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#### HATFIELD APPLIANCES LIMITED

# IN CREDITORS VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION LIQUIDATORS PROGRESS REPORT

## 14 June 2019

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#### 1. INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this report is to detail the acts and dealing of the Liquidator and it should be read in conjunction with previous correspondence to Creditors.

#### 2. BACKGROUND

#### REGISTERED NAME, ADDRESS AND NUMBER

Hatfield Appliances Limited (In Liquidation), ("the Company")

Registered office: C/o Libertas, 3 Chandlers House, Hampton Mews,

191-195 Sparrows Herne, Bushey, Hertfordshire,

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Pre-Liquidation Registered office: Solar House, 282 Chase Road, London, N14 6NZ

Trading Address: 36 Town Centre, Hatfield, AL10 0LD

Registered Number: 08961063

Other trading names: N/A

Liquidator's name: Nicholas Barnett

Liquidator's address: Libertas Associates Limited, 3 Chandlers House,

191-195 Sparrows Herne, Bushey, Herts,

**WD23 1FL** 

#### APPOINTMENT DETAILS

The members' and creditors' meetings were held on 21 April 2017, when Nicholas Barnett was appointed Liquidator of the company.

The company traded as a retailer of electrical household appliances.

The main causes of failure were attributed to increased costs, competition and economic downturn.

#### 3. ASSET REALISATIONS

My Receipts and Payments Account for the period 21 April 2018 to 20 April 2019 is attached at Appendix 1.

#### Assets

According to the statement of affairs lodged in these proceedings, the Company's only asset was book debts estimated to realise £3,720. Unfortunately, this has not been realised because of inadequate books and records.

I have realised cash at bank in the sum of £34.77.

A small amount of bank interest has also been received

Following my appointment I attempted to assign the lease of the trading premises to a connected party who deposited £978 to cover legal costs, £1,200 as a premium for the lease and £5,586.37 for rent. The landlord did not agree to the assignment and the lease was subsequently disclaimed. Part of the funds deposited by the connected party have therefore been refunded.

#### 4. INVESTIGATION

I can confirm that he has complied with his statutory and best practice obligations in accordance with the Company Directors Disqualification Act 1986 and Statement of Insolvency Practice No's 2 and 4. Accordingly, a directors' conduct report was submitted to the Insolvency Service on 29 June 2017. The contents of that report are confidential in nature, and therefore cannot be disclosed to creditors.

#### 5. CREDITORS CLAIMS AND DIVIDEND PROSPECTS

#### Secured creditors

There are no secured creditors.

#### Dividend in Relation to the Prescribed Part

Under the provisions of Section 176A of the Insolvency Act 1986, the Liquidator must state the amount of funds available to unsecured creditors in respect of the prescribed part. This provision only applies where the Company has granted a floating charge to a creditor after 15 September 2003. The Company did not grant any floating charges and the prescribed part does not apply in this Liquidation.

#### Preferential creditors

I have received preferential claims totalling £9,209.87.

#### Unsecured creditors

Unsecured creditors, as per the statement of affairs totalled £12,553.82. I have received 6 unsecured claims totalling £67,248.52. This includes claims from HM Revenue & Customs totalling £7,001.29 in respect of arrears of VAT and PAYE and a claim from The National Insurance Fund in respect of payments to employees in the sum of £46,527.09.

I have not received claims from 6 creditors shown in the statement of affairs totalling £9,868.54.

No dividend will be declared to unsecured creditors as the funds realised have been used to meet the costs of the liquidation.

#### 6. COSTS AND EXPENSES

#### Pre-Appointment Remuneration

A fee of £3,500 plus VAT plus disbursements was charged by Libertas Associates Limited for assistance with preparing the report and statement of affairs and convening and holding the meeting of creditors. This fee was agreed by creditors at the meeting held on 21 April 2017. It has only been possible to pay £1,038.32 towards this fee.

#### Liquidator's Remuneration

No fee resolution has to date been obtained from creditors in respect of remuneration.

#### **Summary of Costs**

My time costs for the period 21 April 2017 to 20 April 2019 total £14,688.50 representing 76.10 hours at an average hourly rate of £193.02. My time costs for the period 21 April 2018 to 20 April 2019 total £1,563.00 representing 7.4 hours at an average hourly rate of £211.22. No fees have been drawn. Schedules providing a detailed breakdown of these time costs are available at Appendix 2.

A description of the routine work undertaken in the Liquidation to date is as follows:

## Administration and Planning

- Preparing the documentation and dealing with the formalities of appointment.
- Statutory notifications and advertising.
- Preparing documentation required.
- Dealing with all routine correspondence.
- Maintaining physical case files and electronic case details on Insolv.
- Review and storage.
- Case bordereau.
- Case planning and administration.
- Preparing reports to members and creditors.
- Dealing with FCA licence.

#### Cashiering

Ensuring statutory lodgements and tax lodgement obligations are met.

#### **Creditors**

- Dealing with creditor correspondence and telephone conversations.
- Preparing reports to creditors.

- Maintaining creditor information on Insolv.
- Dealing with employees.

### Investigations

- Chasing books and records.
- Preparing a return pursuant to the Company Directors Disqualification Act.
- Conducting investigations into any suspicious transactions.
- Review books and records to identify any transactions or actions a Liquidator may take against a third party in order to recover funds for the benefit of creditors.

#### Realisation of Assets

- Collection of cash in hand.
- Leasehold enquiries.
- Dealing with the lease

#### Liquidator's Disbursements

The Liquidator's category 1 disbursements for the period from 21 April 2017 to 20 April 2019 consist of the specific bond £150.00, software license fee £110, land registry fee £3 and statutory advertising £215.64. These expenses were paid by Libertas Associates Limited.

An unsccured 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.

A Creditors' Guide to Liquidator's Fees and Libertas Associates Limited Fee and Disbursement Policy, can be viewed at <a href="http://www.libertasassociates.co.uk/downloads">http://www.libertasassociates.co.uk/downloads</a>. Should you wish to receive a hard copy of these extracts, please do not hesitate to contact our offices where a copy will be supplied free of charge.

#### 7. CONCLUSION

The Liquidation will be concluded during the next 6 months.

If you require any further information please contact Steve Taylor at our Bushey office.

Nicholas Barnett MIPA MABRP Liquidator

#### Appendix 1

### Hatfield Appliances Limited - In Creditors Voluntary Liquidation Liquidator's Abstract of Receipts & Payments

## From 21 April 2018 To 20 April 2019

S of A £		From 21/04/18	From 21/04/17
		To 20/04/19	To 20/04/19
	ASSET REALISATIONS		
3,720.00	Book Debts	NIL	NIL
	Cash at Bank	NIL	34.77
	Rent	NIL	5,586.37
	Bank Interest Gross	2.47	2.71
1,200.00	Premiulm for Lease	NIL	1,200.00
•	Deposit for Costs	NIL	978.00
4,920.00	<u>.</u>	2.47	7,801.85
	COST OF REALISATIONS		
(NIL)	Statement of Affairs Fee	(1,038.32)	(1,038.32)
(NIL)	Legal Fees	(1,006.00)	(1,006.00)
(NIL)	Refund of Rent	(5,549.87)	(5,549.87)
NIL	-	(7,594.19)	(7,594.19)
	PREFERENTIAL CREDITORS		
	Trade Creditor	NIL	NIL
NIL	-	NIL	NIL
	UNSECURED CREDITORS		
(940.59)	Credit Card Company	NIL	NIL
, ,	PAYE/PRSI	NIL	NIL
	Rent Arrears	NIL	NIL
(8,906.81)	Trade Creditor	NIL	NIL
(2,706.42)	Utility Creditor	NIL	NIL
(12,553.82)	_	NIL	NIL
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## REPRESENTED BY

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Nicholas Barnett Liquidator

Appendix 2 Liquidator's Remuneration Schedule Hatfield Appliances Limited Between 21 April 2017 and 20 April 2019

Classification of work function	Partner/ Director	Manager	Other Senior Professionals	Assistants & Support Staff	Total Hours	Time Cost	Average Hourly Rate
Administration & Planning	0.50	0.30	21.80	0.00	22.60	4,313.50	190.86
Investigations	0.30	0.00	13.60	0.00	13.90	2,605.00	187.41
Realisation of Assets	0.00	0.00	3.30	0.00	3.30	648.00	196.36
Trading	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Creditors	0.00	0.00	15.60	0.00	15.60	2,817.00	180.58
Case Specific Matters	0.50	0.00	20.20	0.00	20.70	4,305.00	207.97
Total hours	1.30	0.30	74.50	0.00	76.10		
Time costs	580.00	79.50	14,029.00	0.00		14,688.50	
Average hourly rate	446.15	265.00	188.31	0.00			193.02

Summary of Fees
Time spent in administering the Assignment
Total value of time spent to 20 April 2019 Total Liquidator's fees charged to 20 April 2019

Hours £

76.10 14,688.50 0.00

Appendix 2
Liquidator's Remuneration Schedule
Hatfield Appliances Limited
Between 21 April 2018 and 20 April 2019

Classification of work function	Partner/ Director	Manager	Other Senior Professionals	Assistants & Support Staff	Total Hours	Time Cost	Average Hourly Rate
Administration & Planning	0.50	0.00	3.50	0.00	4.00	868.00	217.00
Investigations	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Realisation of Assets	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Trading	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Creditors	0.00	0.00	0.10	0.00	0.10	15.00	150.00
Case Specific Matters	0.00	0.00	3.30	0.00	3.30	680.00	206.06
Total hours	0.50	0.00	6.90	0.00	7.40		
Time costs	200.00	0.00	1,363.00	0.00		1,563.00	
Average hourly rate	400.00	0.00	197.54	0.00			211.22

**Summary of Fees** 

Time spent in administering the Assignment Total value of time spent to 20 April 2019 Total Liquidator's fees charged to 20 April 2019

Hours £ £ 7.40 1,563.00 0.00