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Particle Measuring Systems Limited (In Members' Voluntary Liquidation)

Annual Progress Report to 28 September 2019

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# Annual Progress Report to 28 September 2019

# Particle Measuring Systems Limited (In Members' Voluntary Liquidation)

Date: 5 November 2019

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#### 1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This Progress Report summarises the progress of the liquidation for the period from 29 September 2018 to 28 September 2019 ("the Review Period").

A summary of key information in this report is detailed below.

Realisations		
	Estimated to realise	
Realisation	per Declaration of Solvency	Total realisations
Other debtors	£100.00	£100.00
Expenses		
Expense	Total expense incurred	Total payments made
None	£0.00	£0.00
Distributions		
Class	Distribution	Total paid
Ordinary shareholders	100.00p per share	£100.00

#### 2. INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this report is to detail my acts and dealing as Liquidator of Particle Measuring Systems Limited (In Liquidation) ("the Company") for the year ended 28 September 2019 and it should be read in conjunction with my previous correspondence to members.

Attached at Appendix 1 is a summary of statutory information regarding the Company and the Liquidation.

# 3. ADMINISTRATION AND PLANNING (INCLUDING STATUTORY REPORTING)

As Liquidator, I am required to meet a considerable number of statutory and regulatory obligations. Whilst many of these tasks do not have a direct benefit, they assist in the efficient and compliant progressing of the liquidation, which ensures that I and my staff carry out our work to high professional standards. The narrative detail in respect of these tasks may be found in Appendix 3.

Material administrative tasks carried out during the Review Period include:

- Filing of documents to meet statutory requirements;
- Periodic reviews of the application of ethical, anti-money laundering and anti-bribery safeguards;

- Consulting with and instructing independent advisers as regards practical and legal aspects
  of the case to ensure efficient progress;
- Maintaining case files, which must include records to show and explain the administration and any decisions made by the Liquidator that materially affect the administration;
- Monitoring and maintaining an adequate statutory bond; and
- Conducting periodic case reviews to ensure that the liquidation is progressing efficiently, effectively and in line with the statutory requirements.

The Liquidator has also met his statutory and regulatory duties to report to creditors during the Review Period, as listed below. In consideration of the need for transparency and engagement with creditors, care has been taken to ensure that reports and other communications with creditors have provided useful details of the strategies pursued and the outcomes anticipated.

During the Review Period, the following key documents have been issued:

Annual progress report dated 4 October 2018.

#### 4. ASSET REALISATIONS

My Receipts and Payment Account for the period ending 28 September 2019, is attached at Appendix 2.

I have detailed below key information about asset realisation, however more detailed narrative about the work undertaken may be found at Appendix 3.

According to the Declaration of Solvency lodged in these proceedings, the assets of the Company had an estimated value of £100.00 which comprised principally of other debtors.

## Assets Distributed in Specie

As previously reported the Declaration of Solvency listed other debts of £100.00 due from Spectris plc. The balance of £100.00 was distributed in specie to the shareholders, as set out below.

No further realisations have been made during the Review Period.

## **Trade Mark Assignment**

As previously reported I was informed by the Company that certain trade mark assignments had not historically been recorded. These trade mark assignments are presently being recorded in various worldwide jurisdictions and it is anticipated that this exercise may take a further year to complete. The Company has instructed Hogan Lovells (Alicante) S.L. & Cia. as its agents in this matter, and the shareholder has given an undertaking to meet the costs of the agent directly.

#### 5. CREDITORS

I have had to carry out key tasks which are detailed at Appendix 3.

#### **Unsecured creditors**

A notice to creditors requiring them to submit claims was published in the Gazette. In addition, several letters were sent to HM Revenue & Customs seeking confirmation of their claims and that no tax liabilities remained. HM Revenue & Customs confirmed they had no claim on 24 November 2017 and Corporation Tax clearance was received on 22 November 2017.

No payments were made to creditors.

#### 6. DISTRIBUTIONS TO SHAREHOLDERS

The following distributions were made to the shareholders:

Date of distribution	Pence per share distributed	Total amount distributed (cash)	Total amount distributed (in specie)
10 October 2017	100.00p	£0.00	£100.00

The above included a distribution in specie of the other debtors with a total estimated value of £100.00. This valuation was based upon book value as at 31 August 2017.

#### 7. COSTS AND EXPENSES

The payments shown on the Receipts and Payments Account at Appendix 2 are in the main self-explanatory.

## Liquidators' Remuneration

A fixed fee of £1,800 plus VAT and disbursements was agreed by the members, payable by the parent company, Spectris PLC. This sum has been received.

In addition, as a result of my reappointment (as discussed in my previous report), a further fixed fee of £1,500 plus VAT and disbursements was agreed by the members, again payable by the parent company, Spectris PLC. This sum has yet to be invoiced.

#### Liquidators' Disbursements

The Liquidator's category 1 disbursements represent the simple reimbursement of actual out of pocket payments made on behalf of the assignment. These costs are payable by the parent company, Spectris PLC. The sum of £235.00 sum has been received, with a balance of £70.00 outstanding which has yet to be invoiced.

#### Other professional Costs

#### **Solicitors**

Clarke Mairs LLP was instructed as legal advisors in relation to the court application discussed in my previous report. Their costs were agreed on the basis of their standard hourly charge out rates, plus disbursements and VAT. The solicitors' total time costs from the date of

appointment amount to £1,570.10 plus VAT and disbursements. The solicitors' fees were capped by the member in the sum of £1,500.00 plus VAT and disbursements of £280 relating to court fees. These costs were payable by the parent company, Spectris PLC. This sum has been received.

#### 8. FURTHER INFORMATION

Members of the Company with at least 5% of the total voting rights of all the members having the right to vote at general meetings of the Company, or any member with the permission of the court, may request further details of the Joint Liquidators' remuneration and expenses, within 21 days of receipt of this report.

Members of the Company with at least 10% of the total voting rights of all the members having the right to vote at general meetings of the Company, or any member with the permission of the court, may apply to court to challenge the amount and/or basis of the Joint Liquidators' fees and the amount of any proposed expenses or expenses already incurred on the grounds that they are excessive or inappropriate, within 8 weeks of receipt of this report.

# 9. CONCLUSION

The administration of the liquidation will continue in order to finalise the following outstanding matters: Assignment of trademarks, etc.

If you require any further information please contact me.

Simon Blakey Liquidator

# **Statutory Information**

# Particle Measuring Systems Limited (In Members' Voluntary Liquidation)

Registered office: Second Floor, One Hood Street, Newcastle Upon Tyne, NE1 6JQ

Former Registered Office: C/O Spectris Plc Heritage House Church Road Egham Surrey

TW20 9QD

Registered Number: 00895810

Other trading names: n/a

Name of Liquidator: Simon Blakey

Address of Liquidator: Connect Insolvency Limited, Clavering house, Clavering Place,

Newcastle upon Tyne, NE1 3NG

IP Number; 12990

Date of Appointment: 29 September 2017

Appointed By: The members

Contact Name: Simon Blakey

Email Address: simon@connectinsolvency.com

Telephone Number: 0191 245 4817

# Particle Measuring Systems Limited (In Members' Voluntary Liquidation) Receipts and Payments Account For the period 29 September 2018 to 28 September 2019

Declaration of Solvency		From 29/09/2018 To 28/09/2019	From 29/09/2017 To 28/09/2019
£		£	£
	Receipts		
100.00	Other debtors	0.00	100.00
100.00		0.00	100.00
	Payments		
	Distribution to members 10/10/2017	0.00	100.00
		0.00	100.00
		0.00	0.00
	Represented by		
	Cash at Bank		0.00

# Narrative detail of work undertaken for Particle Measuring Systems Limited (in Members' Voluntary Liquidation)

General Description	Includes				
Administration and Planning					
Statutory/advertising	Filing of documents to meet statutory requirements				
Document maintenance/file review/checklist	Filing of documents Periodic file reviews Periodic reviews of the application of ethical, anti-money laundering and anti-bribery safeguards Maintenance of statutory and case progression task lists/diaries Updating checklists				
Planning / Review	Meetings with independent advisers to consider practical, technical and legal aspects of the case				
Member reports	Preparing and issuing annual progress report to members Responding to members' queries				
Realisation of Assets					
Other assets: intellectual property	Liaising with members and agents with regards recordal of trade mark assignments				

# Expenses Estimate for Particle Measuring Systems Limited (in Members' Voluntary Liquidation) as at 28 September 2019

Below are the expenses estimates in respect of category 1 direct expenses.

My estimate for my category 1 expenses for the period of the case was £552.00, increased from £252.00. The actual cost to date is £305.00. No further costs are anticipated.

Category 1 Expenses	Original expenses estimate	Actual expenses incurred in the Review Period £	Actual expenses incurred to date	Reason for any excess (if the expenses are likely to, or have, exceeded the original estimate)
Advertising	420.00	0.00	213.00	n/a
Bonding	62.00	0.00	22.00	n/a
Company Search, Anti Money Laundering Check, etc.	70.00	0.00	0.00	n/a
Notary fees	0.00	70.00	70.00	Requirement to notarise certain assignment documentation as agreed with Spectris PLC
Total	552.00	70.00	305.00	

My estimate for my category 2 expenses for the period of the case was £2,800.00. The actual cost was £1,780.00.

Category 2 Expenses	Original expenses estimate	Actual expenses incurred in the Review Period £	Actual expenses incurred to date	Reason for any excess (if the expenses are likely to, or have, exceeded the original estimate)	
Legal Fees - Clarke Mairs LLP, provision of general legal advice regarding the required application to court	1,500.00	0.00	1,500.00	n/a	
Legal Fees – Clarke Mairs LLP, amendment to application to court	500.00	0.00	0.00	n/a	
Legal Fees – Clarke Mairs LLP	800.00	0.00	280.00	n/a	
Total	2,800.00	0.00	1,780.00		