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Company number

Company name in full **BEST GRANITE LTD**

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2 Liquidator's name

Full forename(s) **Umang**

Surname **Patel**

3 Liquidator's address

Building **C/o Neum Insolvency, Suite 9, Amba House**

name/number Street **15 College Road**

Post town **Harrow**

County/Region **Middlesex**

Postcode **H** **B**

Country

4 Liquidator's name ●

Full forename(s)

Surname

① **Other liquidator**
Use this section to tell us
about another liquidator.

5 Liquidator's address ●

Building name/number

Street

Post town

County/Region

Postcode

Country

② **Other liquidator**
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Liquidator's signature

Signature

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Signature date

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Contact name

Harshin Soneji

Company name

Neum Insolvency

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Suite 9, Amba House

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Harrow

County/Region

Postcode

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Telephone

020 3411 9598



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BEST GRANITE LTD

Company Number: 10187788

**Liquidator's Second Annual Progress
Report to Members and
Creditors Dated 1 February 2023**



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1 Introduction

- 1.1 I, Umang Patel of Neum Insolvency, Suite 9, Amba House, 15 College Road, Harrow, Middlesex, HA1 1BA, was appointed as Liquidator of Best Granite Ltd on 16 December 2020.
- 1.2 Information about the way that we will use, and store personal data on insolvency appointments can be found in the Privacy Notice, attached at **Appendix F**.
- 1.3 This report provides progress on the outcome of the liquidation of the Company for the period 16 December 2021 to 15 December 2022. This report should be read in conjunction with any previous reports that have been issued, copies of which are available on request.
- 1.4 The trading address of the Company was 909 Romford Road, London E12 5JT prior to liquidation.
- 1.5 The registered office of the Company was changed to C/o Neum Insolvency, Suite 9, Amba House, 15 College Road, Harrow, Middlesex, HA1 1BA, and its registered number is 10187788.
- 1.6 The Statutory information relating to the Company is attached at **Appendix A**.

2 Receipts and Payments

- 2.1 A summary of the Liquidator's Receipts and Payments Account relating to the Company for the relevant period of 16 December 2021 to 15 December 2022 together with a comparison to the directors' Statement of Affairs, which provides details of the remuneration charged and expenses incurred and paid by the Liquidator, is attached at **Appendix B**. A cumulative Receipts and Payments Account from my appointment on 16 December 2020 to 15 December 2022 is also attached at **Appendix B**

3 Work undertaken by the Liquidator

This section of the report provides creditors with an overview of the work undertaken in the liquidation since the date of my appointment, together with information on the overall outcome of the liquidation.

Administration (including statutory compliance & reporting)

- 3.1 The Liquidator must comply with certain statutory obligations under the Insolvency Act 1986 and other related legislation. Details about the work I anticipated undertaking in this regard was outlined previously and, as noted in my initial fees estimate/information, this work will not necessarily bring any financial benefit to creditors, but is required on every case by statute.

Realisation of Assets

Negligence Claim against the Company's Solicitors

- 3.2 In my previous report, I referred to enquiries being made regarding a potential negligence claim against the Company's solicitors. My solicitors have received the files from the Company's solicitors now to consider whether to pursue a negligence claim or not. My solicitors have reviewed the information provided and are not willing to pursue any litigation on CFA basis in light of the complexity of the case. Substantial additional work will be required to progress any potential litigation. I am making my enquiries with one of the creditors whether they are interested to fund the prospective litigation. In the event of no funding from the creditor and the negligible prospects of success, the Liquidator is not intending to take any further action on this matter.

Other Assets

- 3.7 I would advise that no further assets have come to light that may be pursued by me for the benefit of creditors.

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4 Outcome for Creditors

Secured Creditors

- 4.1 There are no secured creditors.

Preferential Creditors

- 4.2 I have not received any preferential claims from the former employees or subrogated preferential claims from the National Insurance Fund in respect of the former employees claims.

Unsecured Creditors

- 4.3 I have received no further claims in the period. To date, claims totalling £73,287.10 have been received from three unsecured creditors.
- 4.4 On present information, the realisations are insufficient to declare a dividend to the unsecured creditors and a formal notice of no dividend is enclosed at Appendix E.
- 4.5 There were no floating charge creditors. Accordingly, the prescribed part under Section 176A of the Insolvency Act 1986 is not applicable and the amount paid to creditors by virtue of this section is Nil.

5 Liquidator's Remuneration & Expenses

Post-appointment Costs

- 5.1 The creditors approved that the basis of the Liquidator's remuneration be fixed by reference to the time properly spent by the Liquidator and his staff in managing the Liquidation at the commencement of the liquidation.
- 5.2 My time costs for the period from 16 December 2020 to 15 December 2022 were charged (exc. VAT) as follows:

	Incurred (£)	Paid (£)
Time costs, since appointment on 16 December 2020 to 15 December 2021	11,316.10	Nil
Time costs, since appointment on 16 December 2021 to 15 December 2022	4,010.00	9,065.88
Total	15,326.10	9,065.88

- 5.3 My time costs for the period from 16 December 2021 to 15 December 2022 are £4,010. This represents 12.70 hours at an average rate of £315.75 per hour. Attached at **Appendix C** is a SIP9 Time Analysis which provides details of the activity costs incurred by staff grade during this period in respect of the costs fixed by reference to time properly spent by me and my staff in managing the Liquidation.
- 5.4 A narrative explanation of the work undertaken by the Liquidator during the Period can be found at Section 3 of this report. I would confirm that I have drawn a sum of £9,065.88 during the Period from 16 December 2021 to 15 December 2022 on account of my accrued time costs.
- 5.5 You will recall that I provided creditors with my fees estimate prior to the agreement of the basis of my remuneration as time costs. The approved fees estimate currently in force imposes an overall cap on my fees of £29,070. I would confirm that my accrued time costs have not exceeded the fees estimate provided to creditors.

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- 5.6 Attached as **Appendix D** is additional information in relation to the Liquidator's fees and the expenses and disbursements incurred in the liquidation.
- 5.7 A copy of 'A Creditors' Guide to Liquidators' Fees' is available on request free of charge to creditors of the Company or it can be downloaded from the R3's website <https://www.r3.org.uk/technical-library/england-wales/technical-guidance/fees/more/29114/page/1/guide-to-liquidators-fees/>.

6 Creditors' Rights

- 6.1 Within 21 days of the receipt of this report, a secured creditor, or an unsecured creditor (with the concurrence of at least 5% in value of the unsecured creditors) may request in writing that the Liquidator provide further information about his remuneration or expenses which have been itemised in this progress report.
- 6.2 Any secured creditor, or an unsecured creditor (with the concurrence of at least 10% in value of the unsecured creditors) may within 8 weeks of receipt of this progress report make an application to court on the grounds that, in all the circumstances, the basis fixed for the Liquidator's remuneration is inappropriate and/or the remuneration charged or the expenses incurred by the Liquidator, as set out in this progress report, are excessive.

7 Conclusion and Next Report

- 7.1 I am required to provide a further report on the progress of the liquidation within two months of the next anniversary of the liquidation.
- 7.2 Should you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact Jonathan Johns [jonathan@neuminsolvency.co.uk] of this office.

Yours faithfully



Umang Patel
Liquidator

Umang Patel is licensed as an Insolvency Practitioner in the United Kingdom by the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales

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STATUTORY INFORMATION

Appendix A

COMPANY NUMBER: 10187788 (England and Wales)

NAME OF COMPANY: Best Granite Ltd

NATURE OF BUSINESS: Granite Worktops and Tiles Suppliers

DATE OF INCORPORATION: 19 May 2016

REGISTERED OFFICE ADDRESS: Neum Insolvency
Suite 9 Amba House
15 College Road
Harrow HA1 1BA

TRADING ADDRESS: 909 Romford Road,
London
E12 5JT

DIRECTORS: Aishwarya Kumar (19/05/2016 – present)

AUTHORISED SHARE CAPITAL: 1,000 Ordinary Shares of £1 each

ISSUED SHARE CAPITAL: 1,000 Ordinary Shares of £1 each

SHAREHOLDERS:

Aishwarya Kumar	£500
Siva Kumar	£500

BANKERS: HSBC Bank plc

SECURITY AND CHARGES: None

LIQUIDATOR'S DETAILS

LIQUIDATOR'S NAME AND ADDRESS: Umang Patel
of Neum Insolvency
Suite 9 Amba House
15 College Road
Harrow, HA1 1BA

OFFICE HOLDER NUMBER: 18790

DATE OF APPOINTMENT: 16 December 2020

BY WHOM APPOINTED: Members and Creditors

Liquidator's Summary of Receipts & Payments

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Umang Patel
Liquidator

SIP 9 – Time & Cost Summary of Neum Insolvency

Period: 16 December 202 to 15 December 2022

Actual Time Costs							
Classification of work function	Partner	Manager	Other Senior Professionals	Assistants & Support Staff	Total Hours	Time Costs (£)	Average hourly rate (£)
Administration & Planning	3.10	1.50	0.00	4.40	9.00	2,425.00	269.44
Case Specific Matters	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Creditors	1.20	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.20	360.00	300.00
Investigation	2.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	2.50	1,225.00	490.00
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
Total Hours	6.80	1.50	0.00	4.40	12.70	4,010.00	315.75
Total Fees Claimed						9,065.88	

SIP 9 – Time & Cost Summary of Neum Insolvency

Period: 16 December 2020 to 15 December 2022

Actual Time Costs								Estimated Time Costs at the Commencement of Bankruptcy	
Classification of work function	Partner	Manager	Other Senior Professionals	Assistants & Support Staff	Total Hours	Time Costs (£)	Average hourly rate (£)	Time Costs (£)	Average hourly rate (£)
Administration & Planning	7.70	3.20	0.00	11.78	22.68	6,466.10	285.06	11,600.00	387.00
Case Specific Matters	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Creditors	5.20	0.00	0.00	1.90	7.10	2,015.00	283.80	4,150.00	346.00
Investigation	11.45	2.50	0.00	0.00	13.95	5,485.00	393.19	7,620.00	346.00
Realisation of Assets	2.90	0.00	0.00	2.20	5.10	1,360.00	266.67	5,700.00	317.00
Trading	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Hours	27.25	5.70	0.00	15.88	48.83	15,326.10	315.85	29,070.00	355.00
Total Fees Claimed						9,065.88			

Additional Information in Relation to the Liquidator's Fees, Expenses & Disbursements

1 Staff Allocation and the Use of Sub-Contractors

- 1.1 The general approach to resourcing our assignments is to allocate staff with the skills and experience to meet the specific requirements of the case.
- 1.2 The constitution of the case team will usually consist of a Partner, a Manager, and an Administrator or Assistant. The exact constitution of the case team will depend on the anticipated size and complexity of the assignment and the experience requirements of the assignment.
- 1.3 We have not utilised the services of any sub-contractors in this case.

2 Professional Advisors

- 2.1 On this assignment we have used the professional advisors listed below. We have also indicated alongside, the basis of our fee arrangement with them, which is subject to review on a regular basis.

Name of Professional Advisor	Basis of Fee Arrangement	Fees Incurred to Professionals between 16 December 2020 and 15 December 2022	Amount paid to Professionals between 16 December 2020 and 15 December 2022
Ashwells Nationwide	Fixed Valuation Fees of £250 plus VAT and 10% on sale of assets plus disbursements	£350 plus VAT	£350 plus VAT
HCR Sprecher Grier LLP	CFA Agreement	£2,567.50	Nil

- 2.2 Our choice was based on our perception of their experience and ability to perform this type of work, the complexity and nature of the assignment and the basis of our fee arrangement with them.

3 Liquidator's Expenses & Disbursements

- 3.1 A summary of the expenses paid by the Liquidator during the Period can be found in the Receipts and Payments account at **Appendix A**. An outline of the total expenses paid during the Liquidation can be found in the Receipts and Payments account at **Appendix B**.
- 3.2 Category 1 expenses do not require approval by creditors. The type of expenses that may be charged as a Category 1 expenses to a case generally comprise of external supplies of incidental services specifically identifiable to the case, such as postage, case advertising, invoiced travel and external printing, room hire and document storage. Also chargeable will be any properly reimbursed expenses incurred by personnel in connection with the case.

Disbursements	16 December 2020 to 15 December 2021		16 December 2021 to 15 December 2022		Cumulatively	
	Incurred	Paid	Incurred	Paid	Incurred	Paid
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Statutory Advertising	178.50	178.50	Nil	Nil	178.50	178.50
Office Holder's Bond	217.00	217.00	Nil	Nil	217.00	217.00
Total	395.50	395.50	Nil	Nil	395.50	395.50

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3.3 Category 2 expenses do require approval. These are costs which are directly referable to the appointment in question but are not payments which are made to an independent third party and may include shared or allocated costs that can be allocated to the appointment on a proper and reasonable basis such as internal room hire, document storage or business mileage. Details of Category 2 expenses charged by this firm (where appropriate) were provided at the time the Liquidator's fees were approved by the members.

3.4 No Category 2 disbursements were charged to the case.

4 Charge-Out Rates

4.1 Neum Insolvency's current charge-out rates effective from 16 December 2020 are detailed below. Please note this firm records its time in minimum units of 6 minutes.

	(Per hour)
Insolvency Practitioner/Partner	550
Manager	410
Administrator	200
Support Staff	150

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APPENDIX E

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986 AND INSOLVENCY RULES 1986

NOTICE OF NO DIVIDEND (RULE 14.36 OF THE INSOLVENCY (ENGLAND AND WALES) RULES 2016)

Name of Company: Best Granite Ltd

Address of Registered Office: C/o Neum Insolvency
Suite 9 Amba House
15 College Road
Harrow HA1 1BA

Nature of Business: Granite Worktops and Tiles Suppliers

Court: N/A

Number of Matter: N/A

In accordance with Rule 14.36, I confirm that I am unable to declare a dividend in this matter due to:

- The funds realised have already been used or allocated for defraying the expense of liquidation.

The Liquidator will now proceed to conclude the Liquidation and therefore any claims against the assets of the Company are required to be established by 8 March 2023.



Umang Patel
Liquidator

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Dated: 1 February 2023

PRIVACY NOTICE

Use of personal information

We process personal information to enable us to carry out our work as insolvency practitioners which includes processing data that was held by companies/individuals before our appointment together with data collected during an insolvency procedure or a fixed charge receivership. Our legal obligation to process personal data arises from work we are required to carry out under insolvency and other related legislation.

Insolvency practitioners are Data Controllers of personal data in so far as defined by data protection legislation. Umang Patel will act as Data Processor on their instructions about personal data in relation to an insolvency procedure or fixed charge receivership.

Personal data will be kept secure and processed only for matters relating to the insolvency procedure being dealt with.

The data we may process

The personal data may process in most cases by insolvency practitioners will be basic details that may identify an individual and will typically be sufficient to allow us to carry out our work as insolvency practitioners, for example, dealing with the claims of individuals who are owed monies by the companies/individuals over whom we have been appointed.

However, insolvency practitioners may be appointed over entities that process personal data that is considered more sensitive, for example health records and this sensitive data will usually have been created before our appointment. Although we will take appropriate steps to safeguard sensitive data (or to destroy it where it is appropriate to do so), subject to limited exceptions, for example, where we identify previous conduct and/or action that requires further investigation, we will not be processing sensitive data.

Sharing information

We may share personal data with third parties where we are under a legal or regulatory duty to do so, or it is necessary for the purposes of undertaking our work as insolvency practitioners. We may also share personal data to lawfully assist the police or other law enforcement agencies with the prevention and detection of crime, where disclosure is necessary to protect the safety or security of any persons and/or otherwise as permitted by the law.

How long will we hold it?

Personal data will be retained for as long as any legislative or regulatory requirement requires us to hold it. Typically, this may be up to 6 years after which it will be destroyed.

What are your rights?

You have the right to receive the information contained in this document about how your personal data may be processed by us.

You also have the right to know that we may be processing your personal data and, in most circumstances, to have information about the personal data of yours that we hold, and you can ask for certain other details such as what purpose we may process your data for and how long we will hold it.

Individuals have the right to request that incorrect or incomplete data is corrected and in certain circumstances, you may request that we erase any personal data on you which may be held or processed as part of our work as insolvency practitioners. If you have any complaints about how we handle your personal data, please contact Umang Patel [Umang@neuminsolvency.co.uk] of Neum Insolvency, Suite 9, Amba House, 15 College Road, Harrow, Middlesex HA1 1BA, so we can resolve the issue, where possible. You also have the right to lodge a complaint about any use of your information with the Information Commissioners Office (ICO), the UK data protection regulator.