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Joint Administrators' final progress report for the period 31 January 2017 to 24 July 2017

William Sinclair Holdings
Public Limited Company - in
Administration

26 July 2017

Notice to creditors

This progress report provides a final update on the administration of the Company.

We have included (Appendix 2) an account of all amounts received and payments made since our previous progress report.

We have also explained the exit route from the administration and the outcome for each class of creditors.

You will find other important information in the document such as the costs we have incurred.

A glossary of the abbreviations used throughout this document is attached (Appendix 6).

Finally, we have provided answers to frequently asked questions and a glossary of insolvency terms on the following website, http://www.insolvency-kpmg.co.uk/case+KPMG+WF731F2753.html. We hope this is helpful to you.

Please also note that an important legal notice about this report is attached (Appendix 7).

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1 Executive summary

- This final progress report covers the period from 31 January 2017 to 24 July 2017.
- During the period a dividend of £17,936.66 has been received from William Sinclair Horticulture Limited. (Section 2 Progress to date).
- The two secured creditors of the Company are Leumi (by virtue of cross- guarantees) and the Loan Note Holders. As previously advised, Leumi's indebtedness was discharged in full through Horticulture and therefore has no further claim against the Company. A distribution of £3.2 million was paid to the Loan Note Holders by the Company in a previous period. No further distributions will be made to the Loan Note Holders from Holdings. (Section 3 Outcome for creditors).
- There are no preferential creditors that we are aware of, as all employees of the Company were transferred to the Purchaser under TUPE with effect from the date of appointment. (Section 3 Outcome for creditors).
- Unsecured creditor claims total approximately £37.1 million according to the directors' Statement of Affairs. There are insufficient funds to enable a distribution to unsecured creditors. (Section 3 Outcome for creditors).
- We have filed a copy of this final progress report with the Registrar of Companies together with the requisite notice. The administration will cease to have effect when the Registrar of Companies registers these documents. The Company will be dissolved three months after that date.
- Please note: you should read this progress report in conjunction with our previous progress reports and proposals issued to the Company's creditors which can be found at http://www.insolvency-kpmg.co.uk/case+KPMG+WF731F2753.html. Unless stated otherwise, all amounts in this progress report and appendices are stated net of VAT.

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Mark Orton Joint Administrator



2 Progress to date

This section provides a final update on the strategy for the administration and on the progress made. It follows the information provided in our previous progress report.

2.1 Strategy and progress to date

Sale of business

Creditors were previously advised that we completed a sale of the majority of the business and assets of the Group to Westland (GB Trading) Limited ('Westland') on 31 July 2015 for consideration of £13.5 million. Included in this sale were the Company's vehicles and intellectual property, which were sold for £35,000.

Furthermore, as previously disclosed, we sold the Company's shareholding in Freeland Horticulture Ltd for £3.35 million in a previous period.

2.2 Asset realisations

Realisations during the period are set out in the attached receipts and payments account (Appendix 2).

Summaries of the most significant realisations during the period are provided below.

Claim in Horticulture

The Company is a creditor in the administration of Horticulture for the amount of £1.98 million. A dividend of 0.91p in the £ was declared on 22 June 2017 and paid in the period resulting in a dividend to the Company of £17,937.

Bank interest

Bank interest of £107 was received in the period, bringing the total bank interest received in the administration to £2,067.

2.3 Costs

Payments made in this period are set out in the attached receipts and payments account (Appendix 2).

Summaries of the most significant payments made during the period are provided below.

Joint Administrators' fees and expenses

We have drawn fees of £376,634 and expenses of £1,698 during the period.

Legal fees

Legal fees of £3,372 were paid to Pinsent Masons during the period in relation to advice given in respect of pension scheme matters.



3 Outcome for creditors

3.1 Secured creditors

Leumi and the Loan Note Holders are both secured creditors who are cross guaranteed by the Group. A distribution of £5.414 million was paid to Leumi by Horticulture during a previous period. Distributions of £6 million and £3.2 million were paid to the Loan Note Holders from Horticulture and Holdings respectively during a previous period.

During the period a further distribution of £1.1 million has been made to the Loan Note Holders from Horticulture.

No further distributions were made from the Company in the final period.

3.2 Preferential creditors

We are not aware of any preferential claims against the Company.

3.3 Unsecured creditors

There were insufficient funds to pay a dividend to the unsecured creditors.



4 Joint Administrators' remuneration and disbursements

Time costs

From 31 January 2017 to 24 July 2017, we have incurred time costs of £46,475. These represent 155 hours at an average rate of £300 per hour.

Remuneration

During the period, we have drawn remuneration of £376,634. Of this, £244,807 relates to fixed charge and £131,827 to floating charge.

Disbursements

During the period, we have not incurred any disbursements.

We have paid £1,698 in disbursements during the period. These were incurred in a prior period and were disclosed in the previous progress report.

Additional information

We have attached (Appendix 4) an analysis of the time spent, the charge-out rates for each grade of staff and the expenses paid directly by KPMG for the period from 31 January 2017 to 24 July 2017. We have also attached our charging and disbursements policy.



5 Conclusion of the administration

We have filed a copy of this final progress report with the Registrar of Companies together with the requisite notice.

The administration will cease to have effect when the Registrar of Companies registers these documents. The Company will be dissolved three months after that date.

We will be discharged from liability in respect of any action of ours as Joint Administrators upon the filing of the final Receipts and Payments account with the Registrar of Companies.



Appendix 1 Statutory information

Company information	
Company name	William Sinclair Holdings Public Limited Company
Date of incorporation	4 October 1978
Company registration number	01392876
Present registered office	KPMG LLP, One Snowhill, Snow Hill Queensway, Birmingham, B4 6GH

Administration information	
Administration appointment	The administration appointment granted in High Court of Justice, Chancery Division, Manchester District Registry, 2828 of 2015
Appointor	Directors
Date of appointment	31 July 2015
Joint Administrators' details	Will Wright and Mark Orton
Functions	The functions of the Joint Administrators have been exercised by them individually or together in accordance with Paragraph 100(2).
Current administration expiry date	30 July 2017



Appendix 2 Joint Administrators' receipts and payments account

nt of affairs (£)		From 31/01/2017 To 24/07/2017 (£)	From 31/07/2015 To 24/07/2017 (£
	FIXED CHARGE ASSETS		
95,000.00	Freehold property	NIL	164,500.00
3,800,000.00	Investment in Freeland Horticulture Ltd	NIL	3,350,000.00
	Property rights/Patents	NIL	0.49
	Rent	NIL	1,500.00
	•	NIL	3,516,000.49
	FIXED CHARGE COSTS		
	Administrators' fees	(244,806.72)	(244,806.72)
	Administrators' expenses	(1,698.30)	(1,698.30)
	Legal fees	NIL	(48,112.28)
	Agents'/Valuers' fees	NIL	(5,068.80)
	Sundry expenses	NiL	(5,103.16)
	Insurance of freehold property	NIL	(2,632.01)
	Irrecoverable VAT	NIL	(7,904.83)
	•	(246,505.02)	(315,326.10)
	FIXED CHARGE CREDITORS		
(9,792,000.00)	Loan Note Holders	NIL	(3,199,999.99)
		NIL	(3,199,999.99)
	ASSET REALISATIONS		
15,000.00	Motor vehicles	NIL	35,000.00
8,000.00	Inter company debts	17,936.66	17,936.66
	Unclaimed dividends	NIL	37,346.64
44,000.00	Cash at bank	NIL	40,435.05
		17,936.66	130,718.35
	OTHER REALISATIONS		
	Barclays Bank interest, gross	107.29	2,067.00
	Other interest	NIL	4.46
	Sundry refunds	NIL	18,217.26
	Interest on VAT returns	NIL	140.13
		107.29	20,428.85
	COST OF REALISATIONS		



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atement of affairs (£)	ayments	From 31/01/2017 To 24/07/2017 (£)	From 31/07/2015 To 24/07/2017 (£
	Administrators' fees	(131,827.31)	(131,827.31)
	Irrecoverable VAT	(674.40)	(724.40)
	Legal fees	(3,372.00)	(12,943.90)
	Pre-appointment legal fees	NIL	(3,345.00)
	Statutory advertising	NIL	(140.99)
	Bank charges	NIL	(340.00)
		(135,873.71)	(151,821.60)
	UNSECURED CREDITORS		
(135,400.00)	Trade & expense	NIL	NIL.
(105,000.00)	Employees	NIL	NIL
(36,185,000.00)	Pension - cross guarantee	NIL	NIL
(575,000.00)	HMRC group VAT	NIL	NIL
(50,300.00)	Accruals	NIL	NiL
(44,900.00)	HM Revenue & Customs	NIL	NIL
		NIL	NIL
	DISTRIBUTIONS		
(4,344,000.00)	Shareholders	NIL	NIL
		NIL	NIL
(47,269,600.00)		(364,334.78)	NIL
	REPRESENTED BY		
	Floating ch. VAT rec'able		29,545.04
	Floating charge current		NIL
	Fixed charge VAT rec'able		27,059.86
	Floating ch. VAT payable		(13,900.00)
	Floating ch. VAT control		(15,645.04)
	Fixed charge VAT control		(27,059.86)
		_	NIL



Appendix 3 Schedule of expenses

Schedule of expenses (31/01/2017 to 24/07/201	7)		
Expenses (£)	Paid in the period (relating to previous period) (£)	Incurred in the period and not paid (£)	Total (£)
Fixed charge costs			
Administrators' fees	244,806.72	46,475.00	291,281.72
Administrators' expenses	1,698.30	0.00	1,698.30
Cost of realisations			
Administrators' fees	131,827.31	0.00	131,827.31
Irrecoverable VAT	674.40	0.00	674.40
Legal fees	3,372.00	0.00	3,372.00
TOTAL	382,378.73	46,475.00	428,853.73

Requests for further information and right to challenge our remuneration and expenses

Creditors' requests for further information

If you would like to request more information about our remuneration and expenses disclosed in this progress report, you must do so in writing within 21 days of receiving this progress report.

Requests from unsecured creditors must be made with the concurrence of at least 5% in value of unsecured creditors (including, the unsecured creditor making the request) or with the permission of the Court.

Creditors' right to challenge our remuneration and expenses

If you wish to challenge the basis of our remuneration, the remuneration charged, or the expenses incurred during the period covered by this progress report, you must do so by making an application to Court within eight weeks of receiving this progress report.

Applications by unsecured creditors must be made with concurrence of at least 10% in value of unsecured creditors (including the unsecured creditor making the challenge) or with the permission of the Court.

The full text of the relevant rules can be provided on request by writing to Amy Rose on KPMG LLP, One Snowhill, Snow Hill Queensway, Birmingham, B4 6GH.



Appendix 4 Joint Administrators' charging and disbursements policy

Joint Administrators' charging policy

The time charged to the administration is by reference to the time properly given by us and our staff in attending to matters arising in the administration. This includes work undertaken in respect of tax, VAT, employee, pensions and health and safety advice from KPMG inhouse specialists.

Our policy is to delegate tasks in the administration to appropriate members of staff considering their level of experience and requisite specialist knowledge, supervised accordingly, so as to maximise the cost effectiveness of the work performed. Matters of particular complexity or significance requiring more exceptional responsibility are dealt with by senior staff or us.

A copy of "A Creditors' Guide to Joint Administrators' Fees" from Statement of Insolvency Practice 9 ('SIP 9') produced by the Association of Business Recovery Professionals is available at:

https://www.r3.org.uk/what-we-do/publications/professional/fees/administrators-fees

If you are unable to access this guide and would like a copy, please contact Amy Rose on 0115 9353582.

Hourly rates

Set out below are the relevant charge-out rates per hour worked for the grades of our staff actually or likely to be involved on this administration. Time is charged by reference to actual work carried out on the administration; using a minimum time unit of six minutes.

All staff who have worked on the administration, including cashiers and secretarial staff, have charged time directly to the administration and are included in the analysis of time spent. The cost of staff employed in central administration functions is not charged directly to the administration but is reflected in the general level of charge-out rates.

Table of charge-out rates

Charge-out rates (£) for: Restructuring		
Grade	From 01 Nov 2016 E/hr	
Partner	625	
Director	560	
Senior Manager	510	
Manager	425	
Senior Administrator	295	
Administrator	215	
Support	131	



Policy for the recovery of disbursements

We have recovered both Category 1 and Category 2 disbursements from the estate.

For the avoidance of doubt, such expenses are defined within SIP 9 as follows:

Category 1 disbursements: These are costs where there is specific expenditure directly referable to both the appointment in question and a payment to an independent third party. These may include, for example, advertising, room hire, storage, postage, telephone charges, travel expenses, and equivalent costs reimbursed to the officeholder or his or her staff.

Category 2 disbursements: These are costs that are directly referable to the appointment in question but not to a payment to an independent third party. They may include shared or allocated costs that can be allocated to the appointment on a proper and reasonable basis, for example, business mileage.

Category 2 disbursements charged by KPMG Restructuring include mileage. This is calculated as follows:

Mileage claims fall into three categories:

- Use of privately-owned vehicle or car cash alternative 45p per mile.
- Use of company car 60p per mile.
- Use of partner's car 60p per mile.

For all of the above car types, when carrying KPMG passengers an additional 5p per mile per passenger will also be charged where appropriate.

We have not incurred any disbursements during the period.

We have the authority to pay Category 1 disbursements without the need for any prior approval from the creditors of the Company.

Category 2 disbursements have been approved in the same manner as our remuneration.

Narrative of work carried out for the period 31 January 2017 to 24 July 2017

The key areas of work have been:

Statutory and compliance	 preparing statutory receipts and payments accounts; dealing with all closure related formalities; ensuring compliance with all statutory obligations within the relevant timescales.
Strategy documents, Checklist and reviews	 reviewing and authorising junior staff correspondence and other work; liaising with legal advisors regarding the various instructions, including agreeing content of engagement letters; reviewing matters affecting the outcome of the administration; allocating and managing staff/case resourcing and budgeting exercises and reviews; complying with internal filing and information recording practices, including documenting strategy decisions.
Reports to debenture holders	providing written and oral updates to representatives of secured creditors regarding the progress of the administration and case strategy.
Cashiering	 preparing and processing vouchers for the payment of post-appointment invoices; creating remittances and sending payments to settle post-appointment invoices; reconciling post-appointment bank accounts to internal systems; ensuring compliance with appropriate risk management procedures in respect of receipts and payments.



Tax	 analysing VAT related transactions; dealing with post appointment tax compliance.
Shareholders	 providing notification of our appointment; responding to enquiries from shareholders regarding the administration; providing copies of statutory reports to the shareholders.
General	 reviewing time costs data and producing analysis of time incurred which is compliant with Statement of Insolvency Practice 9; drawing remuneration in accordance with the basis which has been approved by secured creditors;
Asset realisations	reviewing the inter-company debtor position between the Company and other group companies.
Pensions	 liaising with the trustees of the defined benefit pension scheme, the Pensions Regulator and the Pensions Protection Fund concerning the changes caused to the pension scheme as a result of our appointment; communicating with employees representatives concerning the effect of the administration on pensions and dealing with employee queries.
Creditors and claims	 responding to enquiries from creditors regarding the administration and submission of their claims; arranging distributions to the secured creditors; drafting our progress report.

Time costs

SIP 9 –Time costs analysis (31/01/2017 to 24/07/2017)			
	Hours	Time Cost (£)	Average Hourly Rate (£)
Administration & planning			
Cashiering			
General (Cashiering)	8.40	1,806.00	215.00
Reconciliations (& IPS accounting reviews)	1.20	258.00	215.00
General			
Fees and WIP	9.00	3,616.50	401.83
Statutory and compliance			
Appointment and related formalities	0.80	172.00	215.00
Checklist & reviews	8.60	1,849.00	215.00
Closure and related formalities	16.10	7,916.00	491.68
Statutory receipts and payments accounts	0.30	64.50	215.00
Tax			
Post appointment corporation tax	72.00	20,963.50	291.16
Post appointment VAT	11.05	2,854.25	258.30
Creditors			
Creditors and claims			
General correspondence	5.85	1,257.75	215.00
Secured creditors	1.10	561.00	510.00
Statutory reports	14.60	3,139.00	215.00
Employees			
Pension funds	0.80	448.00	560.00
Pensions reviews	3.30	973.50	295.00



SIP 9 –Time costs analysis (31/01/2017 to 24/07/2017)			
	Hours	Time Cost (£)	Average Hourly Rate (£)
Investigation		•	
Investigations			
Mail redirection	0.40	118.00	295.00
Realisation of assets			
Asset Realisation			
Debtors	1.40	478.00	341.43
Total in period	154.90	46,475.00	300.03
Brought forward time (appointment date to SIP 9 period start date)	1,231.28	444,293.15	
SIP 9 period time (SIP 9 period start date to SIP 9 period end date)	154.90	46,475.00	
Carry forward time (appointment date to SIP 9 period end date)	1,386.18	490,768.15	

All staff who have worked on this assignment, including cashiers and secretarial staff, have charged time directly to the assignment and are included in the analysis of time spent. The cost of staff employed in central administration functions is not charged directly to the assignment but is reflected in the general level of charge out rates.

All time shown in the above analysis is charged in units of six minutes.



Appendix 5 Summary of Joint Administrators' proposals

It was not possible to rescue the Company in accordance with Paragraph 3(1)(a) given the Company was only a holding company for the wider group.

Therefore our primary objective is to achieve a better result for the Company's creditors as a whole than would be likely if the Company were wound up, in accordance with Paragraph 3(1)(b).

In addition to the specific itemised proposals below, this document in its entirety constitutes our proposals.

We propose the following:

General matters

- to continue to do everything that is reasonable, and to use all our powers appropriately, in order to maximise realisations from the assets of the Company in accordance with the objective as set out above;
- to investigate and, if appropriate, to pursue any claims the Company may have;
- to seek an extension to the administration period if we consider it necessary.

Distributions

- to make distributions to the secured creditors where funds allow:
- to make distributions to the unsecured creditors if funds become available;

Ending the administration

We might use any or a combination of the following exit route strategies in order to bring the administration to an end:

- apply to Court for the administration order to cease to have effect from a specified time and for control of the Company to be returned to the Directors;
- formulate a proposal for either a company voluntary arrangement (CVA) or a scheme of arrangement and put it to meetings of the Company's creditors, shareholders or the Court for approval as appropriate;
- place the Company into creditors' voluntary liquidation. In these circumstances we propose that we, Will Wright and Mark Orton, be appointed as Joint Liquidators of the Company without any further recourse to creditors. If appointed Joint Liquidators, any action required or authorised under any enactment to be taken by us may be taken by us individually or together. The creditors may nominate different persons as the proposed Joint Liquidators, provided the nomination is received before these proposals are approved;
- petition the Court for a winding-up order placing the Company into compulsory liquidation and to consider, if deemed appropriate, appointing us, Will Wright and Mark Orton, as Joint Liquidators of the Company without further recourse to creditors. Any action required or authorised under any enactment to be taken by us as Joint Liquidators may be taken by us individually or together;



■ file notice of move from administration to dissolution with the Registrar of Companies if we consider that liquidation is not appropriate because (1) no dividend will become available to creditors, and (2) there are no other outstanding matters that require to be dealt with in liquidation. The Company will be dissolved three months after the registering of the notice with the Registrar of Companies.

Alternatively, we may allow the administration to end automatically.

Joint Administrators' remuneration

As above, we propose to seek approval from the secured creditors that:

- our remuneration will be drawn on the basis of time properly given by us and the various grades of our staff in accordance with the charge-out rates included in Appendix 3;
- disbursements for services provided by KPMG (defined as Category 2 disbursements in Statement of Insolvency Practice 9) will be charged in accordance with KPMG's policy as set out in Appendix 3.

Discharge from liability

We propose to seek approval from the secured creditors that we shall be discharged from liability in respect of any action of ours as Joint Administrators upon the filing of our final receipts and payments account with the Registrar of Companies.



Appendix 6 Glossary

Bank/Leumi Leumi ABL Limited

Company William Sinclair Holdings Public Limited

Company - in Administration

Group The Company together with;

William Sinclair Horticulture Limited

('Horticulture')

Joseph Metcalf Limited

Boothby & Penicuik Peat Company Limited

Joint Administrators/we/our/us Will Wright and Mark Orton

KPMG LLP

Loan Note Holders The various beneficiaries of loan notes held

in the Company

Abbreviation for the Agents Agent's name

Purchaser/Westland Westland (GB Trading) Limited

TUPE Transfer of Undertakings (Protection of

Employment) Regulations 2006

Any references in this progress report to sections, paragraphs and rules are to Sections, Paragraphs and Rules in the Insolvency Act 1986, Schedule B1 of the Insolvency Act 1986 and the Insolvency Rules (England and Wales) 2016 respectively.



Appendix 7 Notice: About this report

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Mark Jeremy Orton is authorised to act as an insolvency practitioner by the Insolvency Practitioners Association.

We are bound by the Insolvency Code of Ethics.

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