The Insolvency Act 1986

# Liquidator's Progress Report

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Name of Company

ACREHARROW LIMITED

Insert full name of company

Insert full name(s) and address(es)

I/We (a)A J Duncan and N A Bennett

5th Floor,Grove House 248a Marylebone Road London NW1 6BB

the liquidator (s) of the Company, attach a copy of my/our Progress Report under section 192 of the Insolvency Act 1986

The Progress Report covers the period from 24 July 2015 to 23 July 2016

Signed

A J DUNCAN

Joint Liquidator

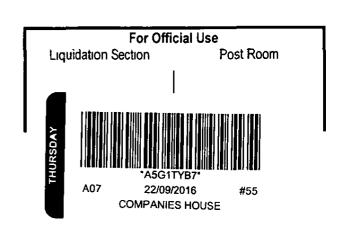
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21 September 2016

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# ACREHARROW LIMITED (In Creditors' Voluntary Liquidation)

Registered Number 01804662

Joint Liquidators' Annual Progress Report for the period from 24 July 2015 to 23 July 2016

21 September 2016

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# TO THE REGISTRAR OF COMPANIES, ALL MEMBERS AND ALL CREDITORS

#### 1 INTRODUCTION

- 1 1 C A Beighton ("Mr Beighton") and R D Smailes ("Mr Smailes") of Shipleys LLP were appointed Joint Liquidators of Acreharrow Limited ("the Company") at meetings of members and creditors held on 30 September 2011 Mr Beighton and Mr Smailes left Shipleys LLP and, by Order of the High Court dated 24 July 2012, S B Ryman and A P Davidson were appointed Joint Liquidators ("the former Joint Liquidators")
- Please note that N A Bennett and I, A J Duncan, replaced the former Joint Liquidators in accordance with an Order of Court dated 18 March 2015. I am an insolvency practitioner licensed in the UK by the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales and N A Bennett is an insolvency practitioner licensed in the UK by the Insolvency Practitioner Association.
- This progress report provides an update on the conduct of the liquidation as required by Section 104(A) of the Insolvency Act 1986 ("the Act"). It contains details of the progress made, the expected outcome for creditors and other information that we are required to disclose.

#### 2 PROGRESS OF THE LIQUIDATION

- The Company's registered office was changed from PO BOX 60317, 10 Orange Street, London WC2H 7WR to One Great Cumberland Place, Marble Arch, London W1H 7LW and thereafter to 5th Floor, Grove House, 248a Marylebone Road, London, NW1 6BB following our appointment The registered number is 01804662
- All assets have been realised and outside of the period of this report we have paid a first and final dividend to preferential creditors. We will shortly move the liquidation to closure

#### 3 ASSETS THAT REMAIN TO BE REALISED

No assets remain to be realised

# 4 RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT AND OUTCOME FOR CREDITORS

# **Receipts and Payments Account**

- 4.1 I attach at Appendix A a summary of our receipts and payments during the period of this report
- Details of expenses incurred and paid during the period of this report are shown on the receipts and payments account. No expenses have been incurred but not paid.

#### Creditors

#### **Secured Creditors**

We previously reported that Lloyds Bank Plc ("LB") received a payment in full from the liquidation under their debenture over the assets of the Company. The total amount paid was £10,618 47

However, from a review of the former Joint Liquidators' records, it would appear that they had earlier received a payment from LB of £19,900 92 representing a refund of deposit paid for the Company's Cardnet account Cardnet is a trading name of LB and in accordance with the terms of LB's debenture these funds should have been set off by LB against the monies due to them before any balance was paid to the Company. The receipts and payments account has therefore now been amended to reflect this position.

#### **Preferential Creditors**

- We instructed Insol Group Limited ("Insol") to undertake a review of the Company's preferential claims prior to paying a first and final dividend to preferential creditors. Insol advised that claims received totalled £24,735.38
- A first and final dividend of 41p in the £ was declared and paid to preferential creditors outside of the period of this report. No further funds will be distributed

#### **Unsecured Creditors**

4 7 No dividend will be paid as all funds realised have been, or will be, distributed or used or allocated for defraying the expenses of the liquidation

#### 5 INVESTIGATIONS

- The former Joint Liquidators have complied with their statutory obligations under the Company Directors Disqualification Act 1986 and the appropriate report has been submitted to the relevant authority
- The former Joint Liquidators have carned out enquines that they considered to be proportionate to the circumstances of the case. After completing these they were of the opinion that there were no matters that might lead to recoveries for the estate and that no further investigation was appropriate.

#### 6 JOINT LIQUIDATORS' REMUNERATION AND DISBURSEMENTS

- At a meeting of creditors held on 30 September 2011 it was resolved that the Joint Liquidators remuneration be payable by reference to time properly given by them and their staff in attending to matters arising in the liquidation
- The former Joint Liquidators' time costs from the date of their appointment to 17 March 2015 were £32,433 28, which represents 223 96 hours at an average hourly rate of £144 82. In addition, our time costs from 18 March 2015 to 23 July 2015 were £749 which represents 4.3 hours at an average rate of £174 19. During the period of this report we have incurred further time costs of £3,877, which represents 18.9 hours at an average rate of £205 13 per hour.
- We attach at Appendices B and C the former Joint Liquidators' and my company's time analyses, which provides details of the activity costs incurred by staff grade during the liquidation. Details of the former Joint Liquidators, and my company's, charge out rates and policy regarding the recharge of disbursements, staff allocation, support staff and the use of subcontractors are attached at Appendices D and E. Further information may be found in "Guide to Liquidator's Fees." This may be downloaded from www.leonardcurtis.co.uk/resources/creditorsguides.or.is available from our office free of charge on request.

- 6.4 Creditors also approved the basis for recharging disbursements that include an element of allocated cost or payments to outside parties in which the Joint Liquidators or their company have an interest. In this case no costs falling into these categories have been incurred.
- 6.5 During the liquidation the following professional advisors, including subcontractors have been used

Name of Professional Advisor	Service Provided	Basis of Fees
Coffin Mew LLP	Legal Fees	Time Costs
Insol Group Limited	Employee Claims Services	Fixed Fee

#### 7 CREDITORS' RIGHTS

- A secured creditor, or an unsecured creditor (with the concurrence of at least 5% in value of the unsecured creditors) may, within 21 days of the receipt of this report, make a request in writing to us for further information about remuneration or expenses set out in this report
- 7 2 Within 14 days of receipt of the request, we must provide all of the information asked for, except so far as we consider that
  - i) the time or cost of preparation of the information would be excessive, or
  - disclosure of the information would be prejudicial to the conduct of the liquidation or might reasonably be expected to lead to violence against any person, or
  - iii) we are subject to an obligation of confidentiality in respect of the information

we must also give reasons for not providing all of the information

- Any creditor of the Company, who need not be the same creditor who asked for the information, may within 21 days of our giving reasons for not providing all of the information, or if we fail to provide the information within 14 days of being so requested, apply to the Court and the Court may make such order as it thinks just
- Any secured creditor, or an unsecured creditor (with the concurrence of at least 10% in value of the unsecured creditors) may within 8 weeks of receipt of this progress report make an application to Court on the grounds that the basis fixed for our remuneration, the remuneration charged or the expenses incurred by us as set out in this progress report are excessive

If you require further information please contact our office in writing. Electronic communications should include a full postal address

Yours faithfully

A J DUNCAN
Joint Liquidator

Licensed in the UK by the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales

APPENDIX A

# Summary of Joint Liquidators' Receipts and Payments from 30 September 2011 to 23 July 2016

	Per Statement of Affairs	For the period 30/09/2011 to 23/07/2015	For the period 24/07/2015 to 23/07/2016	Total
RECEIPTS	£	£	٤	£
Book Debts	CO 000	54,420 37		54,420 37
Motor Vehicles	60,000 6,450	6,500 00		6,500 00
	66,450	60,920 37	-	60,920 37
Rates Refunds		3,226 43		3,226 43
Security Deposit Refund		19,900 92	(10,618 47)	9,282 45
Interest		174 89	31 30	206 19
		84,222 61	(10,587 17)	73,635 44
PAYMENTS				
Book Debt Commission		16,682 91	-	16,682 91
Payment to Leasing Company		45 00	-	45 00
Court Fees		210 00	-	210 00
Legal Fees and Disbursements		1,500 00	51 79	1,551 79
Sundry Expenses and Disbursements		1,247 83	216 91	1,464 74
Cost of Creditors' Meeting  Joint Liquidators' Remuneration - on account		6,000 00 31,896 73	3,664 <b>5</b> 5	6,000 00 35,561 28
		57,582 47	3,933 25	61,515 72
PAID TO CREDITORS  Lloyds Bank Plc -floating charge paid in full		10,618 47	(10,618 47)	_
Toyot out the following straigs part in the				
BALANCE IN HAND		16,021 67	(14 520 42)	12,119 72
Represented by				
Current Account		15,640 35	(4,307 19)	11,333 16
VAT Control Account		381 32	405 24	786 56
		16,021 67	(3,901 95)	12,119 72

ACREMARROW LIMITED - IN CREDITORS' VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION
Former Joint Liquidators' time costs for the period of 30 September 2011 to 17 March 2015

	Partner	ner	Mar	Manager	Assistar	Assistant Manager	Senior A	Senior Administrator	Admi	Administrator	Ass	Assistant	Ĭ	Total
	Time	st	Tıme		Time	Cost	Tıme	Cost	Time	Cost	Time	Cost	Time	Cost
Administration and Planning Case Planning	7 50	£2,517 50	5 65	159 45	8			£0 00	37 41	£4,703 25		£31 50	50 86	£8,411 70
Administrative Set Up	00 0		000	00 03	0000	£0 00	00 0	00 03	00 0	E0 00	0.50	£21 00	0 20	£21 00
Appointment notification	2 60		000	00 O3	00 0	00 03		£0 00		00 03		00 03	2 60	£858 00
Maintenance of Records	1 10		4 45	£1 015 75	00 0	00 03		£203 50		£1,130 50		£2,904 08	43 55	£5 649 33
Statutory Reporting	1 10	£336 00	00 0	00 03	140	£252 00	00 0	00 03	16 50	£2,042 50	0 10	£4 50	19 10	£2,635 00
Realisation of Assets														
Identifying, Securing, Insuring	00 0		00 0		000	00 03		£0 00		£390 00	000	00 03	3 00	00 0683
Fixed Charge Asset Realisations	000		0 20		800	00 03		00 03		00 03	00 0	£0 00	0 20	£54 00
Debt Collection	6 80	52,259 00	1 20	50 00	88	00 03 03 03	000	80 03	19 95	£2,426 25	000	50 00	27 95	£4 934 25
Cares-property, Dusiness Gassers	3		3		3	2002		E0 00		204123	3	2000	07.0	104173
Creditors Creditors - Communication with	00 0		000	00 03	000	00 03		00 03		5685 25		00 03	5 85	£685 25
Creditors Claims	00 0	00 03	1 20	£324 00	00 0	00 03	0 30	£54 00	34 80	£4,490 50	00 0	00 03	36 30	£4,868 50
Investigations SIP2 Review	00 0		00 0		000	00 03		00 03		£485 00	00 0	00 03	4 00	£485 00
CDDA Reporting	00 0	00 03	00 0	£0 00	00 0	£0 00	00 0	£0 00	6 50	£812 50	00 0	00 O3	6 50	£812 50
Antecedent Transactions	00 0		00 0		000	20 00		00 03		£96 25	00 0	£0 00	1 25	£96 25
Trading														
Management of Operations Accounting for Trading	8 8	00 03	000	00 03	000	8 G G G	000	8 G G G	000	00 03	000	5 5 5 5 5 5	000	00 03
Ongoing Employees	00 0		00 0		000	00 03		£0 00		£661 25	000	00 03	575	£661 25
Тах														
Тах	00 0	00 03	00 0	00 OJ	00 0	£0 00	5 45	£636 40	4 10	£401 10	1 75	£192 50	11 30	£1,230 00
Average hourly charge out rate	19 10 £33	19 10 £6,366 00 £333 30	12 70 £22	70 £2,802 20 £220 65	1.40 E11	0 £252 00 £180 00	6 85 £1	35 £893 90 £130 50	152 51 £1	51 £18,965 60 £124 36	31.40 £10	40 £3,153 58 £100 43		

Total Hours Total Cost Average

APPENDIX C

# Summary of Joint Liquidators' Time Costs from 18 March 2015 to 23 July 2016

	Dire	ector	Senior	Manager	Admini	strator 1	Admini	strator 2	Admini	strator 4	Tol	al	Average
	Units	Cost	Units	Cost	Units	Cost	Units	Cost	Units	Cost	Units	Cost	Hourty Rate
		£		£		£		£		£		£	£
Statutory & Review	4	180 00	10	410 00	3	78 00	3	69 00	84	1,260 00	104	1 997 00	192 02
Receipts & Payments			-		10	260 00		-	7	105 00	17	365 00	21471
Insurance			-			-	•	-	1	15 00	1	15 00	150 00
Liabilities			2	82 00	23	598 00		•	28	420 00	53	1 100 00	207 55
General Administration						•	-	-	14	210 00	14	210 00	150 00
Post Appointment Creditor Reporting	4	180 00	5	205 00	4	104 00		-	30	450 00	43	939 00	218 37
						<u> </u>							
Total	8	360 00	17	697 00	40	1 040 00	3	69 00	164	2 460 00	232	4 626 00	
Average Hourly Rate (£)	=	450 00	=	410 00	-	260 00	-	230 00	-	150 00		199 40	

All Units are 6 minutes

# Summary of Joint Liquidators' Time Costs from 24 July 2015 to 23 July 2016

	Dire	ctor	Senior I	Manager	Admini	strator 1	Admini	strator 2	Admini	strator 4	Tot	al	Average
	Units	Cost	Units	Cost	Units	Cost	Units	Cost	Units	Cost	Units	Cost	Hourly Rate
		£		£		£		£		£		£	£
Statutory & Review	2	90 00	10	410 00	3	78 00	3	69 00	55	825 00	73	1 472 00	201 64
Receipts & Payments					10	260 00			7	105 00	17	365 00	21471
insurance				-		-	-		1	15 00	1	15 <b>00</b>	150 00
Liabilities		-	2	82 00	23	598 00			28	420 00	53	1,100 00	207 55
General Administration	-	-		-		÷	-		6	90 00	6	90 00	150 00
Post Appointment Creditor Reporting	4	180 00	5	205 00		-	-		30	450 00	39	835 00	214 10
Total	6	270 00	17	697 00	36	936 00	3	69 00	127	1 905 00	189	3 877 00	
		_										··· <del></del>	
Average Hourly Rate (£)	-	450 00	_	410 00	-	250 00	_	230 00	_	150 00	_	205 13	

All Units are 6 minutes

# Shipleys LLP 10 Orange Street, Haymarket, London WC2H 7DQ

# CREDITORS' GUIDE TO FEES EFFECTIVE FROM 1 MAY 2014 CHARGE-OUT RATES

#### Staff Allocation and Support Staff

An objective and practical approach is taken to each case which includes active Principal involvement from the outset. Other members of staff will be assigned on the basis of experience and specific skills to match the needs of the case. Set out below are the relevant charge-out rates per hour worked for the grades of all staff. Time is charged by reference to actual work carried out on each assignment. There has been no allocation of any general or overhead costs.

Grade	Charge-out rate (£ per hour) plus VAT where applicable
Principal*	480 - 510
Manager	250 - 325
Assistant Manager	240 - 250
Senior Administrator	220 - 240
Administrator	140 - 190
Assistant & Cashier	110 - 265

<sup>\*</sup> or equivalent

#### NB Time costs are calculated at 6 minute units

The time of support staff is not charged to a case except when the initial set up is being performed and appointment documentation is prepared. Support staff will also occasionally charge their time when performing a sizeable administrative task within the case. Support staff charge their time at the £110/hr Assistant rate shown on the preceding table.

Specialist departments with the firm such as Tax and VAT may sometimes charge their time if and when the Office Holders may require their expert advice. The figures below provide details of the charge-out rates per hour worked for typical staff involved in this way.

Grade	Charge-out rate (£ per hour) plus VAT where applicable
Tax Principal*	300-480
Tax Manager	250
Tax Practitioner	200
Tax Assistant	145

Details of historic charge out rates in respect of the London office are provided at the end of this guide. Should any creditor wish to receive details of the charge out rates for the London office in force prior to those shown, these can be provided upon request.

#### **DISBURSEMENTS**

#### Category 1 Disbursements

These are costs where there is specific expenditure directly referable both to the appointment in question and a payment to an independent third party. Examples of equivalent costs that may be reimbursed to the office holders without uplift and do not require prior approval are given below.

Category	Basis of Charge
Indemnity Bond	At cost of mandatory cover required in accordance with the Insolvency Act 1986 for each appointment
Insurance of assets	At cost in relation to asset coverage requirements
Company searches	At cost incurred
Travel	All forms other than mileage at actual cost
Room Hire	All external venues at actual cost
Stationery	At cost incurred
Storage	Charge at actual cost incurred for storage (and retrieval, when appropriate) of records
Other	At actual cost charged

# **Category 2 Disbursements**

These are costs that are directly referable to the appointment in question but not 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. In the event of charging for Category 2 disbursements the following items of expenditure are recharged on the basis specified.

Category	Basis of Charge
Business Mileage	Motor vehicle at 40p per mile
Internal Room Hire	Held at Shipleys LLP, 10 Orange Street, Haymarket, London WC2H 7DQ £50
Photocopying	Specific calculation of 25 pence per sheet x number of creditors
Facsimiles	£1 for 1st page and 10 pence for each additional page

# **Subcontractors**

Details and the cost of any work which has been or is intended to be sub-contracted out that could otherwise by carried out by the office holder or his staff will be provided in any report which incorporates a request for approval of the basis upon which remuneration may be charged

#### Professional Advisors

Details of any professional advisor(s) used will be given in reports to creditors. Unless otherwise indicated the fee arrangement for each is based on hourly charge out rates, which are reviewed on a regular basis, together with the recovery or relevant disbursements. The choice of professional advisors is based around a number of factors including, but not restricted to, their expertise in a particular field, the complexity or otherwise of the assignment and their geographic location.

	01/04/07-31/12/07	01/01/08-31/12/08 01/01/09-31/12/09	01/01/09-31/12/09	01/01/10-31/12/10	01/01/10-31/12/10 01/01/11-31/12/11	01/01/12-31/01/12
		Charge-o	ut rate (£ per hour)	Charge-out rate (£ per hour) plus VAT where applicable	plicable	
Principal*	360-370	375	395	395-445	410-460	460
Director	n/a	340	355	375-400	n/a	n/a
Manager	285-300	300	300	245-270	280	300-325
Assistant Manager	200-220	222	180-228	180-250	260	n/a
Senior Administrator	160-210	175-210	140-190	175-220	200-225	210-230
Administrator	110-155	127-165	100-165	75-155	85-160	125-170
Assistant & Cashier	26-02	50-100	50-215	50-240	99-245	100-245
	01/02/12-30/04/12	01/05/12-31/07/12	01/08/12-31/12/12	01/01/13-30/04/13	01/05/13-31/12/13	01/01/14-30/04/14
		Charge-o	ut rate (£ per hour)	Charge-out rate (£ per hour) plus VAT where applicable	plicable	
Principal*	460	400-480	400-480	450-480	465-495	465-495
Director	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Manager	300-325	300-325	230-325	240-325	240-326	250-325
Assistant Manager	n/a	n/a	n/a	230-240	230-240	240-250
Senior Administrator	210-230	210-230	210-230	220-235	220-235	220-240
Administrator	125-170	125-170	125-170	125-185	125-185	140-190
Assistant & Cashier	100-250	100-250	100-250	110-260	110-260	110-265

\* or equivalent

APPENDIX E

# ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IN RELATION TO THE POLICY OF LEONARD CURTIS REGARDING FEES AND DISBURSEMENTS

The following information relating to the policy of Leonard Curtis is considered to be relevant

#### Staff Allocation and Support Staff

We take an objective and practical approach to each assignment which includes active director involvement from the outset. Other members of staff will be assigned on the basis of expenence and specific skills to match the needs of the case.

Time spent by secretarial and other support staff on specific case related matters, e.g. report despatching, is not charged

Where it has been agreed by resolution of the secured and/or preferential creditors, a creditors' committee or creditors generally, that the office holders' remuneration will be calculated by reference to the time properly given by the office holders and their staff in attending to matters ansing in the appointment, then such remuneration will be calculated in units of 6 minutes at the standard hourly rates given below. In cases of exceptional complexity or risk, the office holders reserve the right to obtain authority from the appropriate body of creditors that their remuneration on such time shall be charged at the higher complex rate given below.

The following hourly charge out rates apply to all assignments undertaken by Leonard Curtis

	Standard	Complex
	£	£
Director	450	562
Senior Manager	410	512
Manager 1	365	456
Manager 2	320	400
Administrator 1	260	325
Administrator 2	230	287
Administrator 3	210	262
Administrator 4	150	187

#### The Use of Subcontractors

Details of any subcontractor(s) used are given in the attached report

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Details of any professional advisor(s) used are given in the attached report. Unless otherwise indicated the fee arrangement for each will be based on hourly charge out rates, which are reviewed on a regular basis, together with the recovery of relevant disbursements

The choice of professional advisors will be based around a number of factors including, but not restricted to, their expertise in a particular field, the complexity or otherwise of the assignment and their geographic location

#### Disbursements

Specific expenditure relating to the administration of a particular case is recoverable without approval and is referred to as a 'category 1 disbursement'. Category 1 disbursements will generally comprise supplies of incidental services specifically identifiable to the case, typically for items such as identifiable telephone calls, postage, case advertising, invoiced travel and properly reimbursed expenses incurred by personnel in connection with the case. Also included will be services specific to the case where these cannot practically be provided internally such as printing, room hire and document storage.

Where we propose to recover costs which, whilst being in the nature of expenses or disbursements, may include an element of shared or allocated costs (such as room hire, documents storage or communication facilities provided by us) they must be disclosed and be authorised by those responsible for approving the liquidator's remuneration. Such expenditure is referred to as a "category 2 disbursement." In the event of charging for category 2 disbursements the following items of expenditure are recharged on this basis and are believed to be in line with the cost of external provision.

Internal photocopying

General stationery, postage, telephone etc

Room Hire

Storage of office files (6 years)

Business Mileage

10p per copy

£100 per 100 creditors/ members or part thereof

£100

£88 75 per box

45p a mile