

The Insolvency Act 1986

Administrator's progress report**2.24B**

Name of Company Hartford Operations Limited	Company number 03444128
In the High Court of Justice [full name of court]	Court case number 6569 of 2008

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

I/We (a) Shay Bannon and David Harry Gilbert of BDO Stoy Hayward LLP 55 Baker Street, London, W1U 7EU

administrator(s) of the above company attach a progress report for the period

(b) Insert date

From

(b)
6 February 2009

to

(b)
5 August 2009

Signed

Joint/administrator(s)

Dated

20 AUG 2009

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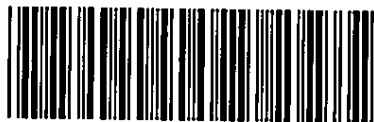
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RECEIPTS		£
Brought forward from previous Abstract (if any)		6,827.12
Bank Interest Gross		0.47
Carried forward to * continuation sheet / next abstract		6,827.59
PAYMENTS		£
Brought forward from previous Abstract (if any)		0.00
Carried forward to * continuation sheet / next abstract		0.00

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Note - The receipts and payments must severally be added up at the foot of each sheet and the totals carried forward from one abstract to another without any intermediate balance so that the gross totals shall represent the total amounts received and paid by the supervisor since he was appointed.



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11 August 2009

Our Ref 7/JH/A6

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TO ALL CREDITORS

Dear Sirs

The Food and Drink Group PLC, J Bar Realisations Limited, Hartford Operations Limited, Group Realisations Limited (formerly Henry J. Bean's Group Limited), Burlington Restaurant Limited and Montana PLC ("the Group")
- All in Administration

It is now twelve months since my appointment in respect of the Group. In accordance with Rule 2.47 of the Insolvency Rules 1986 I am now reporting the progress made in implementing the approved proposals and achieving the statutory purpose of the Administrations.

1 Statutory Information.

The Joint Administrators are Shay Bannon and David Harry Gilbert of BDO Stoy Hayward LLP, 55 Baker Street, London, W1U 7EU and they were appointed in respect of the above Group on 6 August 2008. Under the provisions of paragraph 100(2) of schedule B1 of the Insolvency Act 1986 the Administrators carry out their functions jointly and severally and neither Administrator has exclusive power to exercise any function.

The Administrators were appointed by the directors of the Group, pursuant to Paragraph 22 of schedule B1 of the Insolvency Act 1986. The Administration proceedings are dealt with in the High Court of Justice and the court case numbers are 6562, 6561, 6765, 6566, 6571 and 6569 of 2008.

The registered office of the Group is 55 Baker Street, London, W1U 7EU. The Group's registered numbers are 03447841, 03315651, 03654595, 03364670, 03372023 and 03444128.

I enclose, for your information, a combined summary of my receipts and payments to date showing balances in hand of £181,678.47 together with a copy of my abstract account covering the last six month period, and report as follows:

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2 Receipts

The receipts shown are largely self-explanatory, although I would comment specifically on the £6,922,163 received in respect of leasehold properties across the Group, £835,000 in relation to Goodwill, £1,050,000 regarding Intellectual Property and £150,244 in interest on the deferred consideration element of the sale. These sums represent the total realisations from the sale of the majority of the Group to Kornicis Limited ("Kornicis").

3 Payments

The payment of £200,000 for legal fees relate to the sale to Kornicis. Legal fees of £1,000 have been paid to date in respect of a further property sale. Agents' fees costing a total of £49,071 have been incurred in respect of valuations for the Kornicis sale and further marketing of the remaining properties in the Group. These costs have been approved by the secured creditor.

4 Progress of the Administration

- 4.1 As mentioned in my previous report, the most advantageous offer was received from Kornicis at £8.635m for the majority of the business and assets. All 18 sites included in the sale have now been assigned to Kornicis.

The following table summarises the progress that has been made in respect of the properties that were not part of the sale to Kornicis:

Company	Premises Address	Status
Jamies	74 Charlotte Street, London, W1P 1LR	Surrendered to Landlord 12 Jan 2009
Polka	58-59 Poland Street, London, W1F	Surrendered to Landlord 12 Jan 2009
Henry J Beans	93-95 Whiteladies Road, Bristol,	Surrendered to Landlord 27 Nov 2008
The Puzzle	39-41 Grays Inn Road, London, WC1X	Surrendered to Landlord 14 May 2009
The Puzzle	94-98 Middlesex Street, London, E1	Surrendered to Landlord 7 Apr 2009
The Stonehorse	128 - 148 Bishopsgate, London, EC2M	Sold - £15,000 plus £5000 for furniture and equipment
Bar Bourse	67 Queen Street, London, EC4R 1EE	Negotiating surrender with Landlord
Apostle	34-36 Ludgate Hill, London EC4M	Negotiating surrender with Landlord
The Puzzle	51 Horseferry Road, London, SW1P	Negotiating surrender with Landlord

The Puzzle	21 Pepper Street, London, E14 9RP	Sold - £40,000 (held by solicitors)
Hodgsons	115 / 115a Chancery Lane, London	Surrendered to Landlord 17 July 2009
One One Five	115 / 115a Chancery Lane, London,	Surrendered to Landlord 17 July 2009
The Breakfast Club	Unit 10, Phase II, Five Ways Site, Broad Street,	Negotiating surrender with Landlord

The appointed agents, Shelley Sandzer and Christie & Co, have actively marketed these leases. Due to significant rent arrears and a difficult market environment, only two lease assignments have completed to date. It is expected that the remaining leases will be surrendered.

5 Future of the Administration

In accordance with their proposals, the Joint Administrators will continue to assign or surrender the remaining leases within the 6 month extension period.

The Joint Administrators anticipate that once all possible asset realisations have been made and the properties have been disposed of, the Administrations will be exited by way of dissolution.

6 Prospects for Creditors

Under Section 176A of the Insolvency Act 1986, where after 15 September 2003 a company has granted to a creditor a floating charge, a proportion of the net property of the company must be made available purely for the unsecured creditors. As the secured creditor's floating charge predates 15 September 2003, there will be no prescribed part in these Administrations.

At the date of my appointment, the Group's first secured creditor, Barclays Bank PLC ("the Bank"), was owed approximately £8.6m under its fixed and floating charge. The Joint Administrators anticipate that there will be insufficient funds for the secured creditor to be paid fully. As a consequence, there will not be a distribution to any other class of creditor.

7 Extension of Administrations of the Group

The Administrations were due to end on 6 August 2009. These have now been extended for a further 6 months with the consent of the secured creditor.

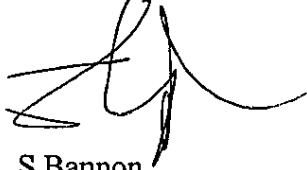
8 Administrators' Remuneration

The secured creditor has approved the remuneration of the Joint Administrators on a time costs basis, capped at £130,000. The remuneration shall be drawn in

accordance with this resolution in due course. I attach a schedule which summarises the time costs accrued to date of £334,923 representing 1,288.05 hours at an average hourly rate of £260. This indicates the work undertaken during the Administration.

I trust that this report meets your needs. Should you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact Jack Harrington of this office.

Yours faithfully
For and on behalf of
The Group



S Bannon
Joint Administrator
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Name of Assignment

The Food and Drink Group PLC, Burlington Restaurants Limited, Montana PLC, Group Realisations Limited (formerly Henry J. Bean's Group Limited), Hartford Operations Limited, J Bar Limited (formerly known as Jamies Bars Realisations Limited)

Summary of Time Charged and Rates Applicable for the Period 6 August 2008 to 6 August 2009

Description	PARTNER		MANAGER		ASSISTANT MANAGER		SENIOR ADMINISTRATOR		ADMINISTRATOR		OTHER STAFF		GRAND TOTAL		AV RT
	Hours	Total £	Hours	Total £	Hours	Total £	Hours	Total £	Hours	Total £	Hours	Total £	Hours	Total £	
Pre Appointment Matters	8.00	4,960.00											8.00	4,960.00	620.00
Steps on Appointment	10.00	6,375.00					2.50	600.00	8.60	1,143.80			21.10	8,018.80	380.04
Planning and Strategy	2.00	1,240.00					5.00	1,200.00					7.00	2,440.00	348.57
General Administration	36.75	23,883.75	266.50	107,556.50	7.50	2,370.00	96.00	22,838.75	334.40	57,880.25	46.70	7,419.55	787.85	221,948.80	281.71
Assets Realisation/Dealing	1.00	659.00	51.50	21,262.50			119.75	28,428.75	80.25	12,613.55			253.50	62,963.80	248.38
Trading Related Matters									16	2118			16	2,118.00	132.38
Employee Matters							0.5	117.5	9	1701			9.5	1,818.50	191.42
Creditor Claims							11.75	2820	47.55	7564.4			59.3	10,384.40	175.12
Reporting							19	4527.5	105.3	15433.7			124.3	19,961.20	160.59
Distribution and Closure							1.00	240.00	0.50	69.50			1.50	309.50	206.33
	57.75	37,017.75	319.00	128,819.00	7.50	2,370.00	255.50	60,772.50	601.60	98,524.20	46.70	7,419.55	1,288.05	334,933.00	

Net Total

Secretarial Expense

Other Disbursements

Grand Total

2,547.00	334,933.00
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-	7,441.92
	342,364.92

The Food and Drink Group PLC
- In Administration

**Joint Administrators' Abstract Of Receipts And Payments for the period 6 August 2008
to 6 August 2009**

RECEIPTS	Fixed	Floating	Total
	£	£	£
Goodwill subject to Kornicus Deal	835,000.00	-	835,000.00
Intellectual Property subject to Kornicus Deal	1,050,000.00	-	1,050,000.00
Leasehold Property subject to Kornicus Deal	6,922,163.07	-	6,922,163.07
Other Leasehold Property	15,000.00	-	15,000.00
Interest on Deferred Consideration	150,224.13	-	150,224.13
Service Charges	-	4,769.66	4,769.66
Funds Collected for Kornicis	-	25,561.93	25,561.93
Furniture & Equipment	-	5,000.00	5,000.00
Fixtures & Fittings	-	13,230.00	13,230.00
Stock	-	2,000.00	2,000.00
Book Debts	-	3,610.99	3,610.99
Cash at Bank	-	74,161.73	74,161.73
Bank Interest	-	417.73	417.73
Rates Refund	-	55.00	55.00
	<u>8,972,387.20</u>	<u>128,807.04</u>	<u>9,101,194.24</u>

PAYMENTS			
Legal Fees - DLA Piper	171,000.00	29,000.00	200,000.00
Agents/Valuers Fees	33,841.09	-	33,841.09
Licence Costs	2,011.00	-	2,011.00
Agents/Valuers Fees - King Sturge	-	15,230.00	15,230.00
Legal Fees - Antic	-	1,000.00	1,000.00
ROT Claim	-	2,000.00	2,000.00
Storage Costs	-	4,213.66	4,213.66
Insurance of Assets	-	2,425.19	2,425.19
Bank Charges	-	40.22	40.22
Barclays Bank PLC	8,626,137.20	-	8,626,137.20
Vat Output	310.98	39,281.11	39,592.09
	<u>8,833,300.27</u>	<u>93,190.18</u>	<u>8,926,490.45</u>
Balances in Hand	139,086.93	35,616.86	174,703.79
	<u>8,972,387.20</u>	<u>128,807.04</u>	<u>9,101,194.24</u>

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J Bar Realisations Limited
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**Joint Administrators' Abstract Of Receipts And Payments for the period 6 August 2008
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RECEIPTS	Total
	£
Rent received from Kornicus	704,381.19
Bank Interest Gross	343.82
VAT output	<u>62,628.04</u>
	<u><u>767,353.05</u></u>
 PAYMENTS	
Rent payable re: Kornicis occupation	617,715.00
Rent payable re: Kings Road	86,250.00
Bank charges	612.45
VAT input	<u>62,628.04</u>
	<u>767,205.49</u>
 Balances in Hand	 <u>147.56</u>
	<u><u>767,353.05</u></u>

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Hartford Operations Limited
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RECEIPTS	Total
	£
Sundry refunds	6,827.12
 PAYMENTS	
Balances in Hand	<u><u>6,827.12</u></u>

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