# The Insolvency Act 1986

# Administrator's progress report

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Name of Company

DOSGL (2008) Realisations Limited (Formerly Duffer of St George Ltd)

Company number

2947379

In the

Manchester District Registry

(full name of court)

For court use only 3884 of 2008

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

We (a) Stephen Gerard Clancy and David John Whitehouse of MCR, 11 St James Square, Manchester, M2 6DN,

Joint administrators of the above company attach a progress report for the period

From

Τo

(b) Insert date

(b) 17 November 2009

4 May 2010

Signed

Dated

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DOSGL (2008) Realisations Limited (Formerly Duffer of St George Limited) (In Administration)

Final Progress Report of the Joint Administrators for the period from 17 November 2009 to 4 May 2010 pursuant to Rule 2.110 of the Insolvency Rules 1986 as amended

4 May 2010





Names of Joint Administrators:

Stephen Gerard Clancy

David John Whitehouse

Date of appointment:

17 November 2008

Date of report:

4 May 2010

Appointed by:

Lloyds TSB Commercial Finance Limited trading as Alex Lawrie Factors of Boston House, Little Green, Richmond, Surrey TW9 1QE as qualifying floating chargeholder

Court reference:

Manchester District Registry no 3884 of 2008

MCR Corporate Restructuring 11 St James Square Manchester M2 6DN



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## 1 INTRODUCTION

- Stephen Gerard Clancy and David John Whitehouse of MCR Corporate Restructuring ('MCR') were appointed joint administrators of DOSGL (2008) Realisations Limited (Formerly Duffer of St George Ltd) ('Duffer' and 'the Company') on 17 November 2008 by Lloyds TSB Commercial Finance Limited ('Lloyds'), the holder of a qualifying floating charge under Paragraph 14 of Schedule B1 to the Insolvency Act 1986 ('the Act')
- 12 In accordance with Paragraph 100(2) of Schedule 81 to the Act the functions of the joint administrators are being exercised by either of the administrators
- The purpose of this report is to provide creditors with details of the progress of the administration since my last report to creditors dated 19 November 2009.
- 1.4 This report should be read in conjunction with the joint administrators' earlier reports to creditors dated 9 January, 16 June 2009 and 19 November 2009

## 2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 Duffer was incorporated on 11 July 1994—Statutory information on the Company and a summary of its financial position is included at Appendix 1
- 2.2 The Directors of the Company are Edmund Prendergast, Marco Cairns and Simon Harris
- 2.3 The Company traded in the manufacture and retail of workwear, footwear and outerwear
- 2.4 Lloyds held a fixed and floating charge over the assets of the Company dated 15 July 2000
- 2.5 The purpose of the administration was to achieve one of the following objectives
  - a Rescuing the company as a going concern, or
  - b Achieving a better result for the company's creditors as a whole than would be likely if the company were wound up (without first being in administration), or
  - c Realising property in order to make a distribution to one or more secured or preferential creditors
- 2.6 As previously reported, the joint administrators have been successful in achieving the second and third objectives

#### 3. PROGRESS OF THE ADMINISTRATION

3.1 The manner in which the affairs and business of the Company have been managed since the appointment of joint administrators and will continue to be managed and financed are set out below

## **Asset Realisations**

3 2 At the date of appointment, the Company had effectively ceased trading. The only viable option was to seek a sale of the assets in the short term.



- An offer was received from Inhoco 3493 Ltd ("Inhoco") prior to our appointment. The offer was accepted and the sale completed on 17 November 2008
- 3.4 The consideration was apportioned as follows

| Asset                 | £         |
|-----------------------|-----------|
| Intellectual Property | 1,253,088 |
| Book Debts            | 127,919   |
| Stock                 | 38,000    |
| Total                 | 1,419,007 |

#### **Book debts**

3.5 The Company's book debts were subject to an invoice finance agreement with Lloyds. The debts were sold to Inhoco on 17 November 2008. Lloyds accepted £127,919 in full and final settlement of their debt.

#### Stock

The stock was valued by the joint administrators' agents, Edward Symmons LLP. The market value ex situ was estimated at £10,500 Edward Symmons LLP recommended that the joint administrators accept the offer of £38,000 from Inhoco

#### Cash at bank

3.7 The sum of £12,717 was received following the closure of the Company's bank account.

#### Royalties

In August 2007 DOSGL entered into an agreement with a major high street store to sell the St George by Duffer brand which had been sold on an exclusive licence. The final payment of £495,000 plus VAT on the licence has been received

#### **Bank Interest**

3 9 Gross bank interest of £1,187 has been received to date

## 4. ADMINISTRATORS' REMUNERATION

- The time costs of the joint administrators and their staff are analysed at Appendix 3 in accordance with SIP9. To date, the joint administrators time costs total £148,055 and £95,000 has been drawn as remuneration, and £3,566 for pre-appointment costs. The joint administrators intend to draw a further £50,000 as final remuneration.
- 4.3 In accordance with Rule 2.106(5A) of the Rules, as amended, the joint administrators' remuneration was approved by the preferential creditors. The remuneration is fixed by reference to the time properly given by them and their staffs.



# 5. DIVIDEND PROSPECTS / PRESCRIBED PART

#### **Secured Creditors**

5 1 All secured creditors were discharged in full under the sale agreement

#### **Preferential Creditors**

- 5 2 The preferential claims from employees totalled £15,686
- The preferential creditors' claims consisted of employee claims for arrears of pay and holiday pay, the majority of which were subrogated to the Department of Business, Enterprise and Regulatory Reform following payment to the employees by the Redundancy Payments Office ('RPO')
- The RPO submitted a preferential claim totalling £6,465 on 21 October 2009 in respect of payments made to the Company's former employees.
- 5 5 All preferential claims have been paid in full

# Prescribed Part

- 5 6 Pursuant to Section 176A of the Act where a floating charge is created after 15 September 2003 a prescribed part of the company's net property shall be made available to unsecured creditors.
- 5 7 The Company granted a floating charge to Lloyds on 15 July 2000, accordingly there is no requirement to set aside a prescribed part out of the Company's net floating charge property for unsecured creditors

# Non-Preferential Creditors

According to the directors' statement of affairs, non-preferential creditors total £1,488,626. The non-preferential creditors can be summarised as follows.

| -         |
|-----------|
| 366,310   |
| 16,671    |
| 113,457   |
| 900,888   |
| 91,300    |
| 1,488,626 |
|           |

Due to the realisation under the licence in respect of royalties, it is anticipated that there will be a distribution to the non-preferential creditors of the Company. The joint administrators are now taking steps to move from administration to creditors' voluntary liquidation in order for the dividend to non-preferential creditors to be paid.

# 6. CREDITORS' MEETING

6.1 You will recall from our previous reports that pursuant to Paragraph 52(1) of Schedule B1 to the Act, a creditors' meeting was not required to be held as there were insufficient assets to

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- enable a distribution to unsecured creditors other than from a prescribed part pursuant to Section 176A of the Act.
- 62 No meeting was convened and in accordance with Rule 2 33(5) of the Rules the joint administrators' proposals were deemed to have been approved by creditors.

#### 7. ADMINISTRATORS' PROPOSALS

7.1 The joint administrators' proposals as approved by the creditors are attached at Appendix 4

#### **END OF ADMINISTRATION** 8.

- 81 In accordance with the terms of the joint administrators' proposals the joint administrators will now take appropriate steps to place the Company into creditors' voluntary liquidation to enable a distribution to be made to unsecured creditors
- 82 Upon the filing of the necessary statutory form with the Registrar of Companies, Stephen Clancy and David Whitehouse will be appointed as joint liquidators of the Company and the administration will come to an end
- 8.3 The duly appointed liquidators will then proceed to finalise corporation tax matters on behalf of the joint administrators and then deal with the subsequent distribution to non-preferential unsecured creditors.
- 84 Attached at Appendix 5 is Form 2 34B - Notice of move from administration to creditors' voluntary liquidation that will be filed at the Registrar of Companies in order to complete the move into liquidation

#### 9. OTHER MATTERS

91 If you require further information or assistance, please do not hesitate to contact my colleague, Emma Seaman,

Stephen Clancy

Joint Administrator



# APPENDIX 1

# STATUTORY INFORMATION



## STATUTORY INFORMATION

Date of incorporation

11 July 1994

Registered number

2947379

Company directors

Edmund Anthony Prendergast

Marco Philip Cairns Simon Christopher Harris

**Company decretary** 

Edmund Anthony Prendergast

Shareholders

Thomas Wern Heldecker Edmund Prendergast

Marco Cairns

70 Ordinary A Shares 15 Ordinary B Shares 15 Ordinary B Shares

Trading address

St George's House

140 Shoreditch High Street

London E1 6JE

**Registered Office** 

Current.

Formerly.

11 St James Square

Manchester

M2 6DN

St George's House

140 Shoreditch High Street

London E1 6JE

**Any Other Trading Names** 

n/a



# APPENDIX 2 RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT



# DOSGL (2008) Realisations Limited (Formerly Duffer of St George Ltd) (In Administration)

# Joint Administrators' Abstract Of Receipts And Payments To 04 May 2010

| RECEIPTS                                | Total (£)       |
|---|-----------------|
| Overpayment                             | 5,875 00        |
| Intellectual Property                   | 1,253,088 16    |
| Book Debts                              | 128,081 42      |
| Gross bank interest - fixed account     | 4 71            |
| Stock                                   | 38,000 00       |
| Directors' Compromise Agreements        | 15,000 00       |
| Tax Refund                              | 684 37          |
| Cash at Bank                            | 12,716 80       |
| Sundry                                  | 15 00           |
| Bank Interest Gross                     | 1,187 10        |
| Royalties                               | 495,000.00      |
| VAT payable                             | 300,190 44      |
|   | 2,249,843.00    |
| PAYMENTS                                |                 |
| Legal Settlement                        | 4 34            |
| Legal fess - fixed (1)                  | 20,000 00       |
| Agents/Valuers fees - fixed             | 3,862 49        |
| Fixed bank charges                      | 29 71           |
| Directors compromise payments           | 15,000 00       |
| Refund of Overpayment                   | 5,287 50        |
| Dr Heidecker                            | 939,370 00      |
| TCL Brand Investments Ltd               | 313,718 21      |
| Lloyds TSB Commercial Finance           | 90,918.92       |
| Joint administrators' remuneration      | 98,556 00       |
| Joint administrators' disbursements     | 674 00          |
| Legal fees (1) - floating               | 30,000 20       |
| Storage Costs                           | 915.15          |
| Re-Direction of Mail                    | 49 80           |
| Statutory Advertising                   | 184 50          |
| Wages & Salaries                        | 1,552 00        |
| Bank Charges                            | 23 00<br>700 00 |
| Wilson Wright & Co                      | 9,459 81        |
| Employee Arrears/Hol Pay VAT Receivable | 24,409 10       |
| Fixed charge VAT receivable             | 579 37          |
| General VAT control account             | 215,023 28      |
|   | 1,770,317 38    |
| Bałances in Hand                        | 479,525 62      |
|   | 2,249,843 00    |
|   |                 |

# APPENDIX 3 SCHEDULE OF JOINT ADMINISTRATORS' TIME COSTS



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Analysis of Administrators' time costs for the period 17/11/2008 to 04/05/2010

| Classification of Work                                 | Hours     |           |          |           | Total   | Time   | Av hourly  |         |
|--|-----------|-----------|----------|-----------|---------|--------|------------|---------|
| Function   | Partner   | Manager   | Sentor   | Assistant | Support | Hours  | Cost       | Rate    |
|  |           |           |          |           |         |        | £          | £       |
| Administration and Planning                            | !         |           |          |           |         |        |            |         |
| Cashiering & accounting                                | 0 90      | 2 20      | 6 70     | 77 20     | }       | 21 00  | 4,225 00   | 201 19  |
| financiai review                                       | 9 00      | 0 20      |          |           |         | 9 20   | 3,411 00   | 370 76  |
| General admin  | 9 50      | I 40      | 0 90     | 75 20     |         | 87 00  | 14,901 50  | 171 28  |
| General correspondence                                 | 14 70     | 3 60      | }        | 13 70     |         | 32 00  | 8,857 00   | 276 78  |
| IPS set up & maintenance                               |           | 0 20      | 1        | 2 20      |         | 2 40   | 396 00     | 165 00  |
| Maetings   | 4 60      | 4 00      |          | i         |         | 8 60   | 2,735 00   | 318 02  |
| Proposals  | 11 10     | 25 00     | 2 90     | 11 10     |         | 50 10  | 13 569 00  | 270 84  |
| Statement of alfairs                                   |           | ļ         | 1        | 1.30      |         | 1 30   | 201 50     | 155 00  |
| Statutory matters (Meetings, Reports and Notices)      | 1 40      | 2.90      | 1 00     | 27 30     |         | 32 60  | 5,751 50   | 176 43  |
| Strategy planning & control                            | 75 40     | 40 80     | 3 00     | 9 50      |         | 128 70 | 42,439 50  | .ì29 76 |
| Investigations   | 1         |           | !        | ļ         |         | (      |            |         |
| CDDA, reports & Communication                          | 2 .30     | 0 50      | 6 00     | 0 60      |         | 9 40   | 2,221 50   | 236 33  |
| Financial review and investigations<br>(\$238/239 etc) |           |           | }        | 1 40      |         | 1 40   | 189 00     | 135 00  |
| Realisation of Assets                                  | 1         |           |          |           |         |        |            | '       |
| Book debts   | 3 30      | 8 20      | 1        | ļ         |         | 11 50  | 3,559 50   | 309.52  |
| Fixed charge assets                                    | 8 90      |           | 1        | 1         |         | 8 90   | 3,442 50   | 386 80  |
| Floating charge assets                                 | 62 50     | 12 10     | - 1      | J         |         | 74 60  | 27,884 50  | 373 79  |
| Sale of business                                       | 4 50      | 8 00      | 1        | }         |         | 12 50  | 3,792 50   | 303 40  |
| Creditors  |           | ĺ         |          | }         |         |        |            |         |
| Employee matters                                       | ł         | 1 30      | }        | 38 00     |         | 39 30  | 5,921 50   | 150 67  |
| Preferential creditors                                 | 0 50      | 2 50      | ľ        | !         |         | 3 00   | 872 50     | 290 83  |
| Prescribed Part  | 1 60      | ſ         |          | ĺ         |         | 1 60   | 696 00     | 435 00  |
| Secured Creditors                                      | 2 90      | 1         | }        | 0 50      |         | 3 40   | 1,183 00   | 347 94  |
| Insecured creditors                                    | 1 10      | 2 20      |          | 5 80      | ļ       | 9 10   | 1,805 50   | 198 41  |
| Total Hours  | 214 20    | 115 10    | 20 50    | 197 80    | 0 00    | 547 60 |            | 270 37  |
| fotal Fees Claimed (£)                                 | 83,824 00 | 32,011 00 | 4,018 00 | 28,202 00 | 0 00    |        | 148,055 00 |         |

# Category 2 Disbursements

There are no category 2 disbursements for this case to date

# **APPENDIX 4**

Joint administrators' proposals



## JOINT ADMINISTRATORS' PROPOSALS

As per the joint administrators' report dated 9 January 2009 the joint administrators' proposals are summarised below. In accordance with Rule 2 33(5) of the Insolvency Rules 1986 these proposals were deemed approved by creditors.

- That the Joint Administrators continue the Administration to deal with such outstanding matters in relation to the Company as the Joint Administrators consider necessary until such time as the Administration ceases to have effect.
- o That the Joint Administrators do all such other things and generally exercise all of their powers as contained in Schedule 1 of the Insolvency Act 1986, as they, in their sole and absolute discretion consider desirable or expedient in order to achieve the purpose of the Administration
- That the Joint Administrators seek an extension to the Administration period if deemed necessary.
- o That once all outstanding matters have been satisfactorily completed by the Joint Administrators, they will take the necessary steps to give notice under paragraph 84 of Schedule B1 of the Insolvency Act 1986 to the Registrar of Companies to the effect that the Company has no property which might permit a distribution to its creditors, at which stage the Administration will cease
- o That in the event that the Joint Administrators form the view that a distribution can be made to unsecured creditors to take the necessary steps to put the Company into creditors' voluntary liquidation. It is proposed that the Joint Administrators, currently Stephen Gerard Clancy and David John Whitehouse of MCR would act as Joint Liquidators should the Company be placed into creditors' voluntary liquidation. In accordance with Paragraph 83(7) of Schedule B1 to the Insolvency Act 1986 and Rule 2.117(3) of the Insolvency Rules 1986 (as amended) the creditors may nominate a different person as the proposed liquidator, provided such nomination is made before these proposals are approved.
- That the Joint Administrators be discharged from all liability pursuant to paragraph 98 of Schedule B1 to the Insolvency Act 1986, upon filing the end of the Administration.
- That the Joint Administrators' remuneration be fixed by reference to the time properly spent by them and their staff in attending to matters arising in the administration.
- o In addition that MCR be authorised to draw fees of £3,556 plus VAT in respect of time costs incurred in assisting in placing the company into administration in accordance with Rule 2 67(1)(c)
- That the Joint Administrators be authorised to draw their firm's internal costs and expenses in dealing with the administration ("Category 2 Disbursements"), if any
- o That the Joint Administrators be authorised to instruct and pay MCR Receivables Management Limited to assist with the collection of book debts, where considered appropriate

The administrators sought consent of the preferential creditors to the specific resolutions below, which were subsequently consented to.

- That the Joint Administrators be discharged from all liability pursuant to paragraph 98 of Schedule B1 to the Insolvency Act 1986, upon filing the end of the Administration.
- That the Joint Administrators' remuneration be fixed by reference to the time properly spent by them and their staff in attending to matters arising in the administration
- That MCR be authorised to draw fees of £3,556 plus VAT in respect of time costs incurred in assisting in placing the Company into administration in accordance with Rule 2 67(1)(c).
- o That the Joint Administrators be authorised to draw their firm's internal costs and expenses in dealing with the Administration ("Category 2 Disbursements"), if any.
- That the Joint Administrators be authorised to instruct and pay Menzies LLP to assist with corporation tax work, employee claims and any other matters the Joint Administrators deem necessary
- o That the Joint Administrators be authorised to instruct and pay MCR Receivables Management Limited to assist with the collection of book debts, where considered appropriate

# APPENDIX 5

Form 2.34B - Notice of move to CVL

