The Insolvency Act 1986

# Administrator's progress report

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Pursuant to Rule 2.38 of the insolvency (Scotland) Rules 1986

Name of Company

**Action Building Contracts Limited** 

Company number

SC295118

(a) Insert full name(s) and address(es) of administrator(s) We (a)
Matthew Purdon Henderson
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administrator(s) of the above company attach a progress report for the period

from

to

(b) Insert date(s)

(b) 11 November 2011

(b) 10 May 2012

Signed

Joint / Administrator(s)

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Dated

18 June 2012

#### **Contact Details:**

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Our Ref: 10/MPH/SJW/ACTB01

18 June 2012

Dear Sir

# **ACTION BUILDING CONTRACTS LIMITED (IN ADMINISTRATION)**

I am writing to you pursuant to Rule 2.38 of the Insolvency (Scotland) Rules 1986 in your capacity as a creditor of Action Building Contracts Limited (In Administration) ("the company"), to provide you with information relating to the progress of the Administration from 11 November 2011 to 10 May 2012.

I enclose a copy of the Joint Administrators' Receipts and Payments account for the period from 11 November 2011 to 10 May 2012. I would comment further as follows:

# 1 Statutory Information

- 1.1 The Notice of Appointment was lodged at the Court of Session, Edinburgh. The company was placed into Administration on 11 November 2010.
- 1.2 The company's registered number is SC295118 and it was incorporated on 6 January 2006. The company is registered in Scotland.
- 1.3 The company's registered office was at 2A New Mart Road, Edinburgh, EH14 1RL and has subsequently been changed to 7-11 Melville Street, Edinburgh, EH3 7PE.
- 1.4 The term in office of the Joint Administrators was extended to 10 November 2012 by virtue of an order of the Court of Session dated 9 November 2011.

#### 2 Assets

- 2.1 The company's only significant assets are the property at 2A New Mart Road, Edinburgh, EH14 1RL, and sums due from completed and part-completed contracts.
- 2.2 The sale of the property at 2A New Mart Road, Edinburgh concluded on 17 June 2011 for £225,000.

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- 2.3 A business rates refund has been ingathered in the sum of £3,380.33 before costs.
- 2.4 The Joint Administrators have engaged the services of Ian Gracie of Construction Recovery Solutions to review the contracts and recover outstanding sums due to the company.
- 2.5 The sum projected as recoverable from the company's sales ledger balances, based on a report from Ian Gracie, is in the region of £150,000. Unfortunately the timescales for recovery remain unclear as the vast majority of the company's contracts were with The City of Edinburgh Council. As has been widely publicised, the Council departments responsible for the allocation and payment of the contracts are currently under investigation by Lothian & Borders Police Specialist Fraud Unit. A meeting was held with the Council at their offices on 9 February 2012, with both Ian Gracie and the Joint Administrator in attendance, however subsequent staffing changes at the Council have unfortunately meant that little progress has been made. Ian Gracie continues to pursue this matter.

#### 3 Creditors

- 3.1 The secured creditor, The Royal Bank of Scotland plc, is due approximately £257,100. Their liability is secured by a Bond and Floating Charge created on 24 July 2008 and a Standard Security over the property at 2A New Mart Road, Edinburgh.
- 3.2 The secured creditor has received a distribution of £175,000 from the property sale proceeds. Based on the projected recovery figure of £150,000 from the monies due to the company, a dividend is anticipated to become payable to preferential and ordinary creditors. This will, of course, be entirely dependent upon the successful collection of sums due to the company.
- 3.3 I can advise that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the estimated value of the company's net property will be £84,810.15 based on projected realisations. The estimated value of the prescribed part available for distribution to the unsecured creditors is therefore £19,962.03. I can confirm that I do not, at this stage, propose to make an application to Court under section 176A(5) of the Insolvency Act 1986 for an order waiving the requirement to distribute the prescribed part to the unsecured creditors on the grounds that making such a distribution would be disproportionate to the benefits.

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#### 4 Statutory Matters

- 4.1 The various statutory matters which have been dealt with during the period have included:
  - Circularising the creditors with a report on the progress of the administration.
  - Preparing and submitting Corporation Tax Return.

#### 5 Other Matters

- 5.1 Some of the other matters dealt with during the period have been:
  - Discussions, correspondence and meeting with our agent Ian Gracie regarding the collection of sums due to the company.
  - Correspondence and meeting with the City of Edinburgh Council in connection with the sums due.
  - Reporting to the secured creditor regarding the progress of the Administration.
  - Recovery of previously overpaid Business Rates.
  - Dealing with all insurance matters to ensure adequate cover is in place.
  - Acknowledging creditors' claims and responding to their queries.
  - Recording administration receipts and payments.

## 6 Joint Administrators' Remuneration

- 6.1 The Joint Administrators will, in accordance with the legislation, agree their fee and disbursements with the secured, preferential and unsecured creditors as appropriate.
- 6.2 To date I have drawn a total of £16,000.00 plus VAT on account of my time costs incurred.
- 6.3 I enclose a time and charge out summary covering the period from 11 November 2011 to 10 May 2012. This summary provides details of the time spent on the various aspects of the administration during the period.

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# 7 Outstanding Matters

- 7.1 The principal outstanding matters in the administration are as follows:
  - Ongoing action to recover monies due to the company.
  - Distribution to the secured creditor.
  - Dividend to the preferential and unsecured creditors (if appropriate)
  - Settlement of administration costs and expenses.
  - Closing administration procedures.

## 8 Extension to Time

- 8.1 Due to the ongoing recovery of funds due to the company, it is likely that the Joint Administrators will require to seek to extend the Administration for a further period of one year from 11 November 2012.
- 8.2 Prior to seeking an extension from the Court of Session ("the Court"), pursuant to paragraph 76(2)(a) of Schedule B1 to the Insolvency Act 1986, the Joint Administrators are required to notify the company's creditors of their intention.
- 8.3 Creditors are able to object to the proposed extension to the Administration. Any creditor who wishes to object should provide written notice along with their reason for objecting to the Joint Administrator at the above address within 21 days of the date of this letter.
- 8.4 It is the Joint Administrators' intention to apply to the Court for an extension following the lapse of the given time period. However, due consideration will be given to any objection received within that time period and details thereof will be provided to the Court as part of the extension process.

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# 9 Next Report

9.1 The next progress report will be issued within 6 weeks of the end of the accounting period ending on 10 November 2012 or earlier in the event that the administration has been finalised.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require any further information or wish to discuss any matter covered in this report.

Yours faithfully

For and on behalf of Action Building Contracts Ltd (In Administration)

M P Henderson Joint Administrator

e-mail: matt.henderson@jcca.co.uk

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The affairs, business and property of the company are being managed by the Joint Administrators who contract only as agents of the company and without any personal liability.

Gordon MacLure is authorised to act as an insolvency practitioner in the UK by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Scotland. Matt Henderson is authorised to act as an insolvency practitioner in the UK by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Scotland.

# Action Building Contracts Limited (In Administration) Joint Administrators' Abstract of Receipts & Payments

From 11/11/2010 To 10/05/2012	From 11/11/2011 To 10/05/2012	
		SECURED ASSETS
225,000.00	NIL	Heritable Property
225,000.00	NIL	
		COSTS OF REALISATION
4,357.04	NIL	Property Marketing Costs
2,489.42	NIL	Legal Fees
3,168.35	NIL	Other Property Expenses
3,100.65	NIL	Insurance of Assets
(13,115.46)	NIL	
		SECURED CREDITORS
175,000.00	NIL	The Royal Bank of Scotland plc
(175,000.00)	NIL	The Negal Bank of ecolulia pio
(170,000.00)	1412	
4 005 00	Attr	ASSET REALISATIONS
1,225.00	NIL	VAT Refund
3,380.33	3,380.33	Insurance Refund
3.32	NIL	Cash held on appointment
300.97	92.38	Bank Interest Gross
4,909.62	3,472.71	
		COST OF REALISATIONS
15.00	NIL	Registers of Scotland
295.00	NIL	Specific Bond
16,000.00	16,000.00	Office Holders Fees
17.23	8.75	Office Holders Expenses
3,500.00	3,500.00	Debt Recovery Agent
845.08	845.08	Agents/Valuers Fees (1)
1,937.00	732.00	Legal Fees (1)
98.53	NIL	Travel
11.35	NIL	Stationery & Postage
25.96	NIL	Re-Direction of Mail
657.90	NIL	Statutory Advertising
NIL	NIL	Rents Payable
(23,403.05)	(21,085.83)	
40.204.44	(47.040.40)	
18,391.11	(17,613.12)	
		REPRESENTED BY
6,593.45		VAT Receivable
11,797.66		Bank 1 - Current
18,391.11		

ACTION BUILDING CONTRACTS LIMITED SIP 9 TIME COST ANALYSIS PERIOD 11 NOVEMBER 2011 TO 10 MAY 2012

			Assistant		Other			
Classification of work function	Partner Hours	Manager Hours	Manager Hours	Staff Hours	Professional Hours	Total Hours	Time Cost	
Administration and Planning- incl Statutory Work	1.25	0.00	0.00	4.75	0.00	6.00	£762.00	£127.00
Property Matters and Realisation of Assets	2.70	0.00	0.00	9.00	0.00	11.70	£1,750.50	£149.62
Correspondence	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.25	0.00	0.25	£25.00	£100.00
Creditors	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.25	0.00	0.25	£25.00	£100.00
Bank & Cash	0.50	0.00	0.00	2.25	0.00	2.75	£271.85	£98.85
Bank Reports	0.45	0.00	0.00	1.00	0.00	1.45	£241.75	£166.72
Review & Supervision	0.25	0.10	0.00	1.00	0.00	1.35	£202.15	£149.74
Employee Matters	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.35	0.00	0.35	£35.00	£100.00
Tax/VAT	0.20	0.55	0.00	1.70	0.00	2.45	£226.40	£92.41
	5.35	0.65	0.00	20.55	0.00	26.55	£3,539.65	£133.32
Amount	£1,675.25	£91.60	£0.00	£1,772.80	£0.00			
Total Fee Claimed							£3,539.65	

# Net Disbursements:

 Legal Fees - Gateley (Scotland) LLP
 £

 Exacta plc - Agent's fee for obtaining rates refund
 845.08

 Debt Recovery Agent - Construction
 3,500.00

 Recovery Solutions
 3,500.00

 Travel Expenses
 8.75

 5,085.83