

In accordance with
Rule 18.7 of the
Insolvency (England &
Wales) Rules 2016 and
Sections 92A, 104A and
192 of the Insolvency
Act 1986.

LIQ03

Notice of progress report in voluntary winding up



Companies House

THURSDAY



AC0EQDPV

A14

30/03/2023

#39

COMPANIES HOUSE

1 Company details

Company number 1 0 2 7 8 1 3 7

Company name in full Harrogate International Limited

→ Filling in this form
Please complete in typescript or in
bold black capitals.

2 Liquidator's name

Full forename(s) Jeremy

Surname Bleazard

3 Liquidator's address

Building name/number Premier House

Street Bradford Road

Post town Cleckheaton

County/Region

Postcode B D 1 9 3 T T

Country

4 Liquidator's name ①

Full forename(s)

Surname

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

5 Liquidator's address ②

Building name/number

Street

Post town

County/Region

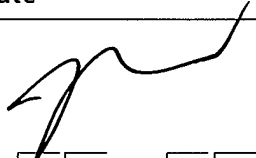
Postcode

Country

② Other liquidator
Use this section to tell us about
another liquidator.

LIQ03

Notice of progress report in voluntary winding up

| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|--|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 6 | Period of progress report | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| From date | d | 2 | d | 5 | m | 0 | m | 3 | y | 2 | y | 0 | y | 2 | y | 2 |
| To date | d | 2 | d | 4 | m | 0 | m | 3 | y | 2 | y | 0 | y | 2 | y | 3 |
| 7 | Progress report | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The progress report is attached | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 8 | Sign and date | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Liquidator's signature | Signature  | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Signature date | d | 2 | d | 8 | m | 0 | m | 3 | y | 2 | y | 0 | y | 2 | y | 3 |

LIQ03

Notice of progress report in voluntary winding up

**Presenter information**

You do not have to give any contact information, but if you do it will help Companies House if there is a query on the form. The contact information you give will be visible to searchers of the public record.

| | |
|---------------|----------------------------|
| Contact name | Graham Harsley |
| Company name | XL Business Solutions Ltd |
| Address | Premier House |
| | Bradford Road |
| Post town | Cleckheaton |
| County/Region | |
| Postcode | B D 1 9 3 T T |
| Country | |
| DX | |
| Telephone | 01274 870101/ 01274 870606 |

**Checklist**

We may return forms completed incorrectly or with information missing.

Please make sure you have remembered the following:

- ☐ The company name and number match the information held on the public Register.
- ☐ You have attached the required documents.
- ☐ You have signed the form.

**Important information**

All information on this form will appear on the public record.

**Where to send**

You may return this form to any Companies House address, however for expediency we advise you to return it to the address below:

The Registrar of Companies, Companies House,
Crown Way, Cardiff, Wales, CF14 3UZ.
DX 33050 Cardiff.

**Further information**

For further information please see the guidance notes on the website at www.gov.uk/companieshouse or email enquiries@companieshouse.gov.uk

This form is available in an alternative format. Please visit the forms page on the website at www.gov.uk/companieshouse

Liquidator's Annual Progress Report to Creditors and Members

Harrogate International Limited In Creditors Voluntary Liquidation

Reporting period from 25 March 2022 to 24 March 2023

CONTENTS

- 1** Introduction and Statutory Information
- 2** Receipts & Payments
- 3** Progress of the Liquidation
- 4** Creditors
- 5** Liquidator's Remuneration
- 6** Creditors' Rights
- 7** Next Report

APPENDICES

- A** Receipts and Payments Account for the Period from 25 March 2022 to 24 March 2023 and cumulative to 24 March 2023
- B** Time Analysis for the Period from the 25 March 2022 to 24 March 2023
- C** Cumulative Time Analysis for the Period since the Liquidator's Appointment
- D** Additional information in relation to Liquidator's Fees, Expenses & the use of Subcontractors

HARROGATE INTERNATIONAL LIMITED - IN LIQUIDATION

1 Introduction and Statutory Information

- 1.1 I, J N Bleazard of XL Business Solutions Limited, Premier House, Bradford Road, Cleckheaton, BD19 3TT, was appointed as Liquidator of Harrogate International Limited (the **Company**) on 25 March 2020. I am authorised to act as an insolvency practitioner in the UK by the Insolvency Practitioners Association and am bound by the Insolvency Code of Ethics when carrying out work relating to insolvency appointments. In the event of case related queries, the Liquidator can be contacted on telephone number 01274 870101 or by email via enquiries@xlbs.co.uk.
- 1.2 This progress report provides an update on the conduct of the Liquidation for the period from 25 March 2022 to 23 March 2023 (**the Period**) and should be read in conjunction with any previous progress reports which have been issued.
- 1.3 Information about the way that this firm will use, and store personal data on insolvency appointments can be found in the Privacy Notice at www.xlbs.co.uk. If you are unable to download this, please contact us and a hard copy will be provided to you.
- 1.4 The principal trading address of the Company was 2 Cheltenham Parade, Harrogate, HG1 1DB. The business traded under the name Harrogate Interiors.
- 1.5 The registered office of the Company has been changed to Premier House, Bradford Road, Cleckheaton, BD19 3TT and its registered number is 10278137.

2 Receipts and Payments

- 2.1 At Appendix A is my Receipts and Payments Account covering the Period of this report together with a cumulative Receipts and Payments Account for the period from the date of my appointment as Liquidator to the end of the Period covered by this report.

3 Progress of the Liquidation

- 3.1 This section of the report provides creditors with an update on the progress made in the liquidation during the Period and an explanation of the work done by the Liquidator and his staff.

Administration (including statutory compliance & reporting)

- 3.2 An office holder must comply with certain statutory obligations under the Insolvency Act 1986 and other related legislation. Details about the work I anticipated would need to be done in this area was outlined in my initial fees estimate/information which was previously agreed by creditors.
- 3.3 Where the costs of statutory compliance work or reporting to creditors exceeds the initial estimate, it will usually be because the duration of the case has taken longer than anticipated, possibly due to protracted asset realisations, which have in turn placed a further statutory reporting requirement on the Liquidator.
- 3.4 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.

Investigations

- 3.5 You may recall from my first progress report to creditors that some of the work Liquidators are required to undertake is to comply with legislation such as the Company Directors' Disqualification Act 1986 (**CDDA 1986**) and Statement of Insolvency Practice 2 – Investigations by Office Holders in Administration and Insolvent Liquidations and may not necessarily bring any financial benefit to creditors, unless these investigations reveal potential asset recoveries that the Liquidator can pursue for the benefit of creditors.

HARROGATE INTERNATIONAL LIMITED - IN LIQUIDATION

- 3.6 My report on the conduct of the Directors of the Company to the Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy under the CDDA 1986 was submitted during the first year of the liquidation and is confidential.
- 3.7 Since my last progress report, I would advise that no further asset realisations have come to light that may be pursued by me for the benefit of creditors.

Realisation of Assets

Customer Returns

- 3.8 As you will be aware from my previous progress report, the director's statement of affairs indicated that its customer returns had an estimated to realise value of £10,000. You will also be aware that a sale of the customer returns was agreed with the former director of the Company in the sum of £15,000 plus VAT. I can advise that my solicitors Walker Morris LLP are collecting the sale proceeds from the director and to date the sum of £4,350 plus VAT has been received into the liquidation account. In addition, Walker Morris LLP are currently holding the sum of £3,200 plus VAT which will shortly be transferred to the liquidation account. Walker Morris LLP are continuing to pursue the director for payment of the remaining funds.
- 3.9 Other asset realisations remain as previously reported.
- 3.10 It is not anticipated that the work the Liquidator has carried out to deal with the Company's assets will provide a financial benefit to creditors. This is because either the value of the assets was insufficient to produce a financial benefit after the associated costs of realisation were taken into consideration, or because there were no assets owned by the Company in accordance with the Company's statement of affairs that could be realised for the benefit of creditors.

Creditors (claims and distributions)

- 3.11 Liquidators are not only required to deal with correspondence and claims from unsecured creditors (which may include retention of title claims), but also those of any secured and preferential creditors of the Company. This may involve separate reporting to any secured creditor and dealing with distributions from asset realisations caught under their security, most typically a debenture.
- 3.12 Since 1 December 2020, claims from preferential creditors now fall into one of two categories, either ordinary (typically involving employee claims and payments made on behalf of the Company by the Redundancy Payments Service following dismissal, which rank equally among themselves), or secondary (which are claims by HMRC for VAT or other relevant tax deductions such as PAYE and employee NIC deductions, together with student loans and CIS deductions, which also rank equally among themselves). Ordinary preferential claims rank ahead of secondary preferential claims and all preferential creditors must be paid in full before any distribution can be made to the unsecured creditors of a company.
- 3.13 Work undertaken by a Liquidator in dealing with a company's creditors may only therefore bring a financial benefit to certain classes of creditor such as a secured creditor or the preferential creditors, however a Liquidator is required by statute to undertake this work. Similarly, if a distribution is to be paid to any class of creditor, work will be required to agree those claims and process the dividend payments to each relevant class of creditor. The more creditors a company has, the more time and cost will be involved by the Liquidator in dealing with those claims.
- 3.14 More information on the anticipated outcome for all classes of creditor in this case can be found in Section 4 below.
- 3.15 At this stage, I consider the following matters worth bringing to the attention of creditors:

HARROGATE INTERNATIONAL LIMITED - IN LIQUIDATION

- There are approximately 174 unsecured creditors in this case with a value per the director(s) statement of affairs of £416,096

Matters still to be dealt with

- 3.16 I can advise that this case will remain open in order for me to collect the remaining asset sale proceeds, discharge the outstanding costs of the liquidation, complete the final VAT return and request vat clearance.
- 3.17 Once this has been received I will write to members and creditors with my final progress report in order to obtain my release as liquidator of the Company.

4 Creditors

Unsecured Creditors

- 4.1 The Company's statement of affairs indicated there were 174 creditors whose debts totalled £416,096. To date, I have received claims totalling £274,858 from 25 creditors.
- 4.2 I would confirm that it is anticipated there will be insufficient funds realised after defraying the expenses of the liquidation to pay a dividend to unsecured creditors.

5 Liquidator's Remuneration

- 5.1 The Creditors approved that the basis of the Liquidator's remuneration be fixed by reference to the time properly spent by him and his staff in managing the Liquidation. My fees estimate/information was originally provided to creditors when the basis of my remuneration was approved and was based on information available to me at that time.
- 5.2 A copy of my approved fees estimate for the liquidation is reproduced below:

| Category of work | Estimated Number of Hours | Average blended charge out rate £ | Estimated cost £ |
|---|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Administration (inc statutory compliance & reporting) | 36.00 | 195.56 | 7,040.00 |
| Investigations | 18.00 | 213.33 | 3,840.00 |
| Realisation of assets | 6.00 | 220.00 | 1,320.00 |
| Trading (where applicable) | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Creditors (claims & distributions) | 14.00 | 182.86 | 2,560.00 |
| Case specific matters (where applicable) | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Total estimated fees | 74.00 | £199.46 | £14,760.00 |

- 5.3 My time costs for the Period are £1,273. This represents 7.20 hours at an average rate of £176.74 per hour. Attached as Appendix B is a Time Analysis which provides details of the activity costs incurred by staff grade during the Period in respect of the costs fixed by reference to time properly spent in managing the liquidation. To date, I have not drawn any funds against these outstanding costs.
- 5.4 Also attached as Appendix C is a cumulative Time Analysis for the period from 25 March 2020 to 24 March 2023 which provides details of the time costs incurred since my appointment. The cumulative time costs incurred to date are £9,995. This represents 53.60 hours at an average rate of £186.46 per hour.
- 5.5 At the date of this report, I would confirm that my fees estimate for the liquidation remains unchanged and I currently anticipate that the total amount that will be paid to my firm in respect of the time costs incurred will be £8,000. Where this amount is less than my overall fees estimate, it may be that my fee recoveries will be restricted as a result of the funds available in the liquidation, which will prevent my time costs being recovered in full.

HARROGATE INTERNATIONAL LIMITED - IN LIQUIDATION

- 5.1 In accordance with a resolution passed by correspondence, creditors authorised the sum of £1,500 plus expenses plus VAT to be drawn in respect of the preparation of the statement of affairs and seeking a decision of creditors on the nomination of a liquidator. I can advise that to date I have drawn the sum of £1,000 against these outstanding costs.
- 5.2 In addition, creditors authorised the sum of £500 plus VAT to be paid to TLP Accountants for their assistance in the preparation of the statement of affairs. No funds have been paid in this regard.
- 5.1 A copy of 'A Creditors' Guide to Liquidators' Fees' is available on request or can be downloaded from www.insolvency-practitioners.org.uk/regulation-and-guidance/creditors-guides-to-fees/.
- 5.2 Attached as Appendix D is additional information in relation to the Liquidator's fees and expenses including where relevant, information on the use of subcontractors and professional advisers.

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 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, unless I have concluded matters prior to this, in which case I will write to all creditors with my final account.
- 7.2 If you have any queries in relation to the contents of this report, I can be contacted by telephone on 01274 870101 or by email at enquiries@xlbs.co.uk.

Yours faithfully



J N Bleazard
Liquidator

Harrogate International Limited
(In Liquidation)

Summary of Receipts & Payments

| RECEIPTS | Statement of Affairs (£) | From 25/03/2020 To 24/03/2022 (£) | From 25/03/2022 To 24/03/2023 (£) | Total (£) |
|--------------------------------|---|--|--|----------------------|
| Customer Returns | 10,000.00 | 0.00 | 4,350.00 | 4,350.00 |
| Cash at Bank | | 2,842.56 | 0.00 | 2,842.56 |
| | | 2,842.56 | 4,350.00 | 7,192.56 |
| PAYMENTS | | | | |
| Preparation of S. of A. | | 1,000.00 | 0.00 | 1,000.00 |
| Office Holders Disbursements | | 302.00 | 0.00 | 302.00 |
| Insurance of Assets | | 924.00 | 0.00 | 924.00 |
| Bank Charges | | 71.05 | 0.00 | 71.05 |
| | | 2,297.05 | 0.00 | 2,297.05 |
| Net Receipts/(Payments) | | 545.51 | 4,350.00 | 4,895.51 |
| MADE UP AS FOLLOWS | | | | |
| Current A/c - Bank 1 | | 445.51 | 4,350.00 | 4,795.51 |
| Vat Control Account | | 100.00 | 0.00 | 100.00 |
| | | 545.51 | 4,350.00 | 4,895.51 |

Note:

All estate accounts with less than £250,000 are held on non interest bearing.

SIP 9 - Time & Cost Summary

Period: 25/03/22..24/03/23

Time Summary

| Hours | | | | | | Time Cost (£) | Average hourly rate (£) |
|---------------------------------|---------|---------|----------------------------|----------------------------|-------------|---------------|-------------------------|
| Classification of work function | Partner | Manager | Other Senior Professionals | Assistants & Support Staff | Total Hours | | |
| Administration & planning | 0.50 | 3.70 | 3.00 | 0.00 | 7.20 | 1,272.50 | 176.74 |
| Investigations | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Realisations 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 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Case specific matters | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Total Hours | 0.50 | 3.70 | 3.00 | 0.00 | 7.20 | 1,272.50 | 176.74 |
| Total Fees Claimed | | | | | | 0.00 | |

SIP 9 - Time & Cost Summary

Period: 25/03/20..24/03/23

Time Summary

| Hours | | | | | | Time Cost (£) | Average hourly rate (£) |
|---------------------------------|--------------|--------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|--------------|-----------------|-------------------------|
| Classification of work function | Partner | Manager | Other Senior Professionals | Assistants & Support Staff | Total Hours | | |
| Administration & planning | 6.50 | 14.70 | 15.40 | 0.00 | 36.60 | 6,654.50 | 181.82 |
| Investigations | 3.00 | 8.50 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 11.50 | 2,420.00 | 210.43 |
| Realisations of assets | 1.50 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 1.50 | 360.00 | 240.00 |
| Trading | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Creditors | 0.00 | 0.00 | 4.00 | 0.00 | 4.00 | 560.00 | 140.00 |
| Case specific matters | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Total Hours | 11.00 | 23.20 | 19.40 | 0.00 | 53.60 | 9,994.50 | 186.46 |
| Total Fees Claimed | | | | | | 0.00 | |

HARROGATE INTERNATIONAL LIMITED - IN LIQUIDATION

Appendix D

Additional Information in Relation to the Liquidator's Fees, Expenses & the use of Subcontractors

Staff Allocation and the use of Subcontractors

The general approach to resourcing our assignments is to allocate staff with the skills and experience to meet the specific requirements of the case.

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.

I have not utilised the services of any subcontractors on this case.

Professional Advisors

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

| Name of Professional Advisor | Basis of Fee Arrangement |
|--|--------------------------|
| Walker Morris LLP (legal advice) | Hourly rate and expenses |
| Marsh UK Limited (insurance) | Fixed fee |
| Walker Singleton (valuation and disposal advice) | Hourly rate and expenses |
| TLP Accountants (statement of affairs) | Fixed fee |

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

Liquidator's Expenses

The estimate of expenses which were anticipated at the outset of the liquidation was provided to creditors when the basis of my fees was approved. The table below compares the anticipated costs against those incurred to date.

Category 1 expenses

These expenses do not require prior approval by creditors. The type of expenses that may be charged to a case as a Category 1 expense generally comprise of external supplies of incidental services specifically identifiable to the case, such as postage, case advertising, invoiced travel and external printing, external room hire and external storage costs. Also chargeable, will be any properly reimbursed expenses incurred by personnel in connection with the case. These expenses may include disbursements which are payments first met by an office holder and then reimbursed from the estate.

| Expense | Estimated overall cost £ | Paid in Prior Period £ | Paid in the period covered by this report £ | Incurred but not paid to date £ |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|--|------------------------------------|
| Agent's fees & expenses | 5,000.00 | Nil | Nil | 5,000.00 |
| Legal fees & expenses | 2,000.00 | Nil | Nil | 2,000.00 |
| Statutory advertising | 182.00 | 182.00 | Nil | Nil |
| Specific Penalty Bond | 120.00 | 120.00 | Nil | Nil |
| Insurance | Nil | 924.00 | Nil | Nil |
| Bank charges | 50.00 | 71.05 | Nil | Nil |

HARROGATE INTERNATIONAL LIMITED - IN LIQUIDATION

Category 2 expenses

These expenses do require approval from creditors. 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 therefore include payments to associates of the office holder or shared or allocated costs that can be allocated to the appointment on a proper and reasonable basis. Details of Category 2 expenses charged by this firm (where appropriate) were provided at the time the Liquidator's fees were approved by creditors.

There are no Category 2 expenses in this case.

Charge-Out Rates

XL Business Solutions Limited's current charge-out rates are detailed below. Please note this company records its time in minimum units of 6 minutes.

| Grade | (Per hour) £ |
|--------------------|-------------------------|
| Partner / Director | 240 |
| Senior Manager | 200 |
| Manager | 175 |
| Experienced Senior | 155 |
| Senior | 140 |
| Administrator | 105 |
| Assistant | 90 |