

**Liquidator's Progress Report**

Pursuant to section 92A, 104A, and 192 of the  
Insolvency Act 1986

**S. 192**

To the Registrar of Companies

Company Number

OC307035

Name of Company

(a) Insert full name  
of company

(a) CHANCERY ACCOUNTS & TAX LLP - IN LIQUIDATION

(b) Insert full name(s)  
and address(es)

I <sup>(b)</sup> Asher Miller of David Rubin & Partners, Pearl Assurance House, 319  
Ballards Lane, London N12 8LY

the liquidator of the company attach a copy of my/~~our~~ Progress Report under  
section 192 of the Insolvency Act 1986

The Progress Report covers the period from 30 September 2015 to 29  
September 2016

Signed



Date 29/11/16

Presenter's name,  
address and reference  
(if any)

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**IN THE MATTER OF**  
**CHANCERY ACCOUNTS & TAX LLP - IN LIQUIDATION**

**AND**  
**THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986**

**THE LIQUIDATOR'S FIRST ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT**  
**PURSUANT TO SECTION 104A OF THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986**  
**AND**  
**RULE 4.49C OF THE INSOLVENCY RULES 1986**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 29 SEPTEMBER 2016**

**CHANCERY ACCOUNTS & TAX LLP - IN LIQUIDATION ("THE LLP")**  
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**(a) Introduction**

The LLP was placed into liquidation by a Special Resolution of the members, which was ratified by creditors at the subsequent meeting convened under Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 on 30 September 2015. This report provides an update on the progress of the liquidation for the year ended 29 September 2016.

**Rule 4.49C-CVL(5): Progress Report**

**(b) Statutory information**

LLP name	Chancery Accounts & Tax LLP
Registered office	Pearl Assurance House, 319 Ballards Lane, London N12 8LY
Company number	OC307035
Trading address	Chancery Pavilion, Boycott Avenue, Oldbrook, Milton Keynes MK6 2TA

**(c) Liquidator's name and address:**

Asher Miller of David Rubin & Partners, Pearl Assurance House, 319 Ballards Lane, London N12 8LY was appointed Liquidator of the LLP on 30 September 2015.

**(d) Basis of Liquidator's remuneration**

*Basis of remuneration*

- 1.1 At the first meeting of creditors a resolution was passed approving that the basis of the Liquidator's remuneration be fixed by reference to the time properly spent by the Liquidator and his staff in attending to matters arising in the winding-up.
- 1.2 In accordance with the provisions of Statement of Insolvency Practice 9 ("SIP 9"), a schedule of this firm's charge-out rates was issued to creditors at the time that the basis of the Liquidator's remuneration was approved. There has not been any material increase in these rates during this appointment. Our current hourly charge-out rates, which are charged in units of 6 minutes, are as follows (exclusive of VAT) -

	£
Senior / Managing Partners	450
Partners/Office Holders	300 - 395
Managers / Senior Managers	250 - 295
Senior Administrators	180 - 220
Administrators	130 - 160
Cashiers and Assistants	120 - 160
Supports	110 - 120

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Chargeout rates are normally reviewed annually in November, when rates are adjusted to reflect such matters as inflation, increases in direct wage costs, and changes to indirect costs such as Professional Indemnity Insurance

*Staff allocation and the use of subcontractors*

- 13 Our 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, Manager, Senior Administrator and two Administrators. The exact constitution of the case team will depend on the anticipated size and complexity of the assignment and additional staff may be allocated to meet the demands of the case.

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

**(e) Liquidator's remuneration**

The Liquidator's time costs for the year under review are £88,539, representing 381.6 hours at an average hourly rate of £232.02. Attached at Appendix A is an analysis of time costs which provides details of the activity during the year, analysed by staff grade.

To view an explanatory note concerning the remuneration of Liquidators, issued by the Joint Insolvency Committee, please visit the Publications folder on our website at [www.drpartners.com/cases](http://www.drpartners.com/cases), using the following log-on details:

USERNAME c568 cha@drco.co.uk      PASSWORD ahc865C\*

Alternatively, please contact this office to arrange for a copy to be sent to you by post.

Included in the work undertaken by the Liquidator and his staff to date is the following -

- i) Dealing with creditors' enquiries, both by correspondence and by telephone, and noting and acknowledging their claims as appropriate
- ii) Applying for the Liquidator's bond, as required by the Insolvency Practitioners Regulations 2005, and regularly monitoring the bond level
- iii) Publishing the necessary statutory advertisements in respect of the liquidation proceedings in the London Gazette
- iv) Filing the appropriate statutory documents pertaining to the liquidation with the Registrar of Companies
- v) Collecting and archiving the Company's books and records
- vi) Opening a designated estate bank account and dealing with the movement of funds
- vii) Cashiering activity including the allocation of receipts and payments and the reconciliation of accounts

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- viii) Conducting the Liquidator's statutory investigations under Statements of Insolvency Practice 2 and 4, including an examination of the LLP's statutory registers, physical books and records, and electronic data
- ix) Preparation and submission of the Liquidator's report to the Secretary of State on the conduct of the Designated Members of the LLP, pursuant to the requirements of the Company Directors Disqualification Act 1986
- x) Establishing the extent and nature of various intercompany accounts and transactions, and determining whether the intercompany debtors represented on the LLP's balance sheet are recoverable
- xi) Further investigations relating to connected party transactions prior to the date of liquidation, including in respect of the Designated Members' loan accounts, and ongoing correspondence with solicitors and the Designated Members with a view to determining the issues and reaching a settlement
- xii) Further investigations relating to the alleged transfer of the business and assets to connected parties, and ongoing discussions and correspondence with solicitors in respect of the same
- xiii) Regular submission of post-deregistration VAT returns
- xiv) Regular case monitoring to ensure the timely progression of the liquidation

**(f) Liquidator's expenses**

Expenses of the liquidation paid during the period under review are explained at paragraph (g) below, in the Liquidator's comments on the Receipts and Payments Account

The Liquidator has engaged solicitors, MHS Sprecher Grier, to provide advice on various legal matters arising in the liquidation. MHS Sprecher Grier have a specialist insolvency practice and were selected on the basis of their experience in dealing with matters of this nature, taking into account the size and complexity of the case.

At the date of this report, MHS Sprecher Grier have incurred expenses that have not been paid. Further details are provided below.

Nature of expense	Basis of fee arrangement	Fees incurred	Fees billed	Fees paid
Legal fees – for providing advice on various matters arising during the liquidation proceedings, including the treatment of members' loan accounts, and potential claims arising from the alleged transfer of the business	Time costs	£8,100 plus VAT	N/a	N/a

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**(g) Details of progress for the period under review:**

A Receipts and Payments Account for the year under review is attached at Appendix B  
Further details are provided below

**1. Receipts**

**1 1 Cash held on appointment**

The amount of £7,200 was held by this firm, prior to the Liquidator's appointment, specifically for the purposes of meeting the costs of the Statement of Affairs fee as detailed further below

**1 2 Cash at bank**

The sum of £13,184 71 was received from National Westminster Bank plc in respect of the credit balance held in the LLP's business bank accounts at the date of liquidation

**1 3 Bank interest gross**

During the year, funds have been held in an interest bearing current account and gross bank interest of £0 55 has been received in this regard

**1.4 Book debts**

Solicitors Trethowans LLP were instructed by the LLP, prior to the Liquidator's appointment, to seek recovery of certain outstanding debts due to the LLP. A payment plan was in place for one debtor, and a total of £500 00 was received in this regard during the year

**1 5 Sundry refund**

A refund of £171 16 was received from PHS Limited

**2. Payments**

**2 1 Statement of Affairs fee**

This fee relates to the assistance given by this firm to the Designated Members of the LLP in notifying and convening the meetings of members and creditors under Sections 84 and 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, and the preparation of the Statement of Affairs and the Designated Members' report to creditors. This fee was approved at the first meeting of creditors

**2 2 Statutory advertising**

This represents the costs of publishing statutory advertisements in the London Gazette in respect of the first meetings of the LLP's members and creditors, and the formal notice of the Liquidator's appointment



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**2 3 Specific bond**

The specific bond is the cost of insurance, based on the level of realisations envisaged or achieved by the Liquidator, as required by the Insolvency Practitioners Regulations 2005

**2 4 Meeting costs**

The first meetings of members and creditors were held at my offices, for which this firm charged a nominal rental of £150 00 plus VAT for the provision of the boardroom and ancillary facilities

**2 5 Carriage and Archiving**

This firm uses its own personnel and vehicle for the collection of books and records, for which we charge £50 00 per hour. The sum of £185 00 has been paid in this regard

A further £44 53 was paid to an independent courier in respect of the delivery up to the Liquidator of certain of the LLP's records

**2 6 Statutory costs**

The sum of £84 00 was paid in respect of fees for various searches and information obtained from Companies House and the Land Registry

**2 7 Liquidator's remuneration**

Remuneration of £11,500 00 was drawn during the year in review.

**2 8 Sundry expenses**

Sundry expenses of £723 33 were incurred during the year. These costs include staff travel expenses recharged at cost, and the cost of specialist hardware and software used during the liquidation proceedings

**(h) Details of any assets that remain to be realised and outstanding matters**

The estimated Statement of Affairs indicated that there were intercompany book debts of approximately £47,871 owed to the LLP, against which a general provision of 20% was applied. The Liquidator's investigations in respect of the intercompany accounts and transactions are ongoing, and the recoverability of these sums is presently uncertain

The estimated Statement of Affairs also showed intangible assets with an uncertain realisable value. These intangible assets relate to amortised goodwill acquired from a previous entity in the 'Chancery' group, which has no value in the liquidation

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**(i) Investigations**

- 1 1 In accordance with the Company Directors Disqualification Act 1986, the Liquidator has submitted a report on the conduct of the LLP's Designated Members to the Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy (BEIS). The contents of this report are confidential.
- 1 2 Shortly after appointment, the Liquidator made an initial assessment, in accordance with Statement of Insolvency Practice 2, of whether there may be any matters that might lead to recoveries for the estate and if so, what further investigations may be appropriate. This assessment took into account information provided by creditors and other stakeholders, either at the initial meeting or as a response to the Liquidator's routine enquiries.
- 1 3 A number of matters were identified which may require further investigation, and the Liquidator's enquiries in this regard are ongoing. Disclosure is restricted at this time for reasons of confidentiality and in order not to prejudice the outcome of these proceedings.

**(j) Creditors' rights – Rule 4.49E and Rule 4.131**

- i) 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.
- ii) 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 the basis fixed for the Liquidator's remuneration, the remuneration charged, or the expenses incurred by the Liquidator as set out in this progress report, are excessive.

**(k) Any other relevant information:**

**(i) (a) Secured creditors**

The Company has no secured creditors at the date of this report.

**(b) Prescribed Part**

Section 176A of the Insolvency Act 1986 provides for a prescribed part of the LLP's net property which would otherwise be available to the holder of a qualifying floating charge to be ring fenced from distribution to the charge holder and made available for the satisfaction of unsecured debts.

The LLP has not granted any floating charges and accordingly the provisions of Section 176A do not apply.

**(ii) Preferential creditors**

The LLP has no known preferential creditors.

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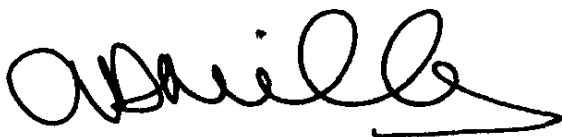
**(iii) Unsecured creditors**

The claims of 14 unsecured creditors totalling £484,175 57 have been received, in comparison with the statement of affairs which estimated unsecured claims at £1,463,243. These claims have not been adjudicated, as realisations are presently insufficient to enable a dividend to be paid to unsecured non preferential creditors.

**(l) Next report**

I am required to provide a further report on the progress of the liquidation within two months of the end of the next anniversary of the liquidation, unless matters are concluded prior to that, in which case I will write to all creditors with my final progress report ahead of convening the final meeting of creditors.

I trust you will find this report adequate for your purposes, but should you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact in the first instance my Senior Manager, Charlotte Jobling, or her assistant Artemis Michael.



**ASHER D MILLER FCA - LIQUIDATOR**

**DATE: 28 NOVEMBER 2016**

## CHANCERY ACCOUNTS &amp; TAX LLP - IN CREDITORS' VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION

<b>LIQUIDATOR'S TIME COSTS</b> <b>FOR THE PERIOD 30 SEPTEMBER 2015 TO 29 SEPTEMBER 2016</b> <b>SIP 9 TIME SUMMARY</b>							
Classification of work function	Hours					Total Cost £	Average hourly rate £
	Partners	Manager / Senior Manager	Admin / Senior Admin	Cashiers	Total hours		
<b>Statutory compliance, admin and planning</b>							
IPS set up & maintenance	00 00	00 00	00 18	00 00	00 18	66 00	220 00
Statutory filings, circulars, notices, etc	00 00	12 36	03 00	00 00	15 36	4,107 00	263 27
Case planning, strategy & control	01 30	01 06	01 18	00 00	03 54	1,125 00	288 46
Taxation PAYE, C/Tax & VAT	00 00	01 06	00 54	00 00	02 00	441 50	220 75
Accounting & Cashiering	00 00	00 00	01 54	06 06	08 00	1,211 00	151 38
Case reviews & Diary maintenance	00 54	04 36	12 36	00 00	18 06	3,539 50	195 55
Statutory reporting and compliance	00 00	00 12	00 00	00 00	00 12	59 00	295 00
<b>Investigations</b>							
CDDA preparation & reporting	03 18	18 06	04 06	00 00	25 30	7,278 00	285 41
SIP2 assessment and financial review	00 00	06 48	13 24	00 00	20 12	4,270 00	211 39
Antecedant transactions & wrongful trading	06 42	100 24	85 18	00 00	192 24	45,105 50	234 44
Proceedings & recoveries	11 00	02 12	18 18	00 00	31 30	7,922 00	251 49
<b>Realisation of assets</b>							
Freehold & leasehold properties	00 00	01 18	00 18	00 00	01 36	431 50	269 69
Book debts collection	01 30	04 36	00 48	00 00	06 54	2,077 50	301 09
Tangible assets	00 00	08 36	34 42	00 00	43 18	7,456 00	172 19
<b>Creditors</b>							
Unsec'd Creditors correspondence & claims	02 06	08 00	02 00	00 00	12 06	3,449 50	285 08
<b>Total hours and costs</b>	<b>27 00</b>	<b>169 36</b>	<b>178 54</b>	<b>06 06</b>	<b>381 36</b>	<b>88,539 00</b>	<b>232 02</b>

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**LIQUIDATOR'S RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT**  
**FROM 30 SEPTEMBER 2015 TO 29 SEPTEMBER 2016**

	<b><u>Estimated to realise</u></b> £	<b><u>Realised to-date</u></b> £	<b><u>Y/E 29-Sep-16</u></b> £
<b><u>Balance brought forward</u></b>			
<b><u>Receipts</u></b>			
Book debts	uncertain	500 00	500 00
Intercompany debtors	47,871 00	nil	nil
Office furniture & equipment	nil	nil	nil
Intangible assets	uncertain	nil	nil
Cash at bank	13,157 00	13,184 71	13,184 71
Cash held on appointment	<u>6,000 00</u>	7,200 00	7,200 00
Sundry refund		171 16	171 16
Bank interest gross		0 55	0 55
		<u>21,056 42</u>	<u>21,056 42</u>
<b><u>Payments</u></b>			
Statement of affairs fee		6,000 00	6,000 00
Carriage & archiving		229 53	229 53
Specific bond		189 60	189 60
Meeting costs		150 00	150 00
Sundry expenses		723 33	723 33
Statutory advertising		338 40	338 40
Statutory costs		84 00	84 00
Office holders fees		<u>11,500 00</u>	<u>11,500 00</u>
		<u>19,214 86</u>	<u>19,214 86</u>
<b><u>Receipts less Payments</u></b>		<u>1,841 56</u>	<u>1,841 56</u>
<b><u>Represented by:-</u></b>			
Balance at bank			1,515 51
VAT recoverable			<u>326.05</u>
			<u>1,841 56</u>