

• The second annual progress Report

#### Other administration tasks

During the Review Period, the following material tasks in this category were carried out:

- Case reviews etc;
- Cashiering;
- · Planning meetings; and
- Strategy reviews

#### **Bank interest**

The only realisations made in the Review Period has been bank interest gross of £394.95.

#### **CREDITORS**

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

#### Secured creditors

The Company had granted the following security: -

| Type of charge | Date created   | Beneficiary                 |
|----------------|----------------|-----------------------------|
| Debenture      | 7 January 2020 | Tayto Group Limited ("TGL") |

The debt due to TGL at the date of appointment was made up of various loans and overdrafts, the total quantum of which was approximately £797,116.88 excluding charges and accruing interest. As advised previously the liquidator sought advice from Michelmores LLP in respect of the validity of TGL's security. As creditors are aware, it transpired that only £84,301.68 can be claimed under the debenture's security.

It is anticipated that asset realisations will not be sufficient to repay TGL in full, and its estimated they will receive a dividend of 6p in the £.

#### Preferential creditors - Employee claims

Prior to the liquidation 19 employees were made redundant on 2 September 2020. The relevant information for employees to submit claims was submitted to the Redundancy Payments Service ("RPS") and information and assistance was provided to the Company's former employees to assist them to submit their claims.

A preferential claim submitted in the liquidation by the RPS in respect of the claims of the Company's employees for arrears of wages and holiday pay was received in the sum of £28,612.56.

The total preferential claim of the RPS and 6 employees of £31,561.20 have been adjudicated, which subsequently has been paid in full after the Review Period.

#### **Unsecured creditors**

HMRC was shown to be owed £45,954.00 in the statement of affairs. The liquidator is yet to receive HMRC's claim in the liquidation.

The trade and expense creditors as per the statement of affairs totalled £157,866. Please be advised that proofs of debt are still being received and therefore the total value of unsecured claims is not known at present.

#### **Dividend prospects**

As noted above, preferential creditors totalling £31,561.20 have been paid in full. It is anticipated that secured creditors may receive a dividend of 6p in the £. Unsecured creditors may receive a dividend of 6p in the by way of the prescribed part.

Where a floating charge is created after 15 September 2003 a prescribed part of the company's net property shall be made available to unsecured creditors. The Company granted a fixed and floating charge to TGL on 7 January 2020 and based on present information it is estimated that, after allowing for costs and preferential claims, the value of the Company's net property will be £64,805 and this means that the prescribed part is currently estimated at £15,960.

#### **ETHICS**

During the Review Period, no new threats to compliance with the Code of Ethics have been identified.

Please also be advised that Simon Hicks is bound by the Insolvency Code of Ethics when carrying out all professional work relating to an insolvency appointment.

#### **Specialist Advice and Services**

When instructing third parties to provide specialist advice and services or having the specialist services provided by the firm, the liquidator is obligated to ensure that such advice or work is warranted and that the advice or work contracted reflects the best value and service for the work undertaken. The firm reviews annually the specialists available to provide services within each specialist area and the cost of those services to ensure best value. The specialists chosen usually have knowledge specific to the insolvency industry and, where relevant, to matters specific to this insolvency appointment. Details of the specialists specifically chosen in this matter are detailed below.

#### **FEES AND EXPENSES**

#### Pre-Appointment Costs - Fixed fee agreed with the Directors and ratified by creditors.

The creditors authorised the fee of £7,500 for assisting the directors with placing the Company in liquidation and with preparing the Statement of Affairs on 16 September 2020.

The fee was paid from first realisations on appointment and is shown in the enclosed receipts and payments account.

#### The liquidator's fees

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

The basis of the liquidator's fees was approved by creditors on 20 October 2020 in accordance with the following resolution):

"That the basis of the liquidator's fees be fixed a fee of £31,000 plus VAT for dealing with matters arising in the liquidation in accordance with the information provided in the liquidator's letter to the company's creditors dated 30 September 2020. In addition, in the event that any asset realisations are made in the liquidation as a result of the liquidator's investigations, the liquidator will be authorised to be remunerated at a rate of 30% of any such realisations"

The approved fixed fee of £31,000 plus VAT has been drawn in full. There have been no realisations in the liquidation made as a result of the liquidator's investigations. No fees have therefore been drawn in this regard.

#### **Expenses**

The expenses, which include disbursements, that have been incurred and not yet paid during the period are detailed on Appendix VII. Also included in Appendix VII is a comparison of the expenses likely to be incurred in the Liquidation as a whole with the original expenses estimate, together with reasons where any expenses are likely to exceed that estimate.

The category 1 expenses paid for in the Review Period total £36.51 in respect of postage charges and represent payments to parties not associated with the firm, which have provided services or goods for the administration of the assignment.

The category 2 expenses for the Review Period total £5,005.00 plus VAT in respect of charges incurred in storing the Company's books and records. The basis of calculation of this category of expense was disclosed to creditors prior to their approval.

Information about this insolvency process may be found on the R3 website at <a href="http://www.creditorinsolvencyguide.co.uk/">http://www.creditorinsolvencyguide.co.uk/</a>. A copy of 'A Creditors' Guide to Fees' together with the firm's charge-out rate and expenses policy may be found at <a href="https://braileyhicks.co.uk/upload/Liquidations-creditor-fee-guide-6-April-2017.pdf">https://braileyhicks.co.uk/upload/Liquidations-creditor-fee-guide-6-April-2017.pdf</a>. A hard copy of both the Creditors' Guide and the firm's charge-out rate and disbursement policy may be obtained on request.

#### Other professional costs

No professional costs have been used or paid in the Review Period.

#### **CREDITORS' RIGHTS**

An unsecured creditor may, with the permission of the court or with the concurrence of 5% in value of the unsecured creditors (including the creditor in question) request further details of the 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.

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### CONCLUSION

The administration of the case will be continuing to finalise until the prescribed part is paid. It is anticipated that the liquidation will be concluded within the next 9 months.

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

Signed \_

SIMON HICKS LIQUIDATOR

20 November 2023

## ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT OF DRINKMASTER LIMITED - IN CREDITORS' VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION

### Appendix!

### **Statutory Information**

Company Name

**Drinkmaster Limited** 

Former Trading Name

N/A

**Company Number** 

08649255

**Registered Office** 

Brailey Hicks, 13 Reynolds Park, Plympton, Plymouth, PL7 4FE

Former Registered Office

C/O Tayto Group Limited, Princewood Road, Earlstrees Industrial

Estate, Corby, NN17 4AP. 16 Lantoom Way, Dobwalls, Liskeard,

Cornwall, PL14 4FF

Office holders

Simon Wesley Hicks

Office holders' address

Brailey Hicks, 13 Reynolds Park, Plympton, Plymouth, PL7 4FE

Date of appointment

22 September 2020

## Appendix II

## Detailed list of work undertaken for Drinkmaster Limited in Creditors' Voluntary Liquidation for the Review Period

Below is detailed information about the tasks undertaken by the liquidator.

| Statutory and General   | Administration   |  |  |  |
|-------------------------|--|--|--|--|
| Statutory/advertising   | Filing of documents to meet statutory requirements including annual receipts and payments accounts  Annual corporation tax returns |  |  |  |
| Document                | Filing of documents  |  |  |  |
| maintenance/file        | Periodic file reviews documenting strategy   |  |  |  |
| review/checklist        | Periodic reviews of the application of ethical, anti-money laundering and anti-bribery safeguards                                  |  |  |  |
| •                       | Maintenance of statutory and case progression task lists/diaries   |  |  |  |
|                         | Updating checklists  |  |  |  |
| Bank account            | Bank account reconciliations   |  |  |  |
| administration          | Maintenance of the estate cash book  |  |  |  |
|                         | Banking remittances and issuing cheques/BACS payments  |  |  |  |
| Reports                 | Preparing annual progress report, investigation and general reports to creditors   |  |  |  |
| Creditors and Distribut | inns   |  |  |  |
| Processing proofs of    | Preparation of correspondence to potential creditors inviting submission of POD  |  |  |  |
| debt                    | Receipt of POD   |  |  |  |
|                         | Adjudicating POD   |  |  |  |
|                         | Request further information from claimants regarding POD   |  |  |  |
| Dividend procedures     | Preferential creditors   |  |  |  |
|                         | Preparation of correspondence to creditors advising of intention to declare distribution   |  |  |  |
|                         | Preparation of distribution calculation  |  |  |  |

## Appendix III

## Expenses summary for period, cumulative & comparison with estimate for Drinkmaster Limited in Creditors' Voluntary Liquidation

Below are details of the liquidator's expenses for the period under review and the total to date.

| Expenses                                    | Original expenses estimate | Actual expenses incurred in the Review Period £ | Actual expenses incurred to date | Reason for any material excess (if the expenses are likely to, or have, exceeded the original estimate) |
|---|----------------------------|---|----------------------------------|---|
| Category 1 Expenses                         |                            |   |                                  |   |
| Legal costs – Michelmores LLP               | 5,000.00                   | 0.00  | 2,650.00                         | N/A   |
| Agents Fees – Lambert Smith<br>Hampton      | 5,100.00                   | 0.00  | 8,068.95                         | Percentage of assets recovered  |
| Debt collection agency – JP<br>Associates   | 1,500.00                   | 0.00  | 3,012.68                         | Percentage of book debts collected  |
| ERA specialists – Courts<br>Trustee Limited | 0.00                       | 0.00  | 1,120.00                         | Pension specialists required  |
| Bonding                                     | 1,064.00                   | 0.00  | 1,064.00                         | N/A   |
| Advertising                                 | 182.00                     | 0.00  | 273.00                           | N/A   |
| Case management software fee                | 0.00                       | 0.00  | 175.00                           | N/A   |
| Rent payable                                | 0.00                       | 0.00  | 13,500.00                        | Rent paid for storage of assets while a sale was agreed. Realisations were above the original estimate  |
| Locksmith                                   | 0.00                       | 0.00  | 300.00                           | Locks needed to be changed  |
| Security Costs                              | 0.00                       | 0.00  | 317.92                           | Security was required for the period while the assets were sold   |
| Insurance                                   | 2,500.00                   | 0.00  | 855.22                           | N/A   |
| Printing and postage                        | 1,000.00                   | 36.51   | 664.32                           | N/A   |
| Total                                       | 16,346.00                  | 36.51   | 32,001.09                        |   |
| Category 2 Expenses                         |                            | <u> </u>  |                                  |   |
| Mileage (own car usage)                     | 500.00                     | 0.00  | 373.80                           | N/A   |
| Storage                                     | 6,000.00                   | 5,005.00  | 8,894.75                         | More records collected than anticipated and the liquidation is open for longer                          |
| Total                                       | 6,500.00                   | 5,005.00  | 9,268.55                         |   |

## Drinkmaster Limited - In Creditors Voluntary Liquidation Liquidator's Abstract of Receipts & Payments From 22 September 2020 to 21 September 2023

| D             |   | 22/09/2022  |            |
|---------------|---|-------------|------------|
| Per statement |   | to          | Total      |
| of affairs    |   | 21/09/2023  |            |
| £             | REALISATIONS                            | £           | £          |
| 122,981.00    | Cash at bank                            | Nil         | 118,749.15 |
| 27,291.00     | Book Debts                              | Nil         | 20,193.43  |
| 11,500.00     | Stock                                   |             |            |
| 5,800.00      | Motor vehicle                           | Nil         | 43,750.00  |
| 2,685.00      | Fixture & fittings                      |             |            |
| Nil           | Bank interest gross                     | 394.95      | 412.37     |
| Nil           | Pension refund                          | Nil         | 39.22      |
| 170,257.00    |   | 394.95      | 183,144.17 |
|               | COST OF REALISATIONS                    |             |            |
|               | Pre liquidation costs                   |             |            |
|               | Brailey Hicks                           | Nil         | (7,500.00  |
|               | Lambert Smith Hampton                   | Nil         | (2,200.00  |
|               | Statutory advertising                   | Nil         | (91.00     |
|               | Liquidator's remuneration               | Nil         | (31,000.00 |
|               | Legal fees - Michelomores LLP           | Nil         | (2,650.00  |
|               | Agents fees – Lambert Smith Hampton     | Nil         | (8,068.95  |
|               | Debt collection fees - JP Associates    | Nil         | (3,012.68  |
|               | ERA specialist - Courts Trustee Limited | Nil         | (1,120.00  |
|               | Specific bond                           | Nil         | (1,064.00  |
| •             | Statutory advertising                   | Nil         | (182.00    |
|               | Case management software fee            | Nil         | (175.00    |
|               | Rent payable                            | Nil         | (13,500.00 |
|               | Locksmith                               | Nil         | (300.00    |
|               | Security costs                          | Nil         | (317.92    |
|               | Insurance of assets                     | Nil         | (855.22    |
|               | Storage costs                           | (5,005.00)  | (8,894.75  |
|               | Postage                                 | (36.51)     | (664.32    |
|               | Mileage                                 | Nil         | (373.80    |
|               | -                                       | (5,041.51)  | (81,969.64 |
|               | ·                                       |             | 101,174.53 |
|               | REPRESENTED BY                          | <del></del> |            |
|               | Brailey Hicks client account            |             | 94,032.85  |
|               | VAT receivable                          |             | 7,141.68   |
|               |   |             | 101,174.53 |