

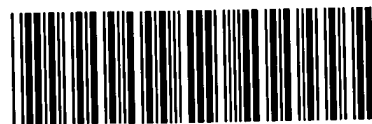
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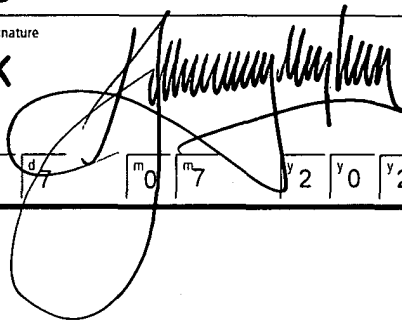
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Administrator's Progress Report

Zombie Shows London Limited (in Administration)

" ZSL / the Company "

[Trading as – " Variant 31 "]

17 July 2020

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THE ADMINISTRATOR'S PROGRESS REPORT

1 Introduction

- 1.1 I was appointed Administrator of Zombie Shows London Limited ("the Company") on 9 January 2020. The appointment was made by the Qualifying Floating Charge Holder ("QFCH") Actioprime Ltd, 4 – 6 Canfield Lane, London, NW6 3BT.
- 1.2 This Administration is being handled by Harrisons Business Recovery & Insolvency (London) Limited at 20 Midtown, 20 Procter Street, London, WC1V 6NX. The Administrator's contact details are by phone on 0207 317 9160 or via email at london@harrisons.uk.com. The Administration is registered in the In The High Court of Justice, reference number CR-2020-000107.
- 1.3 Information about the way that we will use, and store personal data on insolvency appointments can be found at <https://harrisons.uk.com/privacy-policy/>. If you are unable to download this, please contact us and a hard copy will be provided to you.
- 1.4 The trading address of the Company is 35, 37 & 39 – 41 New Oxford Street, London, WC1A 1BN. The business trades under the name Variant 31.
- 1.5 The registered office of the Company is 20 Midtown, 20 Procter Street, London, WC1V 6NX and its registered number 10875747.
- 1.6 As Administrator, I am required to provide a progress report covering the period of six months commencing from the date the Company entered Administration and every subsequent period of six months. This progress report covers the period from 9 January 2020 to 8 July 2020 ("the Period") and should be read in conjunction with my earlier proposals report and any previous progress reports which have been issued.

2 Progress of the Administration

- 2.1 The statutory objective being pursued in the Administration was realising property to make a distribution to the secured creditor. In addition to the pursuance of this statutory objective, the Administrator has duties imposed by insolvency and other legislation, some of which may not provide any financial benefit to creditors.
- 2.2 This section of the report provides creditors with an update on the progress made in the Period, both in terms of the achievement of the statutory objective, but also work which is required of the Administrator under other related legislation.
- 2.3 At Appendix A is my Receipts and Payments Account covering the period of this report.
- 2.4 Attached at Appendix B is a time analysis outlining the time spent by me as Administrator and my staff during the Period.
- 2.5 Further information about the basis of remuneration agreed in this case and the Administrator's fees estimate can be found in section 4 of this report, together with any relevant information about revisions to my initial estimate, where applicable.

Administration (including statutory compliance & reporting)

- 2.6 As noted above, the Administrator must comply with certain statutory obligations under the Insolvency Act 1986 and other related legislation. Details about the work that I anticipated would need to be done in this area was outlined in my initial fees estimate/information.

- 2.7 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 Administrator.
- 2.8 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

VAT Refund & Theatre Tax Relief ("TTR")

- 2.9 As previously reported in the Proposals, I have instructed the Company's accountants (Nyman Libson Paul- "NLP") to continue with their work to realise the tax refunds due to the Company. These were a VAT refund of £125,393 and a Theatre Tax Relief claim of £163,529.
- 2.10 Costs: In order to submit and recover the above, NLP was required to produce and submit full accounts for Corporation Tax purposes. The costs of this exercise were initially underwritten by the charge holder and amounted to £10,400. Given that I subsequently instructed NLP, it was agreed that these costs should be paid from the estate. In the alternative, the charge holder could have paid these costs and reclaimed them from the Administration.
- 2.11 Because of the additional work required to be done (see below), NLP's total cost were some £15,400 which have been paid in full.
- 2.12 NLP submitted a TTR claim for £163,529 in February 2020. The claim was then subject to a review by HMRC which required NLP to do further work to verify the claim and answer enquiries raised by HMRC. That exercise was successfully concluded, and the TTR paid in full by HMRC.
- 2.13 The VAT recovery was previously reported in my Proposals and the net recovery is £75,409.
- 2.14 The work undertaken by the Administrator and his staff to date in realising the Company's assets has been necessary in order to maximise the likelihood of a return to creditors being made. Where assets remain to be realised, these will be dealt with as the Administration progresses, and further updates will be provided to creditors in my next progress report.
- 2.15 Work carried out under this category includes:
- Review of the Co-Production Agreement with BDP.
 - Instructing agents to value the assets.
 - Liaising with the Landlord.
 - Instructing the Company's accountants (NLP) to assist with the realisation of the VAT Refund & TTR Claim.
 - Liaising with BDP for the return of the balance of the VAT Refund.
 - Dealing with HMRC enquiries
 - Demanding the balance of funds from BDP.

Rates Refund

- 2.16 We have appealed the rates payments through an agency (Daniel Watney LLP) and the costs will be 15% of the monies recovered. The gross returns are expected to be some £23,000 before collection costs. It is expected that these monies will be received in the near future.
- 2.17 Gross interest of £89 has been received in the Period.

Creditors (claims and distributions)

- 2.18 Further information on the anticipated outcome for creditors in this case can be found at section 5 of this report. An Administrator is 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 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.
- 2.19 The above work will not necessarily bring any financial benefit to creditors generally, however an Administrator 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 Administrator in dealing with those claims. Work carried out under this category includes
- Liaising with ZSL's secured creditor regarding its outstanding position.
 - Review of security documentation.
 - Updating creditors' listing and contact details
 - Considering possible claims against BDP rather than the Company
 - Consider possible retention of title claims.
 - Liaising with trade and expense creditors and responding to queries.
 - Uploading creditor / Cast member information to IPS.
 - Review of status and claims the Cast.
 - Liaising with the Redundancy Payments Services ("RPS") and setting up a case reference.
 - Holding a meeting with Equity Union representative regarding Cast members.
 - Liaising with the Employment Tribunal Service ("EPS") regarding Cast members' various claims.
 - Liaising with Cast members regarding their claims.
 - Review of Proof of Debt forms submitted by creditors and recording creditors' claims as per IPS.
- 2.20 I consider the following matters worth noting in my report to creditors at this stage:
- There are approximately 68 of unsecured creditor claims in this case with a value per the Director's statement of affairs of £2,377,562.
 - Dealing with the cast member claims: to reduce costs, where applicable we are dealing with the union (Equity) which represents the majority of Cast members.
 - There are various disputes where creditors are claiming against BDP rather than the Company. Resolving these issues will require further review and investigation.
 - Ticket sales: It is unclear how many refunds to customers are payable.

Investigations

- 2.21 Some of the work the Administrator is 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 Administrator can pursue for the benefit of creditors.

- 2.22 I 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.
- 2.23 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 information provided by creditors either at the initial meeting (where held) or as a response to my request to complete an investigation questionnaire. My investigations have not revealed any issues requiring further report or any further potential recoveries which could be pursued for the benefit of creditors.
- 2.24 Work carried out under this category of work includes:
- Liaising with the Director regarding the books and records.
 - Reviewing creditors' responses to investigation questionnaires.
 - Requesting the Director to complete conduct questionnaires and review of completed questionnaires. Reviewing the completed return.
 - Requesting copies of the Company's bank statements and initial review.
 - SIP2 review and consideration of possible recovery actions.
 - Considering representations made by creditors

3 Pre-administration Costs

- 3.1 On 17 March 2020 the following amounts in respect of pre-administration costs were approved:

Name of recipient	Brief description of services provided	Total amount approved
Harrisons Business Recovery & Insolvency (London) Limited	Pre-appointment time costs	£4,551 plus VAT

- 3.2 These costs have not been drawn in the Period.

4 Administrator's Remuneration

- 4.1 The basis of the Administrator's fees has been fixed in the Administration on a mixed fee basis as follows:
- 4.1.1 A set amount of **£15,000** for the general administration of the case, including statutory compliance & reporting.
- 4.1.2 A set amount of **£5,000** for statutory investigations into the conduct of the former Directors.
- 4.1.3 Partly on the basis of time spent by the Administrator and his staff in dealing with all other matters in the administration, for an amount not exceeding **£45,044**.

- 4.2 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.
- 4.3 A copy of that estimate is reproduced below:

Expense	Provider	Basis of fee arrangement	Cost £
Taxation & accountancy services	Nyman Libson Paul	Time costs plus VAT	10,400
Agent's costs associated with chattel asset valuation	Lambert Smith Hampton	Fixed cost-plus VAT	5,000
Legal fees and disbursements	PDT Solicitors	Time costs and disbursements at cost, plus VAT	3,000
Statutory advertising	London Gazette	Cost plus VAT	87
Administrator's bond	AUA Insolvency Risk Services	Cost	23
External storage of Company's books and records	Total Data Management	Cost plus VAT	200

- 4.4 My time costs for the Period are £[Amount]. This represents [Number] hours at an average rate of £[Amount] per hour. Attached at 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 spent in managing the Administration.
- 4.5 As Administrator, I have not drawn any fees to date.
- 4.6 At the date of this report, I confirm that my fee estimate for the Administration remains unchanged.
- 4.7 A copy of "A Creditors' Guide to Administrators' Fees" is available on request or can be downloaded from:

<https://www.icaew.com/-/media/corporate/files/technical/insolvency/creditors-guides/2017/administration-creditor-fee-guide-6-april-2017.ashx?la=en>.

If you prefer this to be sent to you in hard copy, please contact **Evgeny Khoruzhiy** of this office **by email** on **evgenykhhoruzhiy@harrisons.uk.com**

- 4.8 Attached at Appendix C is additional information in relation to the Administrator's fees, expenses and disbursements, including where relevant, information on the use of subcontractors and professional advisers.

5 Estimated Outcome for Creditors

Secured Creditor

- 5.1 Actioprime has been paid in full [£ 82,295.10]. Please note that the amount paid is some £10,000 less than as set out in the Proposals; this is because the costs of NLP were paid from the estate (see above section 2. for more information).

Preferential Creditors

- 5.2 Based on the Director's Statement of Affairs, there are no preferential creditors.

Unsecured Creditors

- 5.3 The Company has a total number of 66 creditors with estimated total liabilities of £2,468,053. To date, I have received claims from 29 creditors whose debts total £2,161,758. I have yet to receive claims from 37 creditors whose debts total circa £284,86
- 5.4 It is anticipated that there will be a dividend distribution to the unsecured creditors. The timing and quantum of a dividend is currently uncertain, but is contingent on the final level of recovery achieved for the Company's assets, and the final level of costs.

6 Ending the Administration

- 6.1 The Administrator will be discharged from liability under Paragraph 98(3) of Schedule B1 to the Insolvency Act 1986 immediately upon his appointment as Administrator ceasing to have effect.

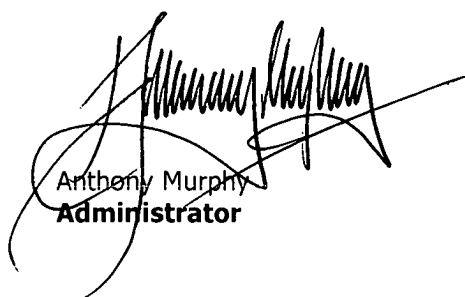
7 Creditors' Rights

- 7.1 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 Administrator provide further information about his remuneration or expenses (other than pre-administration costs) which have been itemised in this progress report.
- 7.2 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 Administrator's remuneration is inappropriate and/or the remuneration charged or the expenses incurred by the Administrator , as set out in this progress report, are excessive.

8 Next Report

- 8.1 The Administrator is required to provide a progress report within one month of the end of the next six months of the Administration or earlier if the Administration has been finalised or he wishes to extend it.

For and on behalf of
Zombie Shows London Limited


Anthony Murphy
Administrator

Appendix A

Receipts and Payments Account from 9 January 2020 to 8 July 2020

Statement of Affairs £	From 09/01/2020 To 08/07/2020 £
SECURED CREDITOR	
Actioprima Limited	<u>(82,295.10)</u>
ASSET REALISATIONS	
	Bank Interest Gross 89.67
163,000.00	Theatre Tax Relief (TTR) claim 163,529.00
75,000.00	VAT Refund 75,409.23
	<u>239,027.90</u>
COST OF REALISATIONS	
	Agents fees 5,000.00
	Legal disbursements 195.00
	Legal fees 500.00
	Accountancy fees 15.400
	<u>(21,095.00)</u>
<u>238,000.00</u>	<u>135,637.80</u>
REPRESENTED BY	
	Bank(interest bearing) 131,457.80
	VAT Receivable 4,180.00
	<u>135,637.80</u>

Appendix B

Time Analysis for the Period from 9 January 2020 to 8 July 2020

Time Entry - SIP9 Time & Cost Summary + Cumulative

ZOMBI001 - Zombie Shows London Limited
Project Code: POST
From: 09/01/2020 To: 08/07/2020

Classification of Work Function	Partner	Manager	Other Senior Professionals	Assistants & Support Staff	Total Hours	Time Cost (£)	Average Hourly Rate (£)	Total Hours Cum (POST Only)	Total Time Costs Cum (POST Only)
Administration & Planning	25.90	8.50	40.90	2.50	77.80	21,865.50	281.05	77.80	21,865.50
Case specific matters	0.00	0.00	1.30	0.00	1.30	227.50	175.00	1.30	227.50
Creditors	35.10	4.00	24.40	0.80	64.30	21,529.50	334.83	64.30	21,529.50
Investigations	2.40	1.90	0.60	3.50	8.40	2,121.50	252.56	8.40	2,121.50
Realisations of Assets	8.80	2.40	2.50	0.00	13.70	5,109.50	372.96	13.70	5,109.50
Trading	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Hours / Costs	72.20	16.80	69.70	6.80	165.50	50,853.50	307.27	165.50	50,853.50
Total Fees Claimed						0.00			
Total Disbursements Claimed						0.00			

Appendix C

Additional Information in Relation to the Administrator'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 Director, 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 are not proposing to utilise 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
PDT Solicitors LLP (legal advice)	Hourly rate and disbursements
Lambert Smith Hampton (valuation and disposal advice)	Fixed fee
Nyman Libson Paul (tax advice)	Hourly rate

- 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 Administrator's Expenses & Disbursements

- 3.1 The estimate of expenses (including disbursements) which were anticipated at the outset of the Administration was provided to creditors in the Administrator's Proposals Report a copy of which is set out below:

Expense	Provider	Basis of fee arrangement	Cost £
Taxation & accountancy services	Nyman Libson Paul	Time costs plus VAT	10,400
Agent's costs associated with chattel asset valuation	Lambert Smith Hampton	Fixed cost-plus VAT	5,000
Legal fees and disbursements	PDT Solicitors	Time costs and disbursements at cost, plus VAT	3,000
Statutory advertising	London Gazette	Cost plus VAT	87
Administrator's bond	AUA Insolvency Risk Services	Cost	23
External storage of Company's books and records	Total Data Management	Cost plus VAT	200

Current position of Administrator's expenses

- 3.2 An analysis of the expenses paid to the date of this report, together with those incurred but not paid at the date of this report is provided below:

	Paid in prior period £	Paid in the period covered by this report £	Incurred but not paid to date £	Total anticipated cost £
Taxation & accountancy services	N/A	15,400	nil	15,400
Agents' costs	N/A	5,000	nil	5,000
Legal Fees & Disbursements	N/A	695	2,205	3,000
Statutory advertising	N/A	Nil	87	87
Administrator's bond	N/A	Nil	23	23
External storage of books & records	N/A	Nil	200	200

- 3.3 Category 1 disbursements do not require approval by creditors. The type of disbursements that may be charged as a Category 1 disbursement 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. These disbursements are included in the tables of expenses above.
- 3.4 Category 2 disbursements 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 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 disbursements charged by this firm (where appropriate) were provided in the Administrator's Proposals Report and approved by creditors. Any Category 2 disbursements incurred are specifically highlighted in the tables of expenses above.

4. Charge-Out Rates

- 4.1 The following hourly charge out rates apply to all assignments undertaken by Harrisons. Please note that the charge-out rates are effective from 1 July in each period.

- 4.1.1 Charge-out rates effective from 1 July 2018 to 31 March 2019:

	2017/2018	2018/2019
	£	£
Directors	305 – 550	305 – 550
Managers	250 – 350	250 – 350
Senior Case Supervisors	175 – 250	175 – 250
Case Supervisors	125 – 205	125 – 205
Assistants/Trainee Case Supervisors	100 – 150	100 – 150

4.1.2 Revised charge-out rates effective from 1 April 2019 to 30 June 2019 and from 1 July 2019 onwards:

	2018/2019 [Revised]	2019/2020
	£	£
Directors/Appointment Takers	425 – 750	425 – 750
Managers/Associate Directors	250 – 425	250 – 425
Senior Case Supervisors/Assistant Managers	175 – 250	175 – 250
Case Supervisors	125 – 175	125 – 175
Assistants / Administration	100 – 125	100 – 125

4.2 Please note that Harrisons records its time in minimum units of 6 minutes.