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1 Company details

Company number 1 0 3 9 8 9 4 6
Company name in full Great Northern (Ice House) Limited

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bold black capitals.

2 Liquidator's name

Full forename(s) Philip Anthony
Surname Brooks

3 Liquidator's address

Building name/number Blades Insolvency Services
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19B Market Place
Post town Bingham
County/Region Nottingham
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4 Liquidator's name ①

Full forename(s) Julie Elizabeth
Surname Willetts

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another liquidator.

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6 Liquidator's release

☐ Tick if one or more creditors objected to liquidator's release.


7 Final account

☒ I attach a copy of the final account.

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Liquidator's signature

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- ☐ You have attached the required documents.
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18 December 2023

**GREAT NORTHERN (ICE HOUSE) LIMITED
IN LIQUIDATION**

LIQUIDATORS' FINAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 106 INSOLVENCY ACT 1986

Introduction

The company went into liquidation on 18 September 2019. This is my final report and covers the period from 18 September 2023, being the date of my fourth annual progress report, to present ("the Period") and should be read in conjunction with my earlier reports to creditors.

Company and liquidators' details

Company registered number:	10398946
Nature of business:	Licensed bar and restaurant
Trading name:	"Saltbox"
Principal trading address:	Bolero Square Nottingham, NG1 1LY
Date of liquidators' appointment:	18 September 2019
Names of joint liquidators:	P A Brooks and J Willetts
Registered office address:	Charlotte House 19B Market Place Bingham Nottinghamshire, NG13 8AP

Liquidators' receipts and payments account

A summary of my receipts and payments for the period from 18 September 2019 to present, together with a summary of transactions in the Period, is attached which I believe is self-explanatory.

All funds have been held in a designated bank account in the name of the insolvent estate.

Realisation of assets

- There have been no realisations in the Period.

Expenditure in the liquidation

- There has been no expenditure in the Period.

Creditors' claims and dividends

- **Secured**

There are no charges registered against the company.

- **Preferential**

No claims have been received from preferential creditors and none were identified in the directors' statement of affairs.

- **Non-preferential**

Claims have been received from five non-preferential creditors totalling £44,511. A further fifteen creditors recorded in the directors' statement of affairs with claims totalling £134,297 have not submitted a claim. The statement of affairs disclosed sixteen non-preferential creditors with claims totalling £174,296.

- **Dividend**

After taking account of the costs of liquidation there are no funds available to permit the payment of a dividend to creditors.

Liquidators' fees and expenses

I have incurred expenses of £532 which are summarised overleaf:

Type of expense	Brought forward	Incurred in Period	Total
	£	£	£
Statutory advertising	213		213
Liquidators' bond	50		50
Software licence	125		125
Postage and stationery	110	6	116
Hosting fees	21	7	28
Total	519	13	532

Postage and stationery costs are “category 2” disbursements which generally relate to shared or allocated costs arising from internal charges made for items such as postage and photocopying.

Details of the rates at which these charges are made are enclosed with this report. In my opinion the rates are in line with the cost of external provision of these charges. Approval to recover these expenses was obtained at the initial meeting of creditors.

At the meeting of creditors held on 18 September 2019 the following resolutions were approved:

- “The fees and disbursements of Blades Insolvency Services in respect of assisting the directors in preparing a statement of affairs and convening the virtual meeting amounting to £5,000 plus VAT be paid from realisations as an expense of the liquidation”.
- “The liquidators’ fees will be charged by reference to the time properly spent by them and their staff in dealing with the matters relating to the liquidation, such time to be charged at the hourly charge out rate of the grade of staff undertaking the work at the time the work is undertaken and subject to the fees estimate set out in the report prepared in connection with fee approval and issued with the notice of the meeting”.

I have drawn £2,453 on account of my agreed fee for assisting the directors in preparing a statement of affairs and for convening a virtual meeting of creditors, being the balance of available funds. The balance of my agreed fee is to be paid by the directors.

To reduce the level of professional costs certain work has been conducted by staff under my supervision. The level of staff has been selected based upon the nature and complexity of the assignment.

The current hourly charge-out rate for each grade of staff is detailed on the attached summary of fees and disbursements charged by this firm. All staff involved in the assignment have been charged directly to the case and there has been no general overhead allocation in respect of support staff. There has been no increase in my firm’s hourly rates in the Period.

A copy of "Liquidation: A Guide for Creditors on Insolvency Practitioner Fees", published by the Association of Business Recovery Professionals to supplement Statement of Insolvency Practice number 9 ("SIP 9"), a statement of best practice agreed by the various insolvency regulatory authorities, may be found at <https://www.r3.org.uk/technical-library/england-wales/technical-guidance/fees>

I have incurred time costs of £11,397 in respect of work undertaken since the date of liquidation which represents a total of 57.50 hours spent at an average hourly rate of £198.21. This compares to an average hourly rate at the date of my last annual report of £198.19.

During the Period I have incurred time costs of £675 which represents 3.40 hours at an average hourly rate of £198.53.

Appendix A attached to this report summarises my time costs and the nature of work I have undertaken for the period since the date of liquidation and in the Period.

The principal work undertaken during the Period has been that necessary to comply with my statutory and regulatory obligations pending closure of the liquidation.

I have drawn no fees in respect of the work undertaken since the date of liquidation due to an absence of funds.

Investigation into the affairs of the company

I undertook a proportionate investigation into the company's affairs to establish whether there were any potential asset recoveries or conduct matters that justified further investigation, taking account of the public interest, potential recoveries, the amount of funds likely to be available to pay the costs of an investigation and the relevant costs involved.

There were no matters that justified further investigation in the circumstances of this appointment.

Company Directors Disqualification Act 1986

In accordance with the provisions of the Company Directors Disqualification Act 1986, I confirm that I have fulfilled my statutory obligation and submitted a report on the conduct of the directors of the company to the Secretary of State.

Complaints

Whilst my firm strives to provide a professional and efficient service, it is in the nature of insolvency proceedings for disputes to arise from time to time. If you have any complaints about this case, you should, in the first instance, put details of your complaint in writing to my firm. This will formally invoke our complaints procedure and we will endeavour to deal with your complaint in writing within a period of twenty-one days of receipt.

Most disputes can be resolved amicably either through the provision of further information or following negotiations. However, if you have exhausted our complaints procedure and you are not satisfied that your complaint has been resolved or dealt with appropriately, you may complain to the regulatory body that licences the insolvency practitioner concerned. Any such complaints should be addressed to The Insolvency Service, IP Complaints, 3rd Floor, 1 City Walk, Leeds, LS1 1 9DA, and you can make a submission using an online form available at www.gov.uk/complain-about-insolvency-practitioner

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 liquidators' remuneration and expenses, within twenty-one 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 liquidators' fees and the amount of any proposed expenses or expenses already incurred, within eight weeks of receipt of this report. Any secured creditor may make a similar application to court within the same time limit.

Conclusion

The liquidation is now for all practical purposes complete and I am seeking the release of myself and Julie Willetts as joint liquidators of the company.

Please note that provided no objections to our release are received we shall obtain our release as joint liquidators following delivery of the final notice to the Registrar of Companies.

To comply with the Provision of Services Regulations, some further general information about this practice may be found at www.bladesinsolvency.co.uk. A hard copy is available on request.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you require any further information.



P A Brooks
Joint Liquidator

**GREAT NORTHERN (ICE HOUSE) LIMITED
IN LIQUIDATION**

**LIQUIDATORS' RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR THE PERIOD FROM 18 SEPTEMBER 2019 TO 18 DECEMBER 2023**

Statement of affairs	From 18/09/2019 to 17/09/2023	From 18/09/2023 to 18/12/2023	Total
£	£	£	£
RECEIPTS			
1,134 Cash at bank	1,134.40		1,134.40
1,856 Great Northern Inns (Friar Lane) Limited	1,856.20		1,856.20
983 HMRC - VAT			0.00
VAT	593.13		593.13
<u>3,973</u>	<u>3,583.73</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>3,583.73</u>
PAYMENTS			
Cost of convening creditors' meeting	2,453.14		2,453.14
Statutory advertising	213.00		213.00
Specific bond	50.00		50.00
Software licence	125.00		125.00
Money Laundering verification			0.00
Postage and stationery	103.50		103.50
Hosting fees	21.00		21.00
Bank charges	24.96		24.96
VAT	593.13		593.13
	<u>3,583.73</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>3,583.73</u>
Balance	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>

GREAT NORTHERN (ICE-HOUSE) LIMITED**LIQUIDATORS' TIME COST SUMMARY****PERIOD FROM 18 SEPTEMBER 2019 TO 18 DECEMBER 2023**

Classification of work function	Partner	Administrator	Assistants & support staff	Total hours	Time costs	Average hourly rate
	Hours	Hours	Hours		£	£
Administration and planning	24.40		14.60	39.00	7,366	188.87
Realisation of assets	0.70			0.70	182	260.00
Investigations	10.50		3.80	14.30	2,996	209.51
Creditors	3.20		0.30	3.50	853	243.71
Total hours	38.80	0.00	18.70	57.50		
Total costs (£)	10,088	0	1,309		11,397	198.21

PERIOD FROM 18 SEPTEMBER 2023 TO 18 DECEMBER 2023

Classification of work function	Partner	Administrator	Assistants & support staff	Total hours	Time costs	Average hourly rate
	Hours	Hours	Hours		£	£
Administration and planning	2.30		1.10	3.40	675	198.53
Realisation of assets						
Investigations						
Creditors						
Total hours	2.30	0.00	1.10	3.40		
Total costs (£)	598	0	77		675	198.53

GREAT NORTHERN (ICE HOUSE) LIMITED

Summary of work undertaken to be read in conjunction with the time cost summary

Administration and planning

An office holder must comply with certain statutory obligations under the Insolvency Act 1986 and other related legislation. This work will not necessarily result in any financial benefit to creditors but is required on each case by statute.

(i) Case planning

- Setting initial case strategy based upon the specific circumstances of the case.
- Periodic review of case strategy and varying strategy as appropriate in the light of case progress.
- Conducting regular file reviews to ensure compliance to identify any other matters that require attention.
- Considering the requirement for solicitors and formally instructing the relevant firm.

(ii) Administrative set-up

- Reviewing and taking possession of company records and preparing detailed summary of records held.
- Arranging for the storage and retrieval of records when required.
- Dealing with general correspondence arising on the case when necessary.

(iii) Appointment notification, filing and advertising

- Dealing with initial requirements for notification of appointment with the Registrar of Companies.
- Arranging notification of appointment to creditors and the London Gazette.
- Notification of appointment to company advisors.

(iv) Statutory reporting

- Statutory reporting including submission of reports to creditors.

(v) Maintenance of records

- Opening liquidation bank accounts and processing transactions in respect of receipts and payments in the liquidation.
- Dealing with related filing and processing requirements.
- Submission of post appointment tax returns.

Investigations

- Consideration of investigation strategy.
- Sending questionnaires to directors and reviewing responses.
- Review of company records and requests to creditors for information to identify any matters requiring further detailed examination.
- Completion of SIP2 investigation work as appropriate.
- Preparation of report pursuant to CDDA 1986.

Realisation of assets

- Correspondence regarding debt due from associated company.

Creditors

- General correspondence and telephone conversations with creditors in response to general enquiries and concerns.
- Receipt and acknowledgement of claims.
- Corresponding with H M Revenue and Customs with regards to pre-liquidation taxation matters.

BLADES INSOLVENCY SERVICES PRACTICE FEE RECOVERY POLICY

Introduction

The insolvency legislation was changed in October 2015, with limited exceptions, for insolvency appointments made from that time. This sheet explains how we intend to apply the alternative fee bases allowed by the legislation when acting as office holder in insolvency appointments. The legislation allows different fee bases to be used for different tasks within the same appointment. The fee basis, or combination of bases, set for a particular appointment is/are subject to approval, generally by a committee if one is appointed by the creditors, failing which the creditors in general meeting, or the Court.

Further information about creditors' rights can be obtained by visiting the creditors' information micro-site published by the Association of Business Recovery Professionals (R3) at <http://www.creditorsinsolvencyguide.co.uk/>. Details about how an office holder's fees may be approved for each case type are available in a series of guides issued with Statement of Insolvency Practice 9 (SIP 9) and <https://www.r3.org.uk/technical-library/england-wales/technical-guidance/fees/>. Alternatively, a hard copy may be requested from Blades Insolvency Services, Charlotte House, 19B Market Place, Bingham, Nottingham, NG13 8AP. Please note that we have provided further details in this policy document.

Once the basis of the office holder's remuneration has been approved, a periodic report will be provided to any committee as well as to each creditor. The report will provide a breakdown of the remuneration drawn. If approval has been obtained for remuneration on a time costs basis, i.e. by reference to time properly spent by members of staff of the practice at our standard charge-out rates, the time incurred will also be disclosed, whether drawn or not, together with the average, or "blended" rates of such costs. Under the legislation, any such report must disclose how creditors can seek further information and challenge the basis on which the fees are calculated and the level of fees drawn in the period of the report. Once the time to challenge the office holder's remuneration for the period reported on has elapsed, then that remuneration cannot subsequently be challenged.

Under some old legislation, which still applies for insolvency appointments commenced before 6 April 2010, there is no equivalent mechanism for fees to be challenged.

Time cost basis

When charging fees on a time costs basis we use charge-out rates appropriate to the skills and experience of a member of staff and the work that they perform. This is combined with the amount of time that they work on each case, recorded in 6 minute units, with supporting narrative to explain the work undertaken.

Charge-out rates:

Grade of staff	Current charge-out rate per hour, effective from 1 November 2018 £	Previous charge-out rate per hour, effective from 1 November 2011 £
Partner	285	260
Administrator	110	100
Junior Administrator	80	70
Cashier	80	70

These charge-out rates charged are reviewed annually and, where relevant, are adjusted to take account of inflation and the firm's overheads.

Time spent on casework is recorded directly to the relevant case using a computerised time recording system and the nature of the work undertaken is recorded at that time. The work is generally recorded under the following categories:

- Administration and planning
- Investigations
- Realisation of assets
- Creditors
- Trading
- Case specific matters

In cases where we were appointed prior to 1 October 2015, most of our fees were recovered on a time costs basis and appropriate authority was obtained from the creditors or the committee as set down in the legislation. The legislation changed on 1 October 2015 and on new appointments we may seek approval for our fees to be based on a percentage basis or as a fixed sum, both of which are explained further below.

When we seek time costs approval we have to provide a fees estimate. That estimate acts as a cap on our time costs so that we cannot draw fees of more than the estimated time costs without further approval from those who approved our fees. When seeking approval for our fees, we will disclose the work that we intend to undertake, the hourly rates we intend to charge for each part of the work, and the time that we think each part

of the work will take. We will summarise that information in an average or "blended" rate for all of the work being carried out within the estimate. We will also say whether we anticipate needing to seek approval to exceed the estimate and, if so, the reasons why we think that may be necessary.

The disclosure that we make should include sufficient information about the insolvency appointment to enable you to understand how the proposed fee reflects the complexity (or otherwise) of the case, any responsibility of an exceptional kind falling on the office holder, the effectiveness with which the office holder has carried out their functions and the value and nature of the property with which the office holder has to deal.

If we subsequently need to seek authority to draw fees above the estimate, we will explain why we have exceeded, or are likely to exceed, the estimate, any additional work undertaken or proposed to be undertaken, the hourly rates proposed for each part of the work and the time that the additional work is expected to take. As with the original estimate, we will say whether we anticipate needing further approval and, if so, why we think it may be necessary to seek further approval.

Percentage basis

The legislation allows fees to be charged on a percentage of the value of the property with which the office holder has to deal (realisations and/or distributions). Different percentages can be used for different assets or types of assets. In cases where we were appointed prior to 1 October 2015, most of our fees were recovered on a time costs basis and appropriate authority was obtained from the creditors or the committee as set down in the legislation. The legislation changed on 1 October 2015 and we now seek remuneration on a percentage basis more often. A report accompanying any fee request will set out the potential assets in the case, the remuneration percentage proposed for any realisations and the work covered by that remuneration, as well as the expenses that will be, or are likely to be, incurred. Expenses can be incurred without approval but must be disclosed to help put the remuneration request into context.

The percentage approved in respect of realisations will be charged against the assets realised and, where approval is obtained on a mixture of bases, any fixed fee and time costs will then be charged against the funds remaining in the liquidation after the realisation percentage has been deducted.

The disclosure that we make should include sufficient information about the insolvency appointment to enable you to understand how the proposed fee reflects the complexity (or otherwise) of the case, any responsibility of an exceptional nature falling on the office holder, the effectiveness with which the office holder has carried out their functions and the value and nature of the property with which the office holder has to deal.

If the basis of remuneration has been approved on a percentage basis, then an increase in the amount of the percentage applied can only be approved by the committee or

creditors (depending upon who approved the basis of remuneration) in cases where there has been a material and substantial change in the circumstances that were taken into account when fixing the original level of the percentage applied. If there has not been a material and substantial change in the circumstances then an increase can only be approved by the Court.

Fixed fee

The legislation allows fees to be charged at a set amount. Different set amounts can be used for different tasks. In cases where we were appointed prior to 1 October 2015, most of our fees were recovered on a time costs basis and appropriate authority was obtained from the creditors or the committee as set down in the legislation. The legislation changed on 1 October 2015 and we now seek remuneration on a fixed fee basis more often. A report accompanying any fee request will set out the set fee that we propose to charge and the work covered by that remuneration, as well as the expenses that will be, or are likely to be, incurred. Expenses can be incurred without approval but must be disclosed to help put the remuneration request into context.

The disclosure that we make should include sufficient information about the insolvency appointment to enable you to understand how the proposed fee reflects the complexity (or otherwise) of the case, any responsibility of an exceptional kind falling on the office holder, the effectiveness with which the office holder has carried out their functions and the value and nature of the property with which the office holder has to deal.

If the basis of remuneration has been approved on a fixed fee basis then an increase in the amount of the fixed fee can only be approved by the committee or creditors (depending upon who approved the basis of remuneration) in cases where there has been a material and substantial change in the circumstances that were taken into account when fixing the original level of the fixed fee. If there has not been a material and substantial change in the circumstances then an increase can only be approved by the Court.

Members' Voluntary Liquidations and Voluntary Arrangements

The changes in legislation that took effect from 1 October 2015 did not apply to Members' Voluntary Liquidations (MVL), Company Voluntary Arrangements (CVA) or Individual Voluntary Arrangements (IVA). In MVL's, the company's members set the fee basis, often as a fixed fee. In CVA's and IVA's, the fee basis is set out in the proposals and creditors approve the fee basis when they approve the arrangement.

All bases

With the exception of IVAs and CVAs which are VAT exempt, the office holder's remuneration invoiced to the insolvent estate will be subject to VAT at the prevailing rate.

Agent's costs

Charged at cost based upon the charge made by the agent instructed.

The term agent includes:

- Solicitors / legal advisors
- Auctioneers / valuers
- Accountants
- Quantity surveyors
- Estate agents
- Other specialist advisors

In appointments made after 1 October 2015, the office holder will provide details of expenses to be incurred, or likely to be incurred, when seeking fee approval. When reporting to the committee and creditors during the insolvency appointment the actual expenses incurred will be compared with the original estimate provided.

Expenses

In accordance with SIP 9 the basis of allocation in respect of expenses incurred by the office holder in connection with the administration of the estate must be fully disclosed to creditors. Expenses are categorised as either category 1 or category 2.

Category 1 expenses are directly referable to an invoice from a person or party, who is not an associate of the office holder, which is either in the name of the estate or Blades Insolvency Services. In the case of the latter, the invoice will refer to, and therefore can be directly attributed to, the estate. These expenses are recoverable in full from the estate without the prior approval of creditors, either by a direct payment from the estate or, where the firm has made payment on behalf of the estate, by a recharge of the amount invoiced by the third party.

Examples of category 1 expenses are statutory advertising, external meeting room hire, specific bond insurance and search fees.

A software licence fee of £125.00 will be charged to each case. This is a fixed fee, irrespective of the duration of the insolvency procedure.

A website hosting fee of £7.00 is payable in respect of each annual and final report.

The actual cost of postage will be separately charged to the estate. (No charge is made for individual letters relating to the administration of the insolvent estate).

Category 2 expenses are directly referable to the estate and may be payments that have been made to an associate of the office holder or which have an element of shared or

allocated costs. These may be incurred by the practice and recharged to the estate; they are not attributed to the estate by a third party invoice.

These expenses are recoverable in full from the estate, subject to the basis of the expense charge being approved by creditors in advance.

Examples of category 2 expenses are record storage and mileage.

It is proposed that the following category 2 expenses are recovered:

Record storage	£10.00 box per annum (to include the cost of transport and eventual destruction of the records)
Mileage	45p per mile