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### 1 Company details

Company number 1 1 6 2 9 3 3 9

Company name in full Acclaim Events Ltd

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

### 2 Liquidator's name

Full forename(s) Natalie Anne

Surname Hughes

### 3 Liquidator's address

Building name/number Simply Corporate Limited

Street The Town Hall

Burnley Road

Post town Padiham

County/Region Burnley

Postcode B B 1 2 8 B S

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

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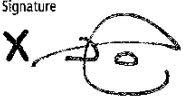
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To date	d 2 6	m 0 2	y 2 0 2 4

**7** Progress report

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**8** Sign and date

Liquidator's signature	Signature X  X
Signature date	d 2 7 m 0 2 y 2 0 2 4

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Contact name Catherine Unsworth

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Telephone 01282222420

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- ☐ You have attached the required documents.
- ☐ You have signed the form.

**Important information**

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Crown Way, Cardiff, Wales, CF14 3UZ.  
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# **Liquidator's Annual Progress Report to Creditors & Members**

**Acclaim Events Ltd - In Liquidation**

**27<sup>th</sup> February 2023 to 26<sup>th</sup> February 2024**

**Date of Report – 27<sup>th</sup> February 2024**

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## 1 Introduction and Statutory Information

- 1.1 I, Natalie Anne Hughes of Simply Corporate Limited, The Town Hall, Burnley Road, Padiham, Burnley, Lancashire, BB12 8BS, was appointed as Liquidator of Acclaim Events Ltd ('the Company') on 27 Feb 2020. This progress report covers the period from 27<sup>th</sup> February 2023 to 26<sup>th</sup> February 2024 ('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 at <https://www.simplycorporate.co.uk/legal/privacy/>. 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 82 Barwell Business Park, Chessington, KT9 2NY.
- 1.4 The registered office of the Company has been changed to The Town Hall, Burnley Road, Padiham, Burnley, Lancashire, BB12 8BS and its registered number is 11629339.

## 2 Receipts and Payments

- 2.1 At Appendix A is my Receipts and Payments Account covering the Period of this report which also incorporates my 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.
- 2.2 In Section 3 below, you will find an update on the progress made during the Period in realising the Company's assets and dealing with its affairs.

## 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 me as Liquidator and my 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 to creditors 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 me as 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.

### **Realisation of Assets**

#### 3.5 Deposit for Costs

I have received gross bank interest of £0.17 for the period 27<sup>th</sup> February 2023 to 26<sup>th</sup> February 2024.

*Creditors (claims and distributions)*

- 3.6 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.
- 3.7 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.
- 3.8 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.
- 3.9 More information on the anticipated outcome for all classes of creditor in this case can be found in Section 4 below.
- 3.10 At this stage, I consider the following matters worth bringing to the attention of creditors:
- My findings have also revealed additional payments made from the Company's account, to which further clarification is required. My investigations are ongoing in respect of these payments.
  - I have earned bank interest of £0.17 during the Period 27 February 2023 to 26 February 2024.
  - There are approximately 60 unsecured creditor claims in this case with a value per the director(s) statement of affairs of £263,711.
  - There are no secured creditor claims in this matter.
  - I have received a preferential claim in this matter from The Redundancy Payments office in respect of employee holiday pay and arrears of wages in the sum of £6,524.55.

*Investigations*

- 3.11 You may recall from my first progress report to creditors that some of the work I am required to undertake as Liquidator 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 I can pursue for the benefit of creditors.
- 3.12 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.
- 3.13 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.

**Matters still to be dealt with**

- 1.1 My investigations are continuing following the reconciliation of the overdrawn loan account position and the additional payments made from the Company's banking account, as to whether any recoveries can be made for the benefit of the liquidation estate.

**4 Creditors**

**Secured Creditors**

- 4.1 There are no secured creditors.

**Preferential Creditors**

- 1.1 A summary of preferential claims is detailed below.

Preferential claim	Agreed Claim £	Statement of Affairs Claim £	Dividend paid p in the £1
Employee claims (Total number of claims = 17)	6,524.55	10,034	-

- 4.1 I would confirm that a dividend to preferential creditors in this matter has not been paid and will be dependent upon future asset realisations.

**Unsecured Creditors**

- 4.2 The Company's statement of affairs indicated there were 60 creditors whose debts totalled £263,711. To date, I have received claims totalling £183,967.76 from 22 creditors.
- 4.3 The Company did not grant any floating charges to a secured creditor. Accordingly, there is no requirement to create a fund out of the Company's net floating charge property for unsecured creditors (known as the **Prescribed Part**), which only applies to charges created after 15 September 2003.
- 4.4 Further updates on the anticipated outcome to creditors will be provided in subsequent reports, however you will note that it is currently 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 Creditors approved that the basis of my remuneration be fixed by reference to the time properly spent by me and my staff in managing the Liquidation.
- 5.2 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.
- 5.3 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)	20	250	5,000
Realisation of assets	4	250	1,000
Creditors (claims & distributions)	6	250	1,500
Investigations	10	250	2,500
<b>Total estimated fees</b>	<b>40</b>		<b>£10,000</b>



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- 5.4 My time costs for the Period are £1,164 which represents 7.3 hours at an average rate of £159.45 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 by me and my staff in managing the liquidation. During the Period, Liquidator's fees of £1,000 + VAT have been drawn on account.
- 5.5 Also attached as Appendix E is a cumulative Time Analysis for the period from 27<sup>th</sup> February 2020 to 26<sup>th</sup> February 2024 which provides details of my time costs incurred since my appointment. The cumulative time costs incurred to date are £8,830. This represents 54.5 hours at an average rate of £162.02 per hour.
- 5.6 At the date of this report, I would confirm that my fees estimate for the liquidation remains unchanged. This is because I consider my estimate to be sufficient.
- 5.7 A copy of 'A Creditors' Guide to Liquidators' Fees' is available on request or can be downloaded from <https://insolvency-practitioners.org.uk/regulation-and-guidance/creditors-guides-to-fees/>
- 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 I provide further information about my 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 01282 222420 or by email at [info@simplycorporate.co.uk](mailto:info@simplycorporate.co.uk)

Yours faithfully



**Natalie Hughes, MIPA, MABRP**  
**Liquidator**

Dated: 27<sup>th</sup> February 2024

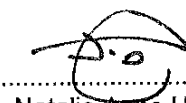
## Appendix A

**Receipts and Payments Account for the Period from 27<sup>th</sup> February 2023 to 26<sup>th</sup> February 2024  
incorporating the cumulative Receipts and Payments Account since the Liquidator's  
appointment to 26<sup>th</sup> February 2024.**

# Liquidator's Abstract of Receipts & Payments

ACC02 Acclaim Events Ltd (CVL)

Statement Of Affairs	From 27/02/2023 To 26/02/2024	From 27/02/2020 To 26/02/2024
<b>UNCHARGED ASSETS</b>		
Deposit for Costs	0.00	10,800.85
Deposit Interest Gross	0.17	1.25
	<u>0.17</u>	<u>10,802.10</u>
<b>COSTS</b>		
Liquidator's Remuneration	0.00	1,000.00
Statutory Advertising	0.00	259.95
Statement of Affairs	0.00	9,000.71
Bordereau Fee	0.00	96.00
Software Licence	0.00	125.00
	<u>0.00</u>	<u>(10,481.66)</u>
<b>PREFERENTIAL CREDITORS</b>		
(10,033.74) Wages & Holiday Pay	0.00	0.00
	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
<b>UNSECURED CREDITORS</b>		
(192,532.37) Trade & Expense Claim	0.00	0.00
(1.00) HM Revenue & Customs - PAYE & NIC	0.00	0.00
(24,988.55) HM Revenue & Customs - VAT	0.00	0.00
(46,189.49) Employee Claims	0.00	0.00
	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
<b>DISTRIBUTIONS</b>		
(200.00) Issued Share Capital	0.00	0.00
	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
<u>(273,945.15)</u>	<u>0.17</u>	<u>320.44</u>
<b>REPRESENTED BY</b>		
Bank 2	0.17	24.25
VAT Control Account	0.00	296.19
	<u>0.17</u>	<u>320.44</u>



Natalie Anne Hughes  
Liquidator

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### **Appendix B**

#### **Time Analysis for the Period from 27<sup>th</sup> February 2023 to 26<sup>th</sup> February 2024**

Acclaim Events Ltd  
(In Creditors' Voluntary Liquidation)

Summary of Liquidator's Time Costs from 27 February 2023 to 26 February 2024

	Partner		Administrator		Support		Total	Cost £	Average
	Units	Cost £	Units	Cost £	Units	Cost £	Units		Hourly Rate £
Statutory & Review	4	128.00	19	285.00	10	100.00	33	513.00	155.45
Assets	3	96.00	-	-	-	-	3	96.00	320.00
Investigations	-	-	37	555.00	-	-	37	555.00	150.00
Total	7	224.00	56	840.00	10	100.00	73	1,164.00	
Average Hourly Rate (£)		<u>320.00</u>		<u>150.00</u>		<u>100.00</u>		<u>159.45</u>	

All Units are 6 minutes

## 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.

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

#### Professional Advisors

On this assignment we have not used any professional advisors.

#### 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 £
Statutory advertising	320.80 + VAT	259.95 + VAT	-	-
Specific Penalty Bond	96 + VAT	96 + VAT	-	64
Case administration software	125 + VAT	125 + VAT	-	-

##### 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.

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Expense	Estimated overall cost £	Paid in Prior Period £	Paid in the period covered by this report £	Incurred but not paid to date £
Business mileage	-	-	-	-
External storage costs	-	-	-	-
Postage charges	-	-	-	-
Others - state	-	-	-	-

## Charge-Out Rates

Simply Corporate Limited's current charge-out rates effective from 1 October 2018 are detailed below. Please note this firm records its time in minimum units of 6 minutes.

	(Per hour) £
Partner	320
Manager	220
Administrator	150
Support	100

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### **Appendix D**

#### **Cumulative Time Analysis for the Period since the Liquidator's Appointment**



Acclaim Events Ltd  
(In Creditors' Voluntary Liquidation)

Summary of Liquidator's Time Costs from 27 February 2020 to 26 February 2024

	Partner		Manager		Administrator		Support		Total		Average
	Units	Cost £	Units	Cost £	Units	Cost £	Units	Cost £	Units	Cost £	Hourly Rate £
Statutory & Review	8	256.00		-	132	1,980.00	10	100.00	150	2,336.00	155.73
Receipts & Payments	8	256.00	2	44.00	46	690.00		-	56	990.00	176.79
Pension	-	-	-	-	17	255.00		-	17	255.00	150.00
Assets	7	224.00	4	88.00	10	150.00		-	21	462.00	220.00
Liabilities	3	96.00		-	134	2,010.00	8	80.00	145	2,186.00	150.76
Landlords	2	64.00	8	176.00	4	60.00		-	14	300.00	214.29
General Administration	-	-	-	-	11	165.00		-	11	165.00	150.00
Appointment	5	160.00		-	46	690.00	10	100.00	61	950.00	155.74
Investigations	8	256.00		-	59	885.00		-	67	1,141.00	170.30
Case Specific	-	-	-	-	3	45.00		-	3	45.00	150.00
Total	41	1,312.00	14	308.00	462	6,930.00	28	280.00	545	8,830.00	
Average Hourly Rate (£)	320.00		220.00		150.00		100.00		162.02		

All Units are 6 minutes