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The Insolvency Act 1986

**Statement of administrator's proposals**

Name of Company Field and Trek plc	Company number 01090449
In the High Court of Justice (full name of court)	Court case number 194

(a) Insert full  
name(s) and  
address(es) of  
administrator(s)

*We* (a) Mark Robert Fry & David Paul Hudson  
Begbies Traynor  
The Old Exchange  
234 Southchurch Road  
Southend-on-Sea  
Essex  
SS1 2EG

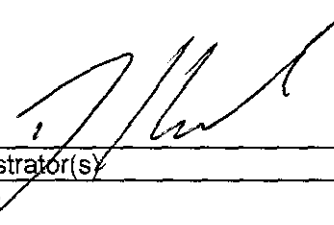
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applicable

attach a copy of ~~my~~ our proposals in respect of the administration of the above company.

A copy of these proposals was sent to all known creditors on

(b) 8 March 2006

Signed

  
Joint / Administrator(s)

Dated

8/3/06

**Contact Details:**

You do not have to give any contact information in the box opposite but if you do, it will help Companies House to contact you if there is a query on the form.

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Report

**BEGBIES TRAYNOR**  
CORPORATE RESCUE & RECOVERY

8<sup>th</sup> March 2006

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**TO ALL KNOWN CREDITORS, MEMBERS AND  
THE REGISTRAR OF COMPANIES**

OUR REF: ACM/MJS/778431  
YOUR REF:

When calling please ask for  
**ADAM MITCHELL**

Dear Sir/Madam

**RE: FIELD & TREK PLC - IN ADMINISTRATION**

I refer to the appointment of myself and my partner, David Paul Hudson as Joint Administrators of the above company on 12<sup>th</sup> January 2006.

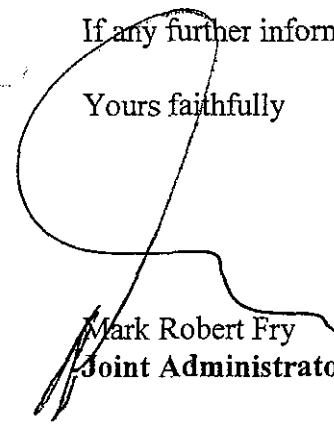
Please find enclosed a copy of the Joint Administrators proposals in accordance with Section 49 of Schedule B1 of the Insolvency Act 1986.

Form 2.25B (Appendix 6) is attached to this report to enable creditors to vote on the proposals. This must be returned to me no later than 12 noon on 17<sup>th</sup> March 2006.

Details of the amount owed to you should accompany this form.

If any further information is required, please contact this office.

Yours faithfully

  
**Mark Robert Fry**  
**Joint Administrator**

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**FIELD AND TREK PLC**

**IN ADMINISTRATION**

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**FIELD AND TREK PLC – IN ADMINISTRATION****Statement of Proposals pursuant to Paragraph 49  
of Schedule B1 of the Insolvency Act 1986****1. INTRODUCTION**

- 1.1 On 12<sup>th</sup> January 2006, the directors of the company appointed Mark Robert Fry and David Paul Hudson of Messrs Begbies Traynor, The Old Exchange, 234 Southchurch Road, Southend-on-Sea, Essex SS1 2EG to act as Joint Administrators. The appointment documents have been filed in the High Court of Justice under reference number: 194 of 2006.
- 1.2 A summary of the company's Statutory Information is attached as 'Appendix 1'. This summary details the registered office and registered number of the company, together with the names of the directors and secretary and details of any shareholdings in the company that these creditors may hold.
- 1.3 It should be noted that any act required or authorised under any enactment to be done by the Administrator may be done by either or both of the Administrators acting jointly or alone.
- 1.4 It should also be noted that EC Regulations will apply and these proceedings are the main proceedings as defined in Article 3(i) of the EC Regulations. The company's centre of main interest is situated in the United Kingdom.
- 1.5 In accordance with paragraph 52(1)(b) of the Insolvency Act 1986, it is not intended to convene a Meeting of Creditors as it is believed the company has insufficient funds to enable a distribution to be made to unsecured creditors.
- 1.6 Creditors whose debts amount to at least 10% of the debts of the company may request a Meeting of Creditors in the prescribed manner and period in accordance with Paragraph 52(2) of Schedule B1 of the Insolvency Act 1986.

**2. CIRCUMSTANCES LEADING THE APPOINTMENT  
OF ADMINISTRATORS**

- 2.1 The company was incorporated in January 1973 as a mail order retailer selling trekking equipment.
- 2.2 In order to enable the company to continue to grow and receive a flow of goods from suppliers, the company embarked on a plan to open retail outlets offering specialist brands of outdoor, trekking and clothing equipment.

- 2.3 In 2004, the acquisition of Karrimor Stores from an Administrator resulted in the company securing an additional retail presence in five major UK cities.
- 2.4 In more recent times, under the present directors, the company evolved into a multi-chain retailer with three key sales divisions being retail, mail order and group sales.
- 2.5 By mid-2005, the retail division consisted of 19 nationwide outlets, all operating from leasehold premises. Historically, the retail outlets have accounted for 65-70% of the company's turnover. In late 2005, the company began to suffer difficulties. These difficulties were caused principally by a continued downturn in consumer confidence in High Street retail operations, together with the costs of establishing the company's own brand of clothing and equipment. It was also recognised that the company had difficulties in ensuring the outlets acquired from Karrimor Stores traded profitably.
- 2.6 In order to ensure that the company could trade profitably, advice was sought by the directors which resulted in the company being placed into Administration to seek protection from creditors.

3. **THE PURPOSE OF THE ADMINISTRATION**

- 3.1 The appointment of Administrators allowed immediate control to be taken of the company's assets and value of the company's goodwill to be maintained.
- 3.2 The purpose of the Administration was to realise property in order to make a distribution to the secured creditor, The Royal Bank of Scotland in accordance with Paragraph 3(1)(c) of Schedule B1 of the Insolvency Act 1986.
- 3.3 It was apparent that given the financial position of the company, it could not be rescued as a going concern in accordance with Paragraph 3(a) of Schedule B1.
- 3.4 It was also apparent that given the nature of the company's assets and its financial position, there was no opportunity to achieve a better result for the company's creditors as a whole than would be likely if the company were wound up without first being placed into Administration in accordance with Paragraph 3(1)(b).

4. **DIRECTORS ESTIMATED STATEMENT OF AFFAIRS**

- 4.1 The directors have submitted a Statement of Affairs in accordance with Paragraph 47 of Schedule B1 of the Insolvency Act 1986 and a copy of the statement is attached.

5. **THE MANAGEMENT OF THE COMPANY'S AFFAIRS  
DURING ADMINISTRATION**

5.1 The company ceased trading on 12<sup>th</sup> January 2006 following the appointment of Administrators.

6. **ASSET AND LIABILITIES**

6.1 Immediately prior to the appointment of Administrators, a sale of the company's assets was negotiated with a connected company. The assets included in the proposed sale had been valued by a firm of independent professional valuation agents.

6.2 Immediately following the appointment of Administrators, the terms of the proposed sale were reviewed and it was the opinion of the Administrators that there was no likelihood of an improved offer being achieved. In particular, it was noted that the offer would result in the majority of the retail outlets continuing to trade and the continued employment of staff of those outlets. It was also noted by the Administrators that given the financial position of the company and the lack of finance available, the company would not be able to trade whilst the business was marketed.

6.3 It was also recognised that any prolonged marketing of the business could reduce the value of the company's goodwill, business name and intellectual property rights and its ability to trade profitably in the future given its group sales contracts with Government Departments and the attitude of its major suppliers to a company in Administration.

6.4 The consideration for the sale of the assets of the company was £791,131 together with a minimum of £31,000 in respect of funds in transit under the company's streamline facility as at the date of sale. A breakdown of the consideration is attached as 'Appendix 3'.

7. **ACHIEVEMENT OF PURPOSE OF ADMINISTRATION**

7.1 The appointment of Administrators ensured that immediate control of the company and its assets was secured and a review undertaken of the company's financial position. It also enabled independent verification of the proposed sale.

7.2 The appointment of Administrators will cease to have effect automatically after the expiration of one year unless extended by all of the Court or by consent of the secured and preferential creditors or the consent of a majority in value of ordinary unsecured creditors. It is not anticipated that the company will be placed into Liquidation.

8. **JOINT ADMINISTRATORS REMUNERATION AND EXPENSES**

8.1 The Joint Administrators are to seek approval of their fees in accordance with Rule 2.106(2)(b) of the Insolvency Rules 1986 by reference to the

time properly given by the Joint Administrators and their staff in attending to matters arising in the Administration.

8.2 The Joint Administrators time costs to date are £X. These costs are summarised at 'Appendix 2'.

8.3 The Joint Administrators are seeking approval of these fees and creditors are invited to vote on this proposal by completion of the attached Form 2.25B. The Joint Administrators also seek approval of future remuneration on a time cost basis and creditors attention is drawn to the Creditors Guide of Administrators Fees, attached as 'Appendix 3'.

9. **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

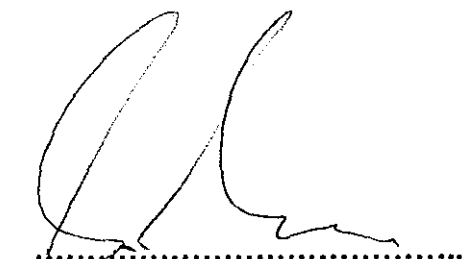
9.1 The Joint Administrators are obliged to consider the conduct of the directors in the period prior to the date of the Administration Order. The Joint Administrators have a statutory duty to submit a report to the Department of Trade & Industry in accordance with Section 7(3) of the Company Directors Disqualification Act 1986.

10. **PROPOSALS TO BE CONSIDERED BY CREDITORS PURSUANT TO PARAGRAPH 49 OF SCHEDULE B1 OF THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986**

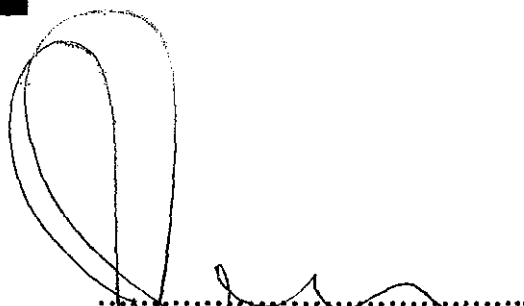
10.1 The Joint Administrators propose that:

- i) The Joint Administrators be authorised to agree the claims of each category of creditor in accordance with the provisions of the Insolvency Act 1986 (as amended).
- ii) The Joint Administrators employ solicitors and other professional advisors who may be necessary to assist in the performance of their duties and also to meet the costs of these advisors.
- iii) If necessary, the Administrators be authorised to extend the period of the Administration by a further six months from the date of the automatic termination.
- iv) The Joint Administrators remuneration be fixed on a time cost basis in accordance with charge out rates applicable from time to time, together with disbursements, including those disbursements known as category 2 disbursements and these shall be drawn as and when the Administrators see fit.
- v) The Joint Administrators fees as set out in 'Appendix 2' be approved.
- vi) Upon termination of the Administration Order and the Joint Administrator ceasing to act as Administrators that they be discharged in respect of any action taken as Administrators.

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DAVID PAUL HUDSON  
JOINT ADMINISTRATOR

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MARK ROBERT FRY  
JOINT ADMINISTRATOR



SCHEDULE OF ADMINISTRATORS PROPOSALS

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STATUTORY INFORMATION

<b>Company Number</b>	:	1090449														
<b>Date of Incorporation</b>	:	10 <sup>th</sup> January 1973														
<b>Principal Objects</b>	:	Retailer of Clothing and Outdoor Equipment														
<b>Share Capital</b>	:	<p>The company has an authorised share capital of 15,000 Ordinary shares of £1 each of which 15,000 have been issued and are held as follows:-</p> <table><tr><td>I Gundle</td><td>4,500</td></tr><tr><td>M Gundle</td><td>2,500</td></tr><tr><td>R Gundle</td><td>2,500</td></tr><tr><td>S Gundle</td><td>2,500</td></tr><tr><td>R Gundel Life Settlement</td><td>15,500</td></tr><tr><td>S Gundle Life Settlement</td><td>7,500</td></tr><tr><td>Trustees of Gundle Trust</td><td>15,000</td></tr></table>	I Gundle	4,500	M Gundle	2,500	R Gundle	2,500	S Gundle	2,500	R Gundel Life Settlement	15,500	S Gundle Life Settlement	7,500	Trustees of Gundle Trust	15,000
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<b>Directors</b>	:	<p>I Gundle M gundle R Gundle S Gundle</p>														
<b>Company Secretary</b>	:	M Gundle														
<b>Registered Office</b>	:	<p>The Old Exchange 234 Southchurch Road Southend-on-Sea Essex SS1 2EG</p>														
<b>Register of Mortgage Debenture</b>	:	<p>National Westminster Bank Plc Mortgage Debenture</p> <p>Date of Creation: 30/09/99 Date of Registration: 21/03/00</p>														

**STATEMENT OF AFFAIRS**

Name of Company
Field and Trek plc

Company Number
01090449

In the
High Court of Justice

Court case number
194 / 2006

Statement as to the affairs of

Field and Trek plc

Matrix House

12-16 Lionel Road

Canvey Island


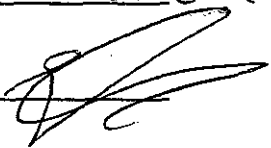
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on the 12 January 2006, the date that the company entered administration.

**Statement of Truth**

I believe the facts stated in this statement of affairs are a full, true and complete statement of the affairs of the above named company as at 12 January 2006 the date that the company entered administration.

Full Name R. I. GUNDE S. GUNDE

Signed  

Dated 23.2.06.

IAN GUNDE  
Don Gunde

MARTIN  
GUNDE  
M. Gunde

Field & Trek plc  
Statement Of Affairs as at 12 January 2006

A - Summary of Assets

Assets	Book Value £	Estimated to Realise £
Assets subject to fixed charge:		
Assets under Finance Lease	148,000	0
Assets subject to floating charge:		
Leasehold Improvements	930,000	0
Fixtures & fittings	423,000	16,000
Stock	1,880,000	415,000
Debtors	230,000	195,000
Rent Prepayments	145,000	105,000
Rent Deposits	57,000	0

Uncharged assets:

Estimated total assets available for preferential creditors

731,000

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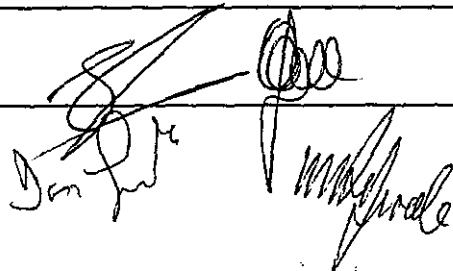
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Field & Trek plc  
Statement Of Affairs as at 12 January 2006

A1 - Summary of Liabilities

	Estimated to Realise £
Estimated total assets available for preferential creditors (Carried from Page A)	731,000
Liabilities	0
Preferential Creditors:-	
Estimated deficiency/surplus as regards preferential creditors	731,000
Estimated prescribed part of net property where applicable (to carry forward)	0
Estimated total assets available for floating charge holders	731,000
Debts secured by floating charges	(736,000)
Estimated deficiency/surplus of assets after floating charges	(5,000)
Estimated prescribed part of net property where applicable (brought down)	0
Total assets available to unsecured creditors	0
Unsecured non-preferential claims (excluding any shortfall to floating charge holders)	(2,215,000)
Estimated deficiency/surplus as regards non-preferential creditors (excluding any shortfall to floating charge holders)	(2,215,000)
Shortfall to floating charge holders (brought down)	(5,000)
Estimated deficiency/surplus as regards creditors	(2,220,000)
Issued and called up capital	(50,000)
Estimated total deficiency/surplus as regards members	(2,270,000)

Signature



Date

23-2-06-

# Company Creditors

Supplier Name	Supplier Address	
United Utilities (water)	PO Box 50, Warrington, WA55 1AQ	2,205.94
The Information Service	Castle House, 20 Bear Lane, Farnham, Surrey, GU9 7LF	326.06
The Broadmead	Accounts Dept, Business West, Leigh Court Business Centre, Abbots Leigh, BS8 3RA	382.50
STANDARD LIFE ASSURANCE CO. (11 George Street, Edinburgh, EH2 2LL		371,000.00
STANDARD GP	Interface House, 70-72 Croydon Road, Caterham, Surrey, CR3 6QD	1,633.84
ECONOMY POWER	PO Box 300, Cardiff, CF10 2HH	4,182.17
Severn Trent Water	Customer Relations, Sherbourne House, St Martins Road, Coventry, CV3 6SD	98.85
Southern Water	PO Box 41, Worthing, West Sussex, BN11 1XW	39.83
Southampton rent	Post Office Counters Ltd, c/o King Sturge, Latimer House, 5-7 Cumberland Place, Southampton, SO15 2BH	59,582.06
Southampton city council	4th Floor, Frobisher House, Nelson Gate, Commercial Road, Southampton, SO15 1GX	98.00
SITA	301-303 Parkway, Worle, Weston-super-mare, BS22 6WA	34.97
Serco Ltd	Kingsmead Depot, Kingsmead Road, Canterbury, Kent, CT1 1SZ	699.99
Sensomatic Finance Ltd	Capital House, Bond Street, Bristol, BS1 3LA	4,521.27
SEEBBOARD	PO Box 5050, Worthing, West Sussex, BH14 8HH	2,860.20
Savills (Oxford rent)	Wytham Court, 11 West Way, Oxford, OX2 0QL	93,437.00
RIMS Enterprises	9 Chapel Croft, Ingatesstone, Essex CM4 0BU	255,394.00
M-R-S Communications Ltd	Imperial Court, Viaduct Road, Gwaletod-y-Garth, Cardiff, CF15 9JN	611.00
NPOWER	npower, Payment Processing Centre, PO Box 263, Leeds, LS14 9AN	7,772.61
National Westminster bank plc **	National Westminster House, 6 High Street, Chelmsford, CM1 1BL	736,381.00
Legal & General Property Ltd (Liverpool	Bucklersbury House, 3 Queen Victoria Street, London EC4N 8NH	422,000.00
HMRC - VAT	The National Large Debt Unit, Princess House, Cliftonville Road, Northampton, NN1 5AE	646,753.08
HMRC - PAYE	The National Large Debt Unit, Princess House, Cliftonville Road, Northampton, NN1 5AE	180,326.17
Hartleys (Gloucester rent)	12 Worcester Street, Gloucester	100,291.67
Chubb Electrical Security Ltd	PO Box 12065, Marathon House, Aberdeen, AB15 6WW	121.79
Bristol rent	National Car Parks Ltd, c/o Lambert Smith Hampton, 3 Kings Court, 2 Little King St, Bristol, BS1 4HW	56,378.92
Atlanta Facilities Ltd	Cromwell Court, New Street, Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire, HP20 2PB	2,073.42
ADT Fire and Security plc	Link House, Pavilion Business Park, Royds Hall Road, Leeds, N YORKS, LS12 6XQ	2,308.67
123 Send Ltd	Elliot House, 10-12 Allington St, London, SW1E 5EH	15.86

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\*\* Secured by floating charge over the assets of the company to cover all outstanding liabilities, dated September 1999

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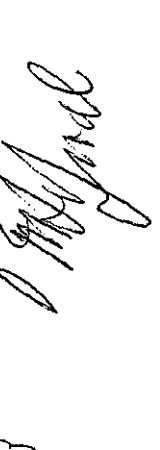
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Date 23.02.06

## Company Shareholders

Name of shareholder	Address	No. of shares held	Nominal Value
Ian Gundle	116 Norsey Road, Billericay, Essex CM11 1BH	4,500	4,500
Mary Gundle	116 Norsey Road, Billericay, Essex CM11 1BH	2,500	2,500
Richard Gundle	9 Chapel Croft, Ingatestone, Essex CM4 0BU	2,500	2,500
Shaun Gundle	68 Lampem Crescent, Billericay, Essex CM12 0FD	2,500	2,500
The Gundle Trust		15,000	15,000
Shaun Gundle Life Interest Settlement		7,500	7,500
Richard Gundle Life Interest Settlement		15,500	15,500
		<u>50,000</u>	<u>50,000</u>

) 9 Chapel Croft Ingateshore Essex CM40NU

Signature  

Date 23.2.06

Field and Trek Plc - In Administration

Sale Consideration

	£
Cash floats	2700
Contracts	1
EPOS	1
Fixtures & fittings	15400
Goodwill	678
Leases	1000
Rent payments	109205
Stock	415645
Subsidiary shares	1
Motor vehicle	1000
Business names, rights and intellectual property	50000
Book debts	195500
	<u>791131</u>