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Liquidator's signature

Signature

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## **Matrix - Securities Limited (In Creditors' Voluntary Liquidation)**

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Progress report

Period: 2 July 2022 to 1 July 2023

### **Important Notice**

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# 1. INTERPRETATION

<b><u>Expression</u></b>	<b><u>Meaning</u></b>
"the Company"	Matrix - Securities Limited (In Creditors' Voluntary Liquidation)
"the Liquidation"	The Company moving into creditors' voluntary liquidation from administration pursuant to Paragraph 83 of Schedule B1 to the Act
"the Liquidators", "we", "our" and "us"	Irvin Cohen and Kirstie Jane Provan, both of Begbies Traynor (London) LLP, 31st Floor, 40 Bank Street, London, E14 5NR
"Begbies"	Begbies Traynor (London) LLP
"the Act"	The Insolvency Act 1986 (as amended)
"the Rules"	The Insolvency (England & Wales) Rules 2016
"secured creditor" and "unsecured creditor"	Secured creditor, in relation to a company, means a creditor of the company who holds in respect of his debt a security over property of the company, and "unsecured creditor" is to be read accordingly (Section 248(1)(a) of the Act)
"security"	(i) In relation to England and Wales, any mortgage, charge, lien or other security (Section 248(1)(b)(i) of the Act); and (ii) In relation to Scotland, any security (whether heritable or moveable), any floating charge and any right of lien or preference and any right of retention (other than a right of compensation or set off) (Section 248(1)(b)(ii) of the Act)
"preferential creditor"	Any creditor of the Company whose claim is preferential within Sections 386, 387 and Schedule 6 to the Act
"HMRC"	His Majesty's Revenue & Customs

# 2. COMPANY INFORMATION

Trading name:	Matrix - Securities Limited
Company registered number:	02083169
Company registered office:	31st Floor, 40 Bank Street, London, E14 5NR
Former trading address:	One Vine Street, London, W1J 0AH

### 3. DETAILS OF APPOINTMENT OF LIQUIDATORS

Date winding up commenced:	2 July 2013
Date of Liquidators' appointment:	Kirstie Jane Provan: 2 July 2013 Irvin Milton Cohen: 8 November 2016
Changes in liquidator:	By Order of the Court on 8 November 2016 Neil John Mather was removed as a Joint Liquidator. Irvin Milton Cohen was appointed as a Joint Liquidator in his stead on the same date

### 4. PROGRESS DURING THE PERIOD

#### Introduction

This annual progress report covers the 12 month statutory reporting period from 2 July 2022 to 1 July 2023 ("**the Period**"). It should be read in conjunction with our previous annual reports to members and creditors.

#### Receipts and Payments

Attached at **Appendix 1** is our abstract of receipts and payments account ("**the Account**") for the Period. The Company was formerly registered for VAT purposes but has subsequently been deregistered. Notwithstanding, VAT on costs and expenses in the Liquidation is reclaimable by the Liquidation estate ("**the Estate**"). Accordingly, amounts are stated net of VAT where applicable. Our comments on the items appearing in the Account are detailed below.

The only transaction in the Period has been the amount of £1K earned as interest on the funds held in the Liquidation estate bank account with Barclays Bank Plc.

#### **Work that has been done in the Period, why that work was necessary and what has been the financial benefit (if any) to creditors**

Details of the types of work that generally fall into the headings mentioned below are available on our firm's website [www.begbies-traynorgroup.com/work-details](http://www.begbies-traynorgroup.com/work-details). Under the following headings we have explained the specific work that has been undertaken on this case. Not every piece of work has been described, but we have sought to give a proportionate overview which provides sufficient detail to allow creditors to understand what has been done, why it was necessary and what financial benefit (if any) the work has provided to creditors.

The costs incurred in relation to each heading are set out in the Time Costs Analysis which is attached at **Appendix 2**. There is an analysis for the Period and also an analysis of time spent on the case since the date of our appointment. The details below relate to the work undertaken in the Period. Our previous reports contain details of the work undertaken since our appointment.

Various items of general work that have been carried out in the Period that have no direct financial benefit to creditors but are either required by best practice or statute, as detailed below include:

- General case administration and planning;
- Compliance with the Act, Rules and best practice; and
- Dealing with creditors' claims and correspondence.

#### General case administration and planning

We are obliged to populate and maintain a virtual electronic case file, together with a hard copy (paper) Permanent File, to ensure we have a contemporaneous, accurate and complete record of how the case has been administered, including fully documenting the reasons for any decisions that materially affect the case. Whilst this work is of no direct financial benefit to creditors, this is a statutory and best practice requirement for the aforementioned reasons.

#### Compliance with the Insolvency Act, Rules and best practice

During the Period, in accordance with the Act and Rules and best practice guidance, we have prepared the progress report for the previous annual period. We have carried out fidelity Bonding reviews at every six month anniversary. Furthermore, where considered economical and appropriate to do so, we have also carried periodic case compliance and progression reviews. Whilst these items of work are of no direct financial benefit to creditors, it is a statutory requirement that we must adhere to and it is of benefit to creditors as it ensures that they are advised of matters arising and progress within the Liquidation.

#### Realisation of assets

As previously reported, there has been an assignment of certain claims ("**the Assigned Claims**") the Company may have against other parties to an unrelated party namely, Matrix Receivables Limited ("**MRL**"), to enable those claims to be pursued; the Company has neither sufficient funds nor the specialist technical knowledge to pursue them of its own accord. The Company has retained an economic interest in the outcome of those claims in the event they are successful but is not exposed to any adverse costs in the event the claims are unsuccessful.

We continue to be unable to further expand on this particular matter because to do so may be prejudicial to the pursuit of those claims by MRL. However, we have maintained regular contact with MRL in order to monitor the progress of the matter.

#### Other matters which includes seeking decisions from creditors (via Deemed Consent Procedure and/or via Decision Procedures), tax, litigation, pensions and travel

We have made a CT submission to HMRC in relation to the chargeable accounting period 2 July 2021 to 1 July 2022, although no CT was payable in that regard. Whilst this work is of no direct financial benefit to creditors, it is a necessary requirement that we must adhere to in order to comply with prevailing tax legislation.

## 5. ESTIMATED OUTCOME FOR CREDITORS

Details of the sums owed to each class of the Company's creditors and anticipated outcome are detailed below.

#### **Secured creditors**

Barclays Bank Plc ("**the Bank**") held a guarantee granted by the Company in respect of an overdraft facility for another company comprised in the Matrix group of Companies, namely Matrix Corporate Capital LLP – in Liquidation ("**MCC**"). However, the liability to the Bank was discharged in full prior (i) to the appointment of the former Administrators of the Company and (ii) MCC being placed into Liquidation. There are no other known secured creditors. We have registered a memorandum of satisfaction at Companies House.

There is one satisfied charge registered at Companies House in favour of Kilgour French & Stanbury Limited ("**KFS**") secured over 'an interest in a deposit account'. KFS has not made a claim against the Company and we have presumed that the indebtedness to KFS and thus, this charge, was satisfied prior to the Company entering into Administration.



## Preferential creditors

The Redundancy Payments Office (“the RPO”) processes employee payments for arrears of wages, holiday pay, statutory redundancy pay and statutory notice pay. Where the RPO has advanced funds in respect of employees’ preferential claims, it will have a subrogated claim for these sums in the Liquidation. On 8 December 2015, we paid a dividend of 100 pence in the pound to all preferential creditors whose claims had been agreed and admitted in the Liquidation.

The total amount paid was £166,470 comprised as follows:-

	£Amount
Employees in respect of amount owed for arrears of salary (limited to £800) and holiday pay.	89,620
RPO in respect of statutory redundancy payments made to employees for arrears of salary and holiday pay.	52,971
PAYE & NIC deductions on the dividend payments made to employees.	23,879
<b>Total</b>	<b>166,470</b>

We have paid an amount of £18.9K in respect of unclaimed dividends paid to preferential creditors, into a designated unclaimed dividend account held with the Insolvency Service. Any employee wishing to claim their dividend must now do so directly from the Insolvency Service.

## Prescribed Part for unsecured creditors pursuant to Section 176A of the Act

As previously reported, there are no unsatisfied floating charges created or registered on or after 15 September 2003 and, therefore, this provision is not applicable in this case.

## Unsecured creditors

Unsecured creditors were originally estimated to be circa £33.6M. Following our adjudication and agreement of unsecured creditors in whole or part unsecured creditors’ claims can be summarised as follows:

Agreed Claims	£Amount
Intercompany Creditors	3,697,971
Trade & Other Creditors including HMRC	15,346,733
Employees and subrogated employees’ claims - Redundancy Payments Office	764,486
Intercompany – Matrix Property Fund Management LLP	339,771
Other Creditors	2,271,839
<b>Unsecured claims provisioned pending further adjudication (“Provisioned Claims”)</b>	
Intercompany Creditors - Matrix Property Fund Management LLP (“MPFM”)	6,660,229
Other Creditors	1,156,853
<b>Total</b>	<b>30,237,882</b>

In relation to the Provisioned Claims, we gave a period of 21 days in which the creditor could appeal our adjudication of their claim that has been rejected in whole or part, which subsequently expired. However, we suspended that appeal period for the two major creditors concerned, given the quantum of the claims involved, pending a response to attempt to consensually resolve the matter without recourse to an appeal via a Court application with the attendant costs and protracted delays involved. We have dealt with the Provisioned Claim in respect of ‘Other Creditors’ of £1.2M whereby for this creditor the amount of the creditor’s claim was (consensually) rejected and the balance has been agreed and admitted. We are still in the process of resolving the claim of MPFM although this creditor’s claim has been admitted in part.

On 14 June 2018, a first interim dividend of 1.54 p/£ was declared and a distribution made to all creditors whose claims had been agreed in whole or part. The amount distributed totalled £305K. On 28 August 2019, a second interim dividend of 0.37 p/£ was declared and a distribution made to all creditors whose claims had been agreed in whole or part. The amount distributed totalled £116K. We have been obliged to retain sufficient funds, amounting to £148.5K, equivalent to the dividend that may be payable on the Provisioned Claim for MPFM in the event it is admitted in full. We also retained funds in the Liquidation estate for the particular purpose of discharging the further costs and expenses of the Liquidation, any corporation tax liability and a general contingency for unforeseen claims and costs.

We anticipate that we may be in a position to pay a third and final modest distribution in the Liquidation. We are not yet able to provide creditors with an estimate of either the timing or quantum of that distribution as that is largely contingent on the outcome of the Assigned Claims, other than to say that it is likely to be considerably in the future.

#### **VAT bad debt relief**

Creditors should note that they may be eligible for VAT bad debt relief in respect of their outstanding claims, six months after the relevant invoice date or payment date if later, provided the debt is written-off in their books. Creditors should seek advice on this subject from their own professional advisers.

## **6. REMUNERATION**

The Company entered into Administration on 6 November 2012 and was subsequently moved into Liquidation on 2 July 2013.

Our remuneration, as Liquidators, is treated as having been fixed on the same basis as the former Administrators, by reference to the time properly given by us (as Liquidators) and the various grades of our staff calculated at the prevailing hourly charge out rates of Begbies in attending to matters arising in the Liquidation.

We are also authorised to draw disbursements, including disbursements for services provided by our firm (defined as Category 2 Expenses in Statement of Insolvency Practice 9) on the same basis as the former Administrators, namely in accordance with the Begbies policy, a copy of which is attached at **Appendix 2** of this report.

Our time costs for the Period amount to £6.3K which represents 19.7 hours at an average rate of £318 per hour.

The following further information in relation to our time costs and expenses is set out at **Appendix 2**:

- a) Begbies charging policy;
- b) Time Costs Analysis for the Period; and
- c) Cumulative Time Costs Analysis for the period 2 July 2013 to 1 July 2023.

To 1 July 2023 we have drawn the total sum of £411.6K on account of our remuneration, against total time costs of £451K incurred since the date of our appointment as Liquidators.

#### **Time Costs Analysis**

The Time Costs Analysis for the Period attached at **Appendix 2** shows the time spent by each grade of staff on the different types of work involved in the case, and gives the total costs and average hourly rate charged for each work type. An additional analysis is also attached which details the time costs for the entire period for which we have administered the Liquidation. Please note that each analysis provides details of the work undertaken by us and our staff following our appointment only.

#### **Creditors' guide to fees**

A copy of 'A Creditors' Guide to Liquidators Fees (E&W) 2021' ("**the Guide**") which provides guidance on creditors' rights on how to approve and monitor a Liquidator's remuneration and on how the remuneration is set can be obtained online at [www.begbies-traynor.com/creditorsguides](http://www.begbies-traynor.com/creditorsguides). Alternatively, if you require a hard copy of the Guide, please contact our office and we will arrange to send you a copy.

## 7. EXPENSES

Pursuant to the Rules, we are required to provide a statement of the 'expenses' incurred by us during the Period, irrespective of whether payment was made in respect of such expenses during the Period.

Liquidators' expenses include all expenses incurred, for example the costs of third parties instructed by us, e.g. solicitors, valuers, agents, etc and also expenses incurred relating to any period of administration trading e.g. utility supplies, employees, stock, etc. It is not always possible to provide a precise figure for an expense that has been incurred. In such circumstances we will provide a 'best estimate' of the quantum of the expense. Best practice guidance requires us to provide an explanation to creditors of the actual expenses incurred as against any estimate of anticipated expenses that has been previously provided to creditors.

A statement of the expenses incurred during the Period together with a cumulative statement showing the total expenses incurred since the date of our appointment is attached at **Appendix 3**. To 1 July 2023 we have drawn expenses in the sum of £4.7K (please note that the table total expenses incurred includes all expenses, whether or not incurred by this firm as a disbursement and recharged from the Estate). No Category 2 expenses have been incurred during the Period.

## 8. ASSETS THAT REMAIN TO BE REALISED AND WORK THAT REMAINS TO BE DONE

Whilst the majority of the Company's known assets have been realised in the course of the Administration and Liquidation to date, there are still a number of known potential material assets which remain to be realised in the Liquidation. The work that remains to be done, why this is necessary and what financial benefit (*if any*) it will provide to creditors is as detailed below.

### Realisation of assets

To better assist the reader's understanding of this particular matter and to provide context to this report, we have included background details below of the remaining Company assets in respect of which there may be further realisations. Creditors should refer to our previous reports for information in respect of asset realisations made in prior periods.

### *Debt due from Matrix Property Middle East LLP ("MPME")/Sovaria Limited ("Sovaria")*

Following our appointment as the former Administrators, it was established that there was an intercompany debt of £2.8M due from MPME to the Company ("**the Debt**"). Negotiations took place between the Company and MPME in order to recover the Debt. However, it became apparent that MPME had insufficient funds to discharge the Debt in full. Following further negotiations, the former Administrators agreed the terms of a Settlement Agreement ("**the Agreement**") (as approved by the major creditors) between the Company, the former Administrators, MPME, Matrix Property Fund Management LLP, Sovaria and one other party.

The Agreement provided that the Debt was compromised to an amount of £450K plus a profit share split between the parties to the Agreement and Kenmore East Limited ("**Kenmore**"), subject to a payment to the Company of £60K on execution of the Agreement ("**the Compromised Debt**"). The amount of £60K was received in the Administration in February 2013. MPME was subsequently dissolved on 17 September 2013. Kenmore was also dissolved on 24 April 2018.

The recovery of the Compromised Debt is, in the main, dependent upon the performance of Kenmore Dubai BV, a property investment business in Dubai which was part owned by MPME, now wholly owned by Sovaria. In July 2015 we made a recovery from Sovaria of £6.5K, which has been the only recovery made to date. The possibility of any further recovery is uncertain; however, as noted in its accounts for the 12 month accounting period ending 30 June 2021, while the Debt is acknowledged the going concern presumption for Sovaria continues to be in doubt because of the current economic climate.

We hope to provide a more comprehensive update to creditors on the Sovaria position when we next report to creditors to include the level of any potential recoveries, and the likely timeframe. Note that Sovaria granted a debenture conferring fixed and floating charge security to the Company over the whole of Sovaria's property, in respect of its obligations under the Agreement.

*Recovery of loans made to Matrix Alternative Investment Strategies Fund Limited (2) ("MAISF") in respect of sub funds*

According to the Company's books and records, in or around August 2009 the Company made two separate loans to MAISF to enable it to meet its obligations in relation to currency hedging obligations in respect of two sub funds of MAISF as follows:

- **Loan to MAISF in respect of Matrix Asia Property Income Fund ("MAPIF") (£2.2M)**  
Following further enquiries and a detailed investigation of the Company's bank transactions, we established that this loan had been repaid by MAISF in full.
- **Loan to MAISF in respect of Matrix Asset Based 2 Fund ("MAB2") (£2.15M/USD\$1.70M)**  
Following further enquiries, we established that the loans are still outstanding. However, the fund to which the advance relates, MAB2, was closed on 30 June 2014. Attempts to make any recovery of this amount have been ongoing, although we have not been able to disclose to creditors any details of the actions we have taken to date because of the necessity to maintain strict confidentiality as regards our dealings with various parties. We will be continuing in our efforts to make recoveries under the loan and, should we be successful we will provide an appropriate update to creditors in due course.

*Investment in Mobeous Income and Growth VCT plc (formerly Matrix Income & Growth VCT plc) ("MIG VCT")*

MIG VCT was launched in the 2004/2005 tax year and raised £20.9 million, net of issue costs. It merged with Matrix Income & Growth 3 VCT plc on 20 May 2010. The Company holds 615 ordinary shares of 1 pence each in the MIG VCT. We will be seeking to realise the Company's interest nearer to the close of the Liquidation.

*The Assigned Claims*

We will continue to maintain regular contact with MRL and continue to monitor the progress of their pursuit of the Assigned Claims.

General case administration and planning

As mentioned above, whilst of no direct financial benefit to creditors, we must continue to ensure that our case files are maintained so as to have an accurate and complete record to demonstrate how the case was administered and to document the reasons for any decisions that materially affect the case. We are also obliged to carry out regular compliance reviews of the case in order to ensure that matters are being progressed in an efficient and timely manner.

Compliance with the Insolvency Act, Rules and best practice

The Act and Rules require us to produce regular progress reports to creditors. We have been and will be obliged to deal with the following:

- Prepare annual progress reports within two months of each and every anniversary of the Liquidation to apprise creditors of the progress of the Liquidation including asset realisations, costs and expenses incurred and the prospects of a return, if any, to each class of creditor; and
- Once we are satisfied that all outstanding matters have been dealt with in the Liquidation, including any distribution to creditors, we will then prepare our final draft report to creditors on the progress of the Liquidation prior to resigning from office and receiving our release.

As mentioned above, we are obliged by best practice to carry out regular (every six months) compliance case and strategy reviews, bank reconciliations as and when appropriate and bonding reviews. Whilst these items of work are of no direct financial benefit to creditors, it is nevertheless a statutory and/or regulatory compliance requirement. It does, however, ensure creditors are kept fully apprised of developments throughout the Liquidation.

Dealing with all creditors' claims (including employees), correspondence and distributions

As mentioned in **Section 5** above, we have retained funds in the Liquidation Estate for the particular purpose of discharging the further costs and expenses of the Liquidation, any corporation tax liability and a general contingency for unforeseen claims and costs. Once we have completed all asset realisations, have resolved the remaining Provisioned Claim, and when we are in a position to close the Liquidation we shall make a further and final distribution to creditors, although this will not be for some time yet.

Other matters which includes meetings, tax, litigation, pensions and travel

*Tax Compliance*

As mentioned above, we are obliged to comply with all prevailing tax legislation which will include submitting tax computations in respect of any capital gains and/or taxable income arising for each corporation tax accounting period. Where these are particularly complex and/or technical, we may be obliged to employ a tax advisor for this purpose. Moreover, as and when appropriate to do so, we will submit VAT reclaims to HMRC to recover VAT charged on costs and expenses incurred in the course of the Liquidation. Whilst these items of work is of no direct financial benefit to creditors, it is nevertheless a statutory and/or regulatory compliance requirement.

**The cost of this further work**

We estimate the costs of the further work to be done to be circa £45K depending upon:

- No unforeseen complexities in dealing with the adjudication of the remaining outstanding Provisioned Claim;
- No unforeseen complexities in dealing with the realisation of the residual assets and/or any requirement to legal proceedings to resolve;
- The period of time required to complete any recovery of the Assigned Claims (note that certain unavoidable costs will be required in order that the Liquidators can fulfil their statutory and regulatory duties in keeping the Company in Liquidation);
- No unforeseen matters arising which require material attention and time to resolve;
- Obtaining tax clearance without any formal enquiries being opened by HMRC; and
- There being no objections to our release and discharge following our final report to members and creditors.

**Expenses**

It is not clear how much future expenses will cost due to the uncertainty of when matters will be finalised; however, we have included below an estimate of the future expenses:

Type	Description	Estimate (£)
Storage & Destruction	Relating to case/Liquidation records for a period of six years from the closure date	5,000
Bank charges & Insolvency Service Unclaimed dividend	Cost to cancel cheques and also to pay the unclaimed dividend amounts to the ISA unclaimed dividend account if a dividend is declared in the Liquidation	500
Postage & Stationery	Sending circular letters and notices to members and creditors	500
Contingency	Provision for unforeseen expenses incurred in the Liquidation	250
<b>Total</b>		<b>6,250</b>

## 9. OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION

### Connected party transactions

In accordance with Statement of Insolvency Practice 13, we confirm that the following assets were sold to Animatrix Limited ("**Animatrix**"), an entity in which Mr Rupert Lywood is a director and shareholder. Mr Lywood is a former director of the Company. In addition, Mr Randhir Singh, another former director of the Company, is involved in the operations of Animatrix.

Date of sale	Asset sold and nature of transaction	Consideration paid and date	Name of Purchaser	Relationship with the Company
21 January 2014	Ordinary and deferred shares held by the Company in Star Syringe Limited.	£2,000	Animatrix Limited	Mr Lywood and Mr Singh are former directors of the Company.

Prior to agreeing to the sale of the shares to Animatrix, we reviewed available financial information including the last audited financial statements and most current management information which confirmed that Star Syringe Limited ("**Star Syringe**") was loss making, had net liabilities and, therefore, no material net realisable value to the Estate.

Furthermore, we sought assurance that the sale of the shares would not result in Mr Lywood having a controlling stake in Star Syringe, that the proposed sale of the shares had been disclosed to the other shareholders of Star Syringe and there was no other interest in purchasing them from the Company. We subsequently received confirmation that both of the above stipulations were met and, therefore, no reason why the sale could not proceed.

## 10. CREDITORS' RIGHTS

### Right to request further information

Pursuant to Rule 18.9 of the Rules, within 21 days of the receipt of this report a secured creditor, or an unsecured creditor with the concurrence of at least 5% in value of the unsecured creditors, including that creditor, (or an unsecured creditor with less than 5% in value of the unsecured creditors, but with the permission of the court) may request in writing that we provide further information about our remuneration or expenses which have been incurred during the Period.

### Right to make an application to court

Pursuant to Rule 18.34 of the Rules, any secured creditor or any unsecured creditor with the concurrence of at least 10% in value of the unsecured creditors including that creditor, (or any unsecured creditors with less than 10% in value of the unsecured creditors, but with the permission of the court) may, within 8 weeks of receipt of this progress report, make an application to court on the grounds that the remuneration charged or the expenses incurred during the Period are excessive or, the basis fixed for our remuneration is inappropriate.

## 11. CONCLUSION

We will report again in approximately 12 months' time or at the conclusion of the Liquidation, whichever is the sooner.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Irvin Cohen', with a stylized, cursive script.

**Irvin Cohen**  
Joint Liquidator

Dated: **1 September 2023**

**Matrix - Securities Limited**  
**(In Liquidation)**  
**Joint Liquidators' Summary of Receipts & Payments**

Statement of Affairs £	From 02/07/2022 To 01/07/2023 £	From 02/07/2013 To 01/07/2023 £
ASSET REALISATIONS		
100,000.00 Artwork	NIL	68,130.00
Bank Interest Gross	1,056.15	11,030.49
Chatham Marine Trust refund of legal fe	NIL	156,022.33
Funds Transferred from Administration	NIL	28,379.00
120,000.00 Furniture & Equipment	NIL	NIL
Insurance refund	NIL	4,374.17
Rec'd from Matrix Property Middle Eas	NIL	6,520.00
Rec'd from Matrix-PRCM	NIL	52,412.69
Redress Payment - Barclays	NIL	12,620.19
Refund of pre-appointment levy	NIL	208.02
Related Party Debtors	NIL	55,000.00
Shares & Investments	NIL	1,113,520.45
Surplus on Addleshaw Goddard client	NIL	3,043.52
Surplus on solicitors' client account	NIL	415.92
Third Party Funds Received	NIL	5,286.10
	1,056.15	1,516,962.88
COST OF REALISATIONS		
Administrators' Expenses	NIL	109.93
Administrators' Fees	NIL	109,811.00
Agents' Fees - Edward Symmons	NIL	14,198.71
Agent's Fees - Alexander Forbes	NIL	300.00
Agents' Fees - Books and Records	NIL	22,363.94
Agents' Fees - IT and Forensic	NIL	8,551.00
Agent's Fees - Redmayne Bentley	NIL	32.47
Bank Charges	NIL	152.25
Corporation Tax	NIL	53.68
Debt Collection Fees	NIL	17,412.69
Joint Liquidators' Expenses	NIL	4,679.50
Joint Liquidators' Fees	NIL	411,566.23
Legal Fees & Expenses	NIL	9,819.91
Legal Fees (2)	NIL	57,502.97
PAYE & NI	NIL	31,068.96
Professional Fees - ERA Solutions	NIL	980.00
Professional Fees - Tax Advisers	NIL	6,405.00
Stationery & Postage	NIL	634.38
Statutory Advertising	NIL	169.20
Storage Costs	NIL	51,616.16
Unclaimed Dividends	NIL	18,920.39
	NIL	(766,348.37)
PREFERENTIAL CREDITORS		
Employees	NIL	78,041.03
Redundancy Payments Office	NIL	47,076.18
	NIL	(125,117.21)
UNSECURED CREDITORS		
(33,565,157.95) Trade Creditors	NIL	412,649.32
	NIL	(412,649.32)
	1,056.15	212,847.98
REPRESENTED BY		
Barclays FL Current Account IB		212,847.98
Vat Control Account		(16,902.69)
Vat Receivable		16,902.69
		212,847.98



## **COSTS AND EXPENSES**

- A. Begbies charging policy;
- B. Time Costs Analysis for the Period; and
- C. Cumulative Time Costs Analysis for the period from 2 July 2013 to 1 July 2023.

## **A. BEGBIES CHARGING POLICY**

### **INTRODUCTION**

This policy applies where a licensed insolvency practitioner in the firm is acting as an office holder of an insolvent estate and seeks creditor approval to draw remuneration on the basis of the time properly spent in dealing with the case. It also applies where further information is to be provided to creditors regarding the office holder's fees following the creditors' decision being made for the office holder to be remunerated on a time cost basis. Best practice guidance\* requires that such information should be disclosed to those who are responsible for approving the basis of an office holder's remuneration. Within our fees estimate creditors can see how we propose to be remunerated.

In addition, this policy applies where creditor approval is sought to make a separate charge by way of expenses or disbursements to recover the cost of facilities provided by the firm. It also applies where payments are to be made to parties other than the firm, but in relation to which the office holder, the firm or any associate has an interest.

Best practice guidance indicates that such charges should be disclosed to those who are responsible for approving the basis of the office holder's remuneration, together with an explanation of how those charges are calculated.

### **OFFICE HOLDER'S FEES IN RESPECT OF THE ADMINISTRATION OF INSOLVENT ESTATES**

The office holder has overall responsibility for the administration of the estate. He/she will delegate tasks to members of their staff. Such delegation assists the office holder as it allows him/her to deal with the more complex aspects of the case and ensures that work is being carried out at the appropriate level. There are various levels of staff that are employed by the office holder and these appear below.

The firm operates a time recording system which allows staff working on the case along with the office holder to allocate their time to the case. The time is recorded in 6 minute units at the individual's hourly rate in force at that time which is detailed below.

### **EXPENSES INCURRED BY OFFICE HOLDERS IN RESPECT OF THE ADMINISTRATION OF INSOLVENT ESTATES**

Expenses are payments from the estate which are neither an office holder's remuneration nor a distribution to a creditor or a member. Expenses also include disbursements, which are expenses that are initially paid by the office holder's own firm, but which are subsequently reimbursed from the estate when funds are available.

Best practice guidance classifies expenses into two broad categories:

- ❑ *Category 1 expenses (approval not required)* - Specific expenditure that is directly related to the case and referable to an independent external supplier's invoice. All such items are charged to the case as they are incurred.
- ❑ *Category 2 expenses (approval required)* - Items of expenditure that are directly related to the case and either:
  - (i) include an element of shared or allocated cost and are based on a reasonable method of calculation, but which are not payable to an independent third party; or
  - (ii) are items of expenditure which are payable to an associate of the office holder and/or their firm.

Shared or allocated costs (pursuant to (i) above)

The following expenses include an element of shared or allocated cost and are charged to the case (subject to approval).

- ☐ *Internal meeting room usage for the purpose of physical meetings of creditors is charged at the rate of £150 per meeting;*
- ☐ *Car mileage which is charged at the rate of 45 pence per mile;*
- ☐ *Storage of books and records (when not chargeable as a Category 1 disbursement) is charged on the basis that the number of standard archive boxes held in storage for a particular case bears to the total of all archive boxes for all cases in respect of the period for which the storage charge relates;*
- ☐ *Displaying properties for sale on the 'Accelerated Property Sales from Begbies Traynor' section of the Begbies website is charged at the rate of £75.00 per property;*

Payments anticipated to be made to associates (pursuant to (ii) above)

**Services provided by other entities within the Begbies Traynor group**

The following items of expenditure which relate to services provided by BTG Forensic Technology, part of BTG Global Risk Partners, within the Begbies Traynor Group are to be charged to the case (approval obtained by creditors at the initial meeting held on 14 January 2013):

*BTG Forensic Technology have been used in order to secure and store all sensitive data belonging to the Company through the imaging and copying of servers, central computers and all personal computers.*

General Office Overheads

The following items of expenditure will normally be treated as general office overheads and will not be charged to the case although a charge may be made where the precise cost to the case can be determined because the item satisfies the test of a *Category 1 expense*:

- ☐ Telephone and facsimile
- ☐ Printing and photocopying
- ☐ Stationery

**BEGBIES CHARGE-OUT RATES**

Begbies Traynor is a national firm. The rates charged by the various grades of staff that may work on a case are set nationally but vary to suit local market conditions. The rates applying to the administration of this Liquidation in the London office during the Period of this report are as follows:

<b>Grade of staff</b>	<b>Charge-out rate (£ per hour) until further notice</b>
Consultant/Partner	495
Director	395
Senior Manager	365
Manager	315
Assistant Manager	285
Senior Administrator	250
Administrator	220
Trainee Administrator	160
Support	160

Time spent by support staff such as secretarial, administrative and cashiering staff is charged directly to cases. It is not carried as an overhead.

As detailed above, time is recorded in 6 minute units.

As referred to above, the office holder has used the services of BTG Forensic during the course of the case. BTG Forensic is a specialist department of the office holder's firm which provides forensic accounting services. The charge-out rates applicable for the work carried out by BTG Forensic were as follows:

<b>Grade of staff</b>	<b>Charge-out rate (£ per hour)</b>
Partner	500
Director	400
Senior Manager	295
Manager	260
Junior	200

## B. TIME COSTS ANALYSIS FOR THE PERIOD

SIP9 Matrix - Securities Limited - Creditors Voluntary Liquidation - 01MA458.CVL : Time Costs Analysis From 02/07/2022 To 01/07/2023

Staff Grade		Consultant/Partner	Director	Snr Mngr	Mngr	Asst Mngr	Snr Admin	Admin	Jnr Admin	Support	Total Hours	Time Cost £	Average hourly rate £
General Case Administration and Planning	Case planning			11				0.9			16	515.00	319.99
	Administration	0.3	3.1	0.6			0.1	0.4	1.9	0.3	6.0	2020.90	306.14
	<b>Total for General Case Administration and Planning:</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>3.1</b>	<b>1.6</b>			<b>0.1</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>8.2</b>	<b>2,532.00</b>	<b>308.78</b>
Compliance with the Insolvency Act, Rules and best practice	Appointment												0.00
	Banking and Bonding			0.2				0.3	0.4	0.6	1.5	299.00	199.33
	Cess Closure												0.00
	Statutory reporting and statement of affairs		0.6	4.3				0.6			5.5	1938.90	352.49
	<b>Total for Compliance with the Insolvency Act, Rules and best practice:</b>		<b>0.6</b>	<b>4.5</b>				<b>0.9</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>7.0</b>	<b>2,237.90</b>	<b>319.64</b>
Investigations	CDDA and Investigations												0.00
	<b>Total for Investigations:</b>												<b>0.00</b>
Realisation of assets	Debt collection		0.5	0.7							12	493.00	377.50
	Property, business and asset sales												0.00
	Retention of Title/Third party assets												0.00
	<b>Total for Realisation of assets:</b>		<b>0.5</b>	<b>0.7</b>							<b>12</b>	<b>493.00</b>	<b>377.50</b>
Trading	Trading												0.00
	<b>Total for Trading:</b>												<b>0.00</b>
Dealing with all creditors claims (including employees), correspondence and distributions	Secured												0.00
	Others		0.1	1.8							19	698.50	366.58
	Creditors committee												0.00
	<b>Total for Dealing with all creditors claims (including employees), correspondence and distributions:</b>		<b>0.1</b>	<b>1.8</b>							<b>19</b>	<b>698.50</b>	<b>366.58</b>
	Seeking decisions of creditors												0.00
Other matters which includes meetings, tax, litigation, pensions and travel	Meetings												0.00
	Other												0.00
	Tax		0.1	0.2				1.1			14	364.50	253.21
	Litigation												0.00
	<b>Total for Other matters:</b>		<b>0.1</b>	<b>0.2</b>				<b>1.1</b>			<b>14</b>	<b>364.50</b>	<b>253.21</b>
	<b>Total hours by staff grade:</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>4.4</b>	<b>8.8</b>			<b>0.1</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>2.3</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>19.7</b>		
<b>Total time cost by staff grade £:</b>		<b>148.50</b>	<b>1,738.00</b>	<b>3,212.00</b>			<b>25.00</b>	<b>638.00</b>	<b>368.00</b>	<b>144.00</b>		<b>6,273.50</b>	
<b>Average hourly rate £:</b>		<b>495.00</b>	<b>395.00</b>	<b>365.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>250.00</b>	<b>220.00</b>	<b>160.00</b>	<b>160.00</b>			<b>318.45</b>

## C. CUMULATIVE TIME COSTS ANALYSIS FOR THE PERIOD FROM 2 JULY 2013 TO 1 JULY 2023

### SIP9 Matrix - Securities Limited - Creditors Voluntary Liquidation - 01MA458.CVL : Time Costs Analysis From 02/07/2013 To 01/07/2023

Staff Grade		Consultant/Partner	Director	Snr Mngr	Mngr	Asst Mngr	Snr Admin	Admin	Jnr Admin	Support	Total Hours	Time Cost £	Average hourly rate £
General Case Administration and Planning	Case planning	0.7	60.6	18	20	30	30	40.9	10		630	43,884.50	329.96
	Administration	0.2	717	9.9	9.9	9.7	8.7	30.1	154.3	0.6	620.1	10,886.50	227.22
	<b>Total for General Case Administration and Planning:</b>	<b>23.9</b>	<b>623.3</b>	<b>30.7</b>	<b>11.9</b>	<b>21.7</b>	<b>11.7</b>	<b>353.0</b>	<b>166.3</b>	<b>12.6</b>	<b>759.1</b>	<b>96,771.00</b>	<b>246.38</b>
	Appointment	0.2									0.2	16.00	495.00
Compliance with the Insolvency Act, Rules and best practice	Banking and Bonding	0.5	5.4	0.5	17	4.4	0.1	15	3.8		134.5	25,051.00	164.57
	Case Closure												0.00
	Statutory reporting and statement of affairs	2.1	63.3	6.1	0.2	3.5	6.7	50.4	4.4		66.7	47,68.50	303.14
	<b>Total for Compliance with the Insolvency Act, Rules and best practice:</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>69.7</b>	<b>16.6</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>7.9</b>	<b>6.8</b>	<b>60.9</b>	<b>8.2</b>	<b>134.5</b>	<b>308.3</b>	<b>72,378.50</b>	<b>234.77</b>
Investigations	CDDA and investigations	17	0.3	10	10						10	6,380.00	396.75
	<b>Total for Investigations:</b>	<b>1.7</b>	<b>12.3</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>1.0</b>						<b>16.0</b>	<b>6,380.00</b>	<b>396.75</b>
Realisation of assets	Debt collection	11.1	2.0	4.0	3.2	16.1		7.9			46.3	15,010.00	328.16
	Property, business and asset sales	8.1	6.3	42.5	0.7			813			87.9	43,670.50	273.55
	Retention of Title/Third party assets												0.00
	<b>Total for Realisation of assets:</b>	<b>17.2</b>	<b>17.3</b>	<b>46.5</b>	<b>3.2</b>	<b>30.8</b>		<b>89.2</b>			<b>204.2</b>	<b>58,294.50</b>	<b>285.48</b>
Trading	Trading								4.1		4.1	656.00	160.00
	<b>Total for Trading:</b>								<b>4.1</b>		<b>4.1</b>	<b>656.00</b>	<b>160.00</b>
Dealing with all creditors claims (including employees), correspondence and distributions	Secured			0.5					4.1		0.5	82.50	365.60
	Others	117	64.7	217	30	12.5	17.8	116.4	100.7		383.5	63,947.00	271.05
	Creditors committee												0.00
	<b>Total for Dealing with all creditors claims (including employees), correspondence and distributions:</b>	<b>11.7</b>	<b>104.7</b>	<b>22.2</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>12.5</b>	<b>17.8</b>	<b>116.4</b>	<b>100.7</b>		<b>384.0</b>	<b>104,128.50</b>	<b>271.17</b>
Other matters which includes meetings, tax, litigation, pensions and travel	Seeking decisions of creditors												0.00
	Meetings		2.1	18							3.9	1,466.50	381.15
	Other	0.3				0.2		12.9	4.5		17.9	3,729.00	208.32
	Tax	4.6	16.5	3.0		3.7	0.5	17.7	5.1		51.1	15,434.50	302.05
	Litigation	2.5	6.1								8.6	3,847.00	424.07
	<b>Total for Other matters:</b>	<b>7.4</b>	<b>24.7</b>	<b>4.8</b>		<b>3.9</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>30.6</b>	<b>9.6</b>		<b>81.5</b>	<b>24,297.00</b>	<b>289.12</b>
<b>Total hours by staff grade:</b>		<b>64.7</b>	<b>360.0</b>	<b>121.8</b>	<b>21.0</b>	<b>76.8</b>	<b>36.8</b>	<b>645.1</b>	<b>277.9</b>	<b>147.1</b>	<b>1,751.2</b>		
<b>Total time cost by staff grade £:</b>		<b>32,026.50</b>	<b>142,384.00</b>	<b>44,487.00</b>	<b>6,616.00</b>	<b>21,055.50</b>	<b>9,183.50</b>	<b>128,966.00</b>	<b>44,484.00</b>	<b>21,786.00</b>		<b>480,916.50</b>	
<b>Average hourly rate £:</b>		<b>495.00</b>	<b>395.46</b>	<b>365.00</b>	<b>315.00</b>	<b>274.16</b>	<b>248.55</b>	<b>199.91</b>	<b>160.00</b>	<b>148.10</b>			<b>257.49</b>
<b>Total fees drawn to date £:</b>												<b>411,566.23</b>	

## STATEMENT OF EXPENSES

Type of expense	Name of party with whom expense incurred	Incurred	Discharged	Balance
		(£)		
Expenses incurred with entities <b>not</b> within the Begbies Traynor Group				
Storage	Restore Plc	119.72	-	119.72
Postage	Royal Mail Plc	38.86	-	38.86
Bordereau	Insolvency Risk Services	34.20	-	34.20
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>192.78</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>192.78</b>

## CUMULATIVE STATEMENT OF EXPENSES

Type of expense	Name of party with whom expense incurred	Incurred (£)
Mileage (*)	Various	692.10
Postage	Royal Mail Plc	1,066.67
Courier	3D Couriers	72.00
Travel	Various	1,025.34
Statutory Advertising	Courts Advertising Limited	213.66
Bordereau	Insolvency Risk Services	695.75
Storage	Restore Plc	584.12
Subsistence	Various	667.65
Agents' Fees	Edward Symmons LLP	14,198.71
Agents' Fees	Alexander Forbes Trustee Services Limited	300.00
Agents' – Books and Records	Secure Data Management Limited	22,363.94
Agents' Fees – IT and Forensic (*)	BTG Global Risk Partners	8,551.00
Agents' Fees	Redmayne Bentley	32.47
Bank Charges	Barclays Bank UK Plc	152.25
Corporation Tax	HM Revenue & Customs	53.68
Debt Collection Fees	David Royds	17,412.69
Legal Fees & Expenses	Conyer Dill & Pearman Ltd	9,819.91
Legal Fees	Addleshaws	57,502.97
PAYE & NIC	HM Revenue & Customs	31,068.96
Professional Fees	ERA Solutions	980.00
Professional Fees – Tax Advisers	Rees Pollock	5,250.00
Professional Fees – Tax Advisers	Berg Kaprow Lewis LLP	1,155.00
Stationary & Postage	Imprima (United Kingdom) Ltd	634.38
Statutory Advertising	Courts Advertising Limited	169.20
Storage Costs	Secure Data Management Limited	51,616.16
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>226,278.61</b>

Note:

(\*) Category 2 expense