

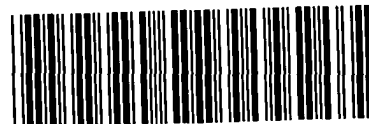
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Company name in full Harrogate International Limited

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### 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

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### 5 Liquidator's address ②

Building name/number

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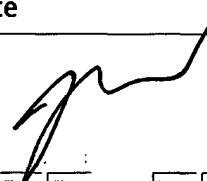

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Contact name **Graham Harsley**

Company name **XL Business Solutions Ltd**

Address **Premier House**

**Bradford Road**

Post town **Cleckheaton**

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Telephone

**01274 870101/ 01274 870606**

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

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# **Liquidator's Annual Progress Report to Members and Creditors**

**Harrogate International Limited  
In Liquidation**

**21 May 2021**

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# 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. This progress report covers the period from 25 March 2020 to 24 March 2021 (the **Period**) and should be read in conjunction with any previous progress reports which have been issued.
- 1.2 Information about the way that we will use, and store personal data on insolvency appointments can be found in the Privacy Notice at [www.xlbs.co.uk](http://www.xlbs.co.uk). If you are unable to download this, please contact us and a hard copy will be provided to you.
- 1.3 The principal trading address of the Company was 2 Cheltenham Parade, Harrogate, HG1 1DB. The business traded under the name Harrogate Interiors.
- 1.4 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.

## 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 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.
- 3.6 I can confirm that I have submitted a report on the conduct of the Directors of the Company to the Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy under the CDDA 1986. As this is a confidential report, I am unable to disclose the contents.

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- 3.7 Shortly after appointment, I made an initial assessment of whether there could be any matters that might lead to recoveries for the estate and what further investigations may be appropriate. This assessment took into account any information provided by creditors. My investigations have not revealed any issues requiring further report or any further potential recoveries which could be pursued for the benefit of creditors.

### ***Realisation of Assets***

#### *Customer Returns*

- 3.9 According to the director's statement of affairs the Company held an amount of customer returns which were either faulty or incorrectly ordered and these were estimated to realise the sum of £10,000. I can advise that following my appointment as liquidator I instructed my agent Walker Singleton to value and arrange a sale of the assets. At this time, I was contacted by a number of customers requesting that their goods be returned to them as payment had already been made and it was clear that they would not receive replacement goods. I instructed Walker Singleton to deal with these customers however, it was proving a laborious task in trying to find which item belonged to which customer. Due to this the costs involved in dealing with these assets were anticipated to be significant.
- 3.10 I can advise that the former director of the Company made an offer for the remaining stock and my agents negotiated with the former director and reached an agreement for the sale of the stock in the sum of £15,000 plus VAT over a deferred payment term. Agreement to this sale negated my agents having to uplift and arrange a sale by public auction which would have significantly increased the costs. A sale agreement was subsequently drawn up by my solicitors Walker Morris outlining the details of the arrangement together with the necessary payment terms. However, the director had previously agreed payment terms for the sale of the stock belonging to another Company that was placed into liquidation at the same time and therefore, until payment has been made in full, no payment for the assets will be made. I will update creditors of the current situation in my next annual progress report.

#### *Cash at Bank*

- 3.11 Although not shown on the director's statement of affairs I can advise that following closure of the Company's former bank account a credit balance of £2,843 was realised from this source.
- 3.16 3.17 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)***

- 3.18 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.
- 3.19 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.

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3.20 More information on the anticipated outcome for all classes of creditor in this case can be found in Section 4 below.

3.21 At this stage, I consider the following matters worth bringing to the attention of creditors:

- 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***

3.22 I can advise that this case will remain open in order for me to collect the asset sale proceeds, discharge the outstanding costs of the liquidation, complete the final VAT return and request tax and vat clearance.

3.23 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.

### ***Connected Party Transactions***

3.24 In accordance with Statement of Insolvency Practice 13, I would advise you that the following assets were sold to a director of the Company during the period covered by this report:

Date of transaction	Assets involved & nature of transaction	Consideration paid & date	Sold to	Relationship
3 August 2020	Customer return stock	£15,000 plus vat	Shop In Shop Ltd	Common director

3.25 As advised above, the former director of the Company made an offer for the remaining stock through his other Company and my agents negotiated with the former director and reached an agreement for the sale of the stock in the sum of £15,000 plus VAT over a deferred payment term. Agreement to this sale negated my agents having to uplift and arrange a sale by public auction which would have significantly increased the costs.

## **4 Creditors**

### ***Unsecured Creditors***

4.2 The Company's statement of affairs indicated there were 174 creditors whose debts totalled £416,096. To date, I have received claims totalling £240,963 from 24 creditors.

4.3 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:

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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
<b>Total estimated fees</b>	<b>74.00</b>	<b>£199.46</b>	<b>£14,760.00</b>

- 5.3 My time costs for the Period are £7,110. This represents 37.10 hours at an average rate of £191.64 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 costs however, I have drawn £301 against my outstanding expenses.
- 5.4 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 £14,760. 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.
- 5.5 In accordance with a resolution passed by correspondence, creditors authorised the sum of £1,500 plus disbursements 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 £500 against these costs.
- 5.6 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.
- 5.7 A copy of 'A Creditors' Guide to Liquidators' Fees' is available on request or can be downloaded from [www.insolvency-practitioners.org.uk](http://www.insolvency-practitioners.org.uk) under the heading Regulation & Guidance, Creditor Guides.
- 5.8 Attached as Appendix C 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.



## HARROGATE INTERNATIONAL LIMITED - IN LIQUIDATION

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 [graham@xlbs.co.uk](mailto:graham@xlbs.co.uk).

Yours faithfully



**J M Bleazard**  
Liquidator

**Harrogate International Limited**  
**(In Liquidation)**  
**Liquidator's Summary of Receipts & Payments**  
**To 24/03/2021**

S of A £		£	£
	<b>ASSET REALISATIONS</b>		
10,000.00	Customer Returns	NIL	
	Cash at Bank	2,842.56	2,842.56
	<b>COST OF REALISATIONS</b>		
	Preparation of S. of A.	500.00	
	Office Holders Disbursements	302.00	
	Bank Charges	30.00	(832.00)
	<b>UNSECURED CREDITORS</b>		
(345,822.65)	Deposit Creditors	NIL	
(45,989.00)	Trade & Expense Creditors	NIL	
(10,000.00)	Directors	NIL	
(14,184.00)	PAYE/NIC	NIL	
(100.00)	Corporation Tax	NIL	NIL
	<b>DISTRIBUTIONS</b>		
(100.00)	Ordinary Shareholders	NIL	NIL
<b>(406,195.65)</b>			<b>2,010.56</b>
	<b>REPRESENTED BY</b>		
	Current A/c - Bank 1		2,010.56
			<b>2,010.56</b>

**Note:**

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

**SIP 9 - Time & Cost Summary**

Period: 25/03/20..24/03/21

## Time Summary

Hours						Time Cost (£)	Average hourly rate (£)
Classification of work function	Partner	Manager	Other Senior Professionals	Assistants & Support Staff	Total Hours		
Administration & planning	5.00	7.50	7.60	0.00	20.10	3,770.00	187.56
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
<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>9.50</b>	<b>16.00</b>	<b>11.60</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>37.10</b>	<b>7,110.00</b>	<b>191.64</b>
<b>Total Fees Claimed</b>						<b>0.00</b>	

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### Appendix C

#### 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 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
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

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.

##### 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 the period covered by this report £	Incurred but not paid to date £
Agent's fees & expenses	5,000.00	Nil	5,000.00
Legal fees & expenses	2,000.00	Nil	2,000.00
Statutory advertising	182.00	182.00	Nil
Specific Penalty Bond	120.00	120.00	Nil
Insurance	500.00	Nil	488.00
Bank charges	50.00	30.00	Nil

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### 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 disbursements 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