The Insolvency Act 1986

Liquidator's Progress Report Pursuant to Section 192 of The Insolvency Act 1986 **S.192** 

To the Registrar of Companies

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**Company Number** 

02817155

Name of Company

Blue Flag Limited

Martin Halligan
City Mills
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Morley
Leeds
LS27 8QL

Gareth Rusling The P & A Partnership 93 Queen Street Sheffield S1 1WF

the liquidator(s) of the company attach a copy of pylour progress report under section 192 of the Insolvency Act 1986

Signed .

Date

MPH Recovery City Mills Peel Street Morley Leeds LS27 8QL

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### TO ALL KNOWN CREDITORS AND MEMBERS

22 September 2011

Dear Sirs

Blue Flag Limited – In Liquidation Liquidator's Annual Progress Report to Creditors and Members Company Number: 02817155

I present the annual and first progress report, detailing the conduct of the liquidation for the period from 23 August 2010 to 22 August 2011, pursuant to Section 92A of the Insolvency Act 1986

### Introduction

In accordance with the provisions of Section 98 of the Insolvency Act, 1986, statutory meetings of shareholders and creditors were duly held at City Mills, Peel Street, Morley, Leeds, LS27 8QL on 23 August 2010 Alexandra Joanne Whyte, a director, acted as chairman for the purposes of the meetings

A report was presented together with a summary of the statement of affairs signed as a statement of truth by the director on 23 August 2010. At a meeting of the shareholders held on 23 August 2010, a resolution was passed for the voluntary winding-up of the company and for the appointment of myself and G D Rusling of the P&A Partnership as Joint Liquidators. At a subsequent meeting of the company's creditors the shareholders' resolution was confirmed. A liquidation committee was not formed, and no creditors attended the meeting in person

The purpose of this, the first annual report, is to inform members and creditors of the progress of the liquidation, for the period 23 August 2010 to 22 August 2011, pursuant to Section 105 of the Insolvency Act 1986

### **Receipts And Payments**

A summary of receipts and payments for the period 23 August 2010 to 22 August 2011 is attached at Appendix I This shows a balance in hand of £20,258 53. The contents therein are self-explanatory. In accordance with the provisions of Statement of Insolvency Practice 7, the receipts and payments are shown net of VAT. A bank account has been opened with Svenska Handelsbanken AB (publ) for the purposes of the liquidation.

## Assets Specifically Pledged

The director stated that there were no assets specifically pledged

### **Assets Not Specifically Pledged**

The director's Estimated Statement of Affairs indicated that stock, with a book value of £50,373, would realise £3,250 These assets remain to be sold

The director's Estimated Statement of Affairs indicated that book debts, with a book value of £140,387, would realise approximately £105,290 after providing for bad and doubtful debts. Realisations have been £31,993 40 in this respect. The former director is assisting in continuing to pursue the remaining debtors. However, the sales ledger is made up of a large number of relatively small accounts and it may be prudent at this stage to make full provision for any further recoveries.

### **Preferential Creditors**

The director stated that there were preferential creditors in respect of potential employees' claims totalling £48,800. Total preferential creditor claims received to date are £15,090.05

# Floating Charge Creditors

The director stated that there were no floating charge creditors No claims have been received to date from floating charge creditors

### Non - Preferential Creditors

Non-preferential claims received to date are as follows -

		£ Per		£
	No.	'S of A'	No.	Claims
Trade Creditors	36	221,631	12	90,984
Employee Claims	1	345,413	1	201,900
Directors Loan Account	1	80,064	0	0
HM Revenue & Customs	3	737,215	1	62,551
TOTAL	_	1,384,323	_	355,435

Total non-preferential claims received to date are £355,435

### Liquidators' Remuneration

Attached at Appendix II is an additional assessment of work carried out, in accordance with SIP 9 (E&W)

A summary of MPH Recovery's time costs for the period 23 August 2010 to 22 August 2011 is attached at Appendix III

It was agreed that the Joint Liquidator would deal with investigatory matters in respect of the Company and its officers. A schedule of his time costs associated with work carried out in this respect has not yet been provided by the Joint Liquidator.

A total of 57 90 hours have been spent on this assignment by this firm, for the above period, totalling £15,816 50, at an average hourly rate of £273 17 No Liquidators' fees have been drawn to date

Scale rates may increase from time to time over the period of administration on each insolvency case

A creditors' guide to fees can be found on The Association of Business Recovery Professionals website at <a href="www.r3.org.uk/publications">www.r3.org.uk/publications</a> (under the sub heading Fees / "Guide to Liquidation Fees") Alternatively, it can be supplied upon request, free of charge

### Liquidators' Disbursements

A summary of MPH Recovery's disbursements, Category 1 and Category 2, for the period to 22 August 2011 is attached at Appendix II The contents therein are self-explanatory. No disbursements have been drawn to date. I have not been made aware of any disbursements incurred by the Joint Liquidator.

### **Dividend Prospects**

Based on the information presently available there will be no distribution to be made to any class of Creditors

### Company Directors Disqualification Act 1986

As Joint Liquidators we have a duty to investigate the affairs of an insolvent company and to consider the conduct of the company's directors and to make an appropriate submission to the Department for Business Innovation and Skills Investigations into these matters are ongoing

M P Halligan Liquidator

# Blue Flag Limited (In Liquidation)

# LIQUIDATOR'S RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

	Statement of affairs £	From 23/08/2010 To 22/08/2011 £	From 23/08/2010 To 22/08/2011 £
RECEIPTS			
Stock	3,250 00	0 00	0 00
Book Debts	105,290 00	31,993 40	31,993 40
Cash at Bank	788 00	0 00	0 00
Bank Interest Gross		15 13	15 13
	 	32,008 53	32,008 53
PAYMENTS			
Statement of Affairs fee		5,000 00	5,000 00
S98 Fee		5,000 00	5,000 00
Vat Receivable		1,750 00	1,750 00
	_	11,750 00	11,750 00
BALANCE - 22 August 2011		 -	20,258.53

Note

Martin Halligan ころいれて Liquidator

### INTRODUCTION

The following information is provided in connection with the Joint Liquidators' remuneration and disbursements in accordance with SIP 9 (E&W).

**CASE NAME** 

Blue Flag Limited

COMPANY NUMBER

02817155

OFFICE HOLDER.

M P Halligan and G D Rusling

FIRM

MPH Recovery, City Mills, Peel Street, Morley, Leeds LS27 8QL and The P & A

Partnership, 93 Queen Street, Sheffield, S1 IWF

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TYPE OF APPOINTMENT

Creditors Voluntary Liquidation

DATE OF APPOINTMENT

23 August 2010

### OVERVIEW OF THE CASE

This overview is intended to allow the body responsible for the approval of the Office Holders' fees to view the quantum of those fees in the context of the case in question

### Other Professionals Employed

As Joint Liquidators we have employed the following agents

Michael Steel & Co, Valuers & Auctioneers, of Leeds ("M S & Co") have been instructed to deal with all the Company's chattel assets. Their fees are based on time spent valuing the assets

Ward Hadaway Solicitors ("Ward Hadaway") have been instructed to deal with the removal of a winding up petition which was issued by one of the company's creditors.

I consider M S & Co and Ward Hadaway to be firms of repute with the appropriate expertise in their respective fields. My experience of working with these firms indicates that their charge out rates and internal delegation results in charges, which are cost effective for this kind of work

### Complexity of the Case

The majority of work undertaken in this liquidation has been in connection with dealing with creditors' claims and investigating and recovering the Company's book debts

### **Exceptional Responsibilities**

There have been no exceptional responsibilities in this matter

# The Office Holders' Effectiveness

Realisations to date total £32,008 53 Further realisations are ongoing

### **Estimated Return to Creditors**

On present information, there will be insufficient funds available to make a dividend payment to non preferential creditors.

# EXPLANATION OF OFFICE-HOLDERS' CHARGING AND DISBURSEMENT RECOVERY POLICIES.

Full details of MPH Recovery's fees, charge out rates and disbursement policies, are attached at Appendix IV "Fees and Disbursements in Liquidations" Scale rates may increase from time to time over the period of administration on each insolvency case

A summary of MPH Recovery's disbursements, Category 1 and Category 2, for the period to 22 August 2011 is summarised below -

	£
Insurance Bordereau	330 00
Circulars/Notification	288 00
Statutory Advertising	266 49
Room Hire	175 00
TOTAL	1,059 49

As indicated in the progress report, a schedule of disbursements incurred by the Joint Liquidator has not yet been provided

### NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION OF WORK CARRIED OUT

A summary of the work carried out from the date of our appointment has included

- Preparation of standard documents in accordance with the Insolvency Act 1986 and in accordance with recommended best practice;
- Dealing with all statutory matters associated with my appointment,
- Investigations into the company's dealings and that of its officers,
- Preparation and lodgement of statutory receipts and payments and other administrative matters,
- Circularising Reports and corresponding with creditors to ascertain claims;
- Office holder file reviews.
- Taxation and VAT issues

### TIME AND CHARGE-OUT SUMMARIES

A schedule of the MPH Recovery's time spent, post appointment and charge-out rates is attached at Appendix III. Scale rates may increase from time to time over the period of administration on each insolvency case. As indicated in the progress report, a schedule of time costs in respect of work carried out by the Joint Liquidator has not yet been provided.

# RESOLUTIONS

The resolutions passed at the meeting of creditors, held on 23 August 2010, were -

- The creditors, having considered the explanatory note, "A Creditors' Guide to Liquidators Fees", resolved "That the Joint Liquidators' fees be agreed on a time cost basis and that such remuneration be drawn on account as and when appropriate"
- That the Joint Liquidators be reimbursed for any necessary disbursements incurred during the administration of the winding up, in accordance with the provisions of SIP9 Category 1 and 2 disbursements, and that such disbursements be drawn on account as and when appropriate
- That MPH Recovery's fees for preparing the Statement of Affairs and preparing a report to be presented to the meetings shall be fixed at £5,000 plus VAT and disbursements plus VAT.
- That MPH Recovery's fees for assisting the director in convening the meeting of creditors under section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 shall be fixed at £5,000 plus VAT and disbursements plus VAT.

# Time Entry - SIP9 Time & Cost Summary

0125 - Blue Flag Limited From 23/08/2010 To 22/08/2011

Classification of Work Function	Partner	Manager	Other Senior Professionals	Assistants & Support Staff	Total Hours	Time Cost (£)	Average Hourty Rate (£)
Admın & Plannıng	170	0.50	06 B	5 10	16 20	4,398 50	271 51
Creditors	000	2 30	19.00	07.6	3100	8 156 00	263 10
Investigations	000	000	000	000	000	000	80
Maeting Reports & Reviews	0000	8	00 t	0000	100	350 00	350 00
Pre Appantment	0000	80	000	000	000	000	000
Realisation of Assets	090	0.40	7 30	030	8 60	2 587 50	300 87
Taxation	000	00 0	110	000	1 10	324 50	295 00
Total Hours	230	4 20	36 30	18 10	67 90	15,816.50	71 273
Total Fees Claimed						10,000 00	
Total Disbursements Claimed						00 000'9	



## APPENDIX IV

# FEES AND DISBURSEMENTS IN LIQUIDATIONS (2011-2012)

### **Fees**

City Mills Peel Street Morley, Leeds **LS27 8QL** 

The fees of the Liquidator are fixed by reference to time properly spent by the Liquidator and his staff in attending to all matters arising in the liquidation unless otherwise agreed with the creditors. The liquidator and his staff charge time to all insolvency cases in units of 6 minutes. Charge Out Rates are subject to annual review

### **Charge Out Rates (Per Hour)**

Staff Grade	Rate Per Hour
• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	£
Director	400
Manager	350
Administrator	295
Assistant	180

### Standard Activity (Examples of Work)

Investigations/ Realisations/Taxation/Reports / Admin/Planning/Creditors/Claims

### **Disbursements**

In dealing with the liquidation, the Liquidator will incur specific expenses and disbursements that are recoverable from the assets available in the liquidation in accordance with Rule 4 218 of the Insolvency Rules These are referred to as Category 1 disbursements (Creditor approval not required) In addition to specific out of pocket expenditure, the Liquidator will also recover shared or allocated costs of an incidental nature directly incurred on the case. These are referred to as Category 2 disbursements (Creditor approval required)

Where no specific provision is made, other expenses and disbursements, Category 1 and 2, are recovered as follows

Expense Type	Basis of Charge
Internal Room Hire	£175 per meeting
(for each statutory meeting of creditors)	
Mileage	75p per mile
Search costs	At Cost
Storage of books and records	At Cost
Creditor circulars/notification	£8 for every creditor and contributory
(incl stationery, printing, postage and telephone charges)	(per circular/notification)

Where funds permit, a charge for storage of boxes for 12 months after closure of the liquidation is made to cover storage costs until such time as destruction of the records is permitted

Should any creditor require further information in respect of fees or expenses, then please contact the Liquidator, at the above address





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