#### Liquidator's Progress Report

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

To the Registrar of Companies

Company Number

00537720

Name of Company

D A Green & Sons Limited

1/We R K Grant The Zenith Building 26 Spring Gardens Manchester **M2 1AB** 

A C O'Keefe and S Wilson The Zenith Building 26 Spring Gardens Manchester M2 1AB

the liquidators of the company attach a copy of our Progress Report under section 192 of the Insolvency Act 1986

The Progress Report covers the period from 31/03/2012 to 30/03/2013

Signed

Zolfo Cooper The Zenith Building 26 Spring Gardens Manchester M2 1AB

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Joint Liquidators' Progress Report for the period 31 March 2012 to 30 March 2013

D.A. Green & Sons Limited In Liquidation

15 April 2013



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#### 1 Statutory information

- Anne O'Keefe, Simon Wilson and Ryan Grant were appointed Joint Liquidators of D.A. Green & Sons Limited (the Company) on 31 March 2011, following the filing of Form 2 34B Notice of Move from Administration to Creditors Voluntary Liquidation with the Registrar of Companies
- 1 2 The Liquidation is being handled by Zolfo Cooper's Manchester office, situated at The Zenith Building, 26 Spring Gardens, Manchester, M2 1AB
- 1 3 The trading address of the Company was Hackford House, High Road, Whaplode, Spalding, Lincolnshire, PE12 6TG.
- The registered office of the Company has been changed to c/o Zolfo Cooper, The Zenith Building, 26 Spring Gardens, Manchester, M2 1AB and its registered number is 00537720.

#### 2 Progress of the Liquidation

- The Joint Liquidators' Receipts and Payments Account for the period 31 March 2012 to 30 March 2013, together with a Cumulative Account for the period 31 March 2011 to 30 March 2013, is attached at Appendix A. All costs, with the exception of the Joint Liquidators' fees, incurred to date have been paid.
- 2.2 This report should be read in conjunction with the Joint Liquidators' previous report dated 13 May 2012

#### **Book debts**

- Naismiths Limited (Naismiths), an agent specialising in the collection of contractual book debts, has continued to assist the Joint Liquidators with the collection of the remaining contract book debts. During the period £368,747 has been collected, bringing total debtor receipts in the Liquidation to £497,524. This is in addition to contract debts collected during the Administration period totalling £690,718.
- 2.4 The collection of the book debts has now been finalised, with all remaining debts being written off due to disputes and counter-claims for defects and costs incurred as a result of the insolvency of the Company

#### Refunds and sundry receipts

2.5 A rates refund in the sum of £10,897 has been received from South Holland District Council. In addition, a refund of £988 has been received from British Telecom

#### Distribution to creditors

A second and final dividend is available to the unsecured creditors of the Company Further details are provided in section 6. It is anticipated that the final dividend will be distributed before 30 April 2013, following which the final meetings of members and creditors will be convened.



#### 3 Assets still to be realised

3 1 All assets have been realised

#### 4 Investigations

4.1 The Joint Liquidators conducted investigations into the conduct of the directors and transactions entered into prior to the Company's insolvency, as required by the Company Directors Disqualification Act 1986, and Statement of Insolvency Practice 2 - Investigations by Office Holders in Administrations and Insolvent Liquidations. Based upon the outcome of the Joint Liquidators' investigations, there were no matters identified that required further action.

#### 5 Joint Liquidators' remuneration

- The basis of the Joint Liquidators' remuneration was approved by the creditors' committee as being by reference to the time properly spent by the Joint Liquidators and their staff on matters arising in the Liquidation
- The Joint Liquidators' time costs for the period 31 March 2012 to 30 March 2013 are £25,344. This represents 123 hours at an average rate of £206 per hour. A Time Analysis for the period which provides details of the costs incurred by activity and by staff grade is attached at Appendix B.
- 5.3 Principal areas of activity during the period are discussed in further detail below
  - Administration and planning time has been incurred monitoring and managing the
    case strategy, complying with statutory duties and performing general administrative
    work. Case related treasury and support time is also recorded here.
  - Realisation of assets debtors time has been incurred liaising with Naismiths regarding likely realisations and resolving associated queries and disputes
  - Creditors time has been incurred preparing statutory reports and reporting to the
    creditors' committee. Time has also been spent dealing with employee claims agreeing
    the claims of unsecured creditors, calculating the final dividend and preparing for the
    distribution is recorded in this section
- A copy of 'A Creditors' Guide to Liquidators' Fees' can be downloaded from Zolfo Cooper's creditor portal (<a href="http://www.zcinfoportal.com">http://www.zcinfoportal.com</a>) click on Creditors' Guide to Fees in the menu on the left side of the screen if you would prefer this to be sent to you in hard copy please contact Katie Wells on 0161 838 4541 or by email kwells@zolfocooper.eu and a copy will be forwarded to you. Alternatively, postal requests should be sent to Zolfo Cooper, The Zenith Building, 26 Spring Gardens, Manchester, M2 1AB.
- A Cumulative Time Analysis for the period 31 March 2011 to 30 March 2013 which provides details of the costs incurred by activity and by staff grade since the Joint Liquidators' appointment is also attached at Appendix C.
- To date, Joint Liquidator' fees totalling £117,401 plus disbursements of £6,851 have been drawn on account with the approval of the creditors' committee
- 5 7 The Joint Liquidators confirm that the following category 2 disbursements have been taken.



- Photocopying charged at the rate of ten pence per sheet for notifications and reports to creditors and other copying.
- Printing charged at the rate of ten pence per sheet for black and white printing and
   15 pence per sheet for colour.
- Additional information in relation to the Joint Liquidators' policy on staffing, the use of sub-contractors, payment of disbursements and details of their current charge-out rates by staff grade is provided at Appendix D.

#### 6 Estimated outcome for creditors

Secured creditor - Lloyds TSB Bank plc (the Bank)

6.1 The Bank was paid in full in the preceding Administration.

#### Preferential creditors

6 2 Preferential creditor claims totalling £52,876 have been paid in full.

#### **Unsecured creditors**

- An interim dividend of 30 pence in the pound was paid to all proving unsecured creditors in November 2011
- As previously advised, the Joint Liquidators excluded the Employment Tribunal awards in respect of the protective awards, the basic awards and several damages claims from this dividend. The awards were excluded pending confirmation from the Redundancy Payments Service (RPS) that the awards termed a 'basic award' had been rejected by the RPS under section 122(4) of the Employment Rights Act 1996
- Since that time, confirmation was received and the claims were accepted. The Joint Liquidators paid a catch up dividend of 30 pence in the pound to the relevant employees in respect of the protective awards and damages claims. A total of £94,447 was distributed on 16 July 2012.
- There are sufficient funds to enable a second and final dividend to be paid. The notice of intended dividend was issued on 26 February 2013, providing a last date for all creditors to prove their claims by 22 March 2013. The Joint Liquidators are finalising the claims agreement and the costs of the Liquidation, following which the final dividend will be paid
- 6 7 Unsecured creditors are estimated to total approximately £4.5 million. The balance available to distribute is estimated at £700,000, providing a second and final dividend amount in the region of 15 pence in the pound.
- 6.8 It is anticipated that the final dividend will be paid before the end of April 2013, following which the final meetings of members and creditors will be convened.



#### 7 Creditors' rights

- 7 1 Within 21 days of the receipt of the report, a secured creditor, or an unsecured creditor (with the agreement of at least 5% of the value of the unsecured creditors) may request in writing that the Joint Liquidators provide further information about their remuneration or expenses which have been itemised in this progress report
- Any secured creditor, or an unsecured creditor (with the concurrence of at least 10% of the value of unsecured creditors) may, within eight weeks of receipt of this progress report, make an application to court on the grounds that the basis fixed for the Joint Liquidators' remuneration is inappropriate, or that the remuneration or the expenses incurred by the Joint Liquidators as set out in this progress report are excessive

#### 8 Next report

The Joint Liquidators are required to provide a progress report within two months of the end of the next year of the Liquidation. If the Liquidation has been completed before then a final meeting will be called, and a draft report circulated before that meeting

Yours faithfully

Anne O'Keefe Joint Liquidator

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# Receipts and Payments Account for the period 31 March 2012 to 30 March 2013 and a Cumulative Account for the period 31 March 2011 to 30 March 2013

#### Appendix A

	Period	Cumulative
	£	£
Floating charge assets		
Receipts		
Administration surplus	•	1,007,214
Freehold property	-	975,000
Insurance refund	•	3,486
Book debts	368,747	497,524
Business rates refund	10,897	10,897
VAT refund		4,780
	379,644	2,498,901
Payments		
Pension scheme admin costs	-	600
Joint Administrators final fees	•	73,489
Rent due on leasehold property		441
Joint Liquidators' fees	26,231	117,401
Category 1 disbursements		
Statutory advertising	-	283
Storage costs	1,165	<b>2,70</b> 1
Stationery and postage	1,190	2,314
Telephone	4	14
Bordereau costs	•	1,440
Category 2 disbursements		
Printing and photocopying	94	99
Employee related costs	160	1,452
Agents'/valuers' fees	-	22,082
Debt collection fees	45,476	65,203
Legal fees	4,172	23,677
Utility costs	-	12,948
Courier charges	•	402
Insurance of assets	-	14,991
Security costs	•	33,796
Other property expenses	•	124
Company searches	1	1
Bank charges	315	721
Ransom payments	2,500	2,500
•	(81,308)	(376,679)

Statement of Insolvency Practice 7 states the headings used in the receipts and payments account should follow those used in any prior Statement of Affairs (SOA) or estimated outcome statement

The SOA was provided by the Company's directors at the commencement of the Administration and provided estimated to realise values for the categories of assets to be realised. The receipts on the account above include funds passed into Liquidation from the Administration, and as such, a meaningful companison to the SOA by category cannot be made.



#### Receipts and Payments Account for the period 31 March 2012 to 30 March 2013 and a Cumulative Account for the period 31 March 2011 to 30 March 2013 (cont'd)

Appendix A

	Period	Cumulative
	<u>£</u>	<u>E</u>
Distributions Preferential creditors, 100p/£, 13/07/2011		52,876
Unsecured creditors, 30p/£, 14/11/11	94,447	1,351,780
	(94,447)	(1,404,656)
Balance	203,889	717,566
Represented by		
VAT receivable		522
Interest bearing account		717,044
		717,566

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### Time Analysis for the period 31 March 2012 to 30 March 2013

#### Appendix B

	Employee grade (hours)			_	<u> </u>		
	Partner/		Associate/	Junior analyst/			Average rate per
	director	Senior associate	analyst	support	Total hours	Total cost	hour
Administration and planning							
Strategy and control	2.0	)	2.6		4 6	1,282 00	279
Statutory duties	13		37	0.2	5 2	1,307 00	251
Case administration	0 6		8.3		8 9	2,069 00	232
Accounting and treasury	17		3 1	28.8	33 6	3,751 50	112
Internal documentation	0 2	01	30	0.1	34	790.00	232
Realisation of assets dobtors							
Debt collection	0 5	01	14 8		15 4	3,515 \$0	226
Realisation of assets floating charge				į			
Recovery of assets				02 ;	0 2	23 00	115
Asset accounting and administration		0 1		ì	01	26.50	265
Creditors				i	1		
Creditor claims		•	1.6	1	1 6	363 00	227
Creditor litigation			15		15	345 00	
Reporting to creditors	01	)	9 6		10 3	2,502 50	
Creditors committee	2 1		10 0	- 1	12.1	3,096 00	256
Secured creditors				03;	0,3	34 5D	115
Unsecured creditors	13	17	15 7	03	19 0	4,614.00	243
Employees	10	,	5 6		4.6	1,624 00	246
Totals		2.0	79 3	29 9	122 8	25,343 50	204



### Cumulative Time Analysis for the period 31 March 2011 Appendix C to 30 March 2013

	Employee grade (hours)			_	t		
	Partner/			Junior analyst/	:Total hours	Total cost	Average rate per
<del></del>	director Senio	or associate	analyst	support	1 Oct I DOLL	TOTAL COST	
Administration and planning							
Planning		01			0 1	31 50	315
Strategy and control	6 2	5 1	20 9		32.2	8 622 5D	268
Statutory duties	13	0.9	76	19	11.7	2,650 00	226
Case administration	08	21	26 3	14 0	43 2	0,341 50	193
Accounting and treasury	37	30	18 8	60 0	85 5	11,980 60	140
nternal documentation	0.2	14	95	3 8	14.9	3,068 00	106
nvestigations							222
Mrector conduct reports	04	02	0.9	10	2 5	554 00	
Other investigations			0.5		0.5,	110 00	220
Realisation of assets - fixed charge					1	842 50	270
Asset identification and valuation	09		23		3 2	610 00	359
iale of assets	16		0.1		17	46 00	230
Recovery of assets			0.2		01	219 00	272
Asset accounting and administration		0.6	0.5		11.	299 00	2/2
Realisation of assets debtors			15 3		16 2	3,720 00	230
Debt collection	0 5	04	15 3		01:	3400	
Debtor litigation	0.1				10	220 00	
internal and external documentation			10	•		22000	1.00
Resilisation of assets   floating charge	0.2		16	- ,	18	423 00	235
Asset identification and valuation	Ψź		0.4	- '	0.4.	90.00	
Sale of assets			45	02	47	1,028 00	
Recovery of assets		10	94	• •	13 6	3,532 00	
Dealing with third party assets Asset accounting and administration	3.2	0.1	15		16	364 50	
Trading							
Trading activities	07		10.0	5.4	16 1	3,059 00	
Accounting and administration	0.5	04		0.2	0.8	234 00	295
Creditors							167
Creditor ctains	0.4	46	26 5	41.7	73 2	12 241 50	
Craditor (Rigation			3 2	0.6	3 8	786 00	
internal documentation			0 6	10	16	247 00	
Reporting to creditors	0 9	0.5	12.1		13 5	3,258 00	
Creditor meetings			0.2		02	46.00	-
Creditors' committee	3.4	5.0	45 2		53 6	13,063 50	
Secured creditors			-	0.3	0 3:	34 50	
Preferential creditors	03	1 5	10 4		12,2	1,869 00	
Unsecured creditors	2 5	10.9	100 1	25 6 '	139 1	29,562.50	
Employees	1.0	3 2	40 4	27	47 3	10,488 50	
Shareholders and other stakeholders			0.2		0 2	44 00	220
	28.5	41.0	370 Z	158 4	598 1	127,694.50	20:



## Additional information in relation to the Joint Liquidators' remuneration pursuant to Statement of Insolvency Practice 9

Appendix D

#### 1 Policy

Detailed below is Zolfo Cooper's policy in relation to

- · staff allocation and the use of sub-contractors;
- · professional advisors, and
- disbursements

#### 1.1 Staff allocation and the use of sub-contractors

The Joint Liquidators' general approach to resourcing their assignments is to allocate staff with the skills and experience to meet the specific requirements of the case.

The case team will usually consist of a partner, a senior associate, an associate and an analyst. The exact case team will depend on the anticipated size and complexity of the assignment and the experience requirements of the assignment. On larger, more complex cases, several staff at all grades may be allocated to meet the demands of the case. The Joint Liquidators' charge-out rate schedule below provides details of all grades of staff and their experience level.

With regard to support staff, time spent by treasury in relation to specific tasks on an assignment is charged but secretarial time is only recovered if a large block of time is incurred, eg report compilation and distribution

The following services are being provided on this assignment by external sub-contractors.

Service type	Service provider	Basis of fee arrangement	Cost to date £
Employee claim processing	Payco ERA Limited	Hourly rate plus disbursements	1,452
Debt collection	Naismiths Limited	Percentage of collections	65,203

#### 1.2 Professional advisors

On this assignment the Joint Liquidators have used the professional advisors listed below. The Joint Liquidators have also indicated alongside, the basis of their fee arrangement with them, which is subject to review on a regular basis.

Name of professional advisor	Basis of fee arrangement
Wragge & Co LLP (legal advice)	Hourly rate and disbursements
Alexander Forbes Trustree Services Limited (pensions advice)	Agreed fee
Willis Limited (insurance)	Risk based premium
Jones Lang LaSalle Limited (valuation and disposal advice)	Percentage of realisations
Naismiths Limited (contract debtor collections)	Percentage of realisations



The Joint Liquidators' choice was based on their perception of the professional advisors' experience and ability to perform this type of work, the complexity and nature of the assignment and the basis of their fee arrangement with them

#### 1.3 Disbursements

Category 1 disbursements do not require approval by creditors. Category 1 disbursements may include external supplies of incidental services specifically identifiable to the case eg postage, case advertising, invoiced travel and external printing, room hire and document storage. Any properly reimbursed expenses incurred by the Joint Liquidators and their staff will also be chargeable.

Category 2 disbursements do require prior approval by creditors before they are paid If they are incurred, they will be drawn in accordance with the resolution approved by creditors. Category 2 disbursements that may be incurred are as follows.

- Photocopying charged at the rate of ten pence per sheet for notifications and reports to creditors and other copying
- Printing charged at the rate of ten pence per sheet for black and white printing and
   15pence per sheet for colour

#### 2 Charge-out rates

A schedule of Zolfo Cooper charge-out rates for this assignment effective from 1 April 2013 is detailed below, together with those applicable prior to that date. Time is charged by partners and case staff in units of six minutes.

	Rates from		Rates pre	
	1 April 2013		1 April 2013	
Description	£	Description	£	
Partner 1*	445	Partner 1*	445	
Partner 2*	415	Partner 2*	395	
Director	360	Director	340	
Associate director*	320	Senior associate 1*	315	
Senior associate	280	Senior associate 2*	265	
Associate	240	Associate	230	
Analyst*	220	Analyst*	220	
Junior analyst*	125	Junior analyst*	115	
Senior treasury associate	170	Senior treasury associate	155	
Treasury associate	110	Treasury associate	105	
Treasury analyst	85	Treasury analyst	80	
Support	79	Support		

Portner 1 - partners with three or more years' experience at partner level

Partner 2 - partners with fewer than three years' experience at partner level

Promotion from senior associate to associate director from 1 April 2013 is on the basis of performance and experience Prior to that, the distinction from senior associate 2 to senior associate 1 was made for staff with two or more years' experience at senior associate level

Analyst staff with more than one year's experience at analyst level

Junior analyst - first year analysts