The Insolvency Act 1986

# Statement of administrators' proposals

Name of Company Company number 03493688 Santa Fe Limited In the Court case number High Court of Justice, Chancery Division Companies Court 2468 of 2008

We (a) Alastair Paul Beveridge, Simon Jonathan Appell and James John Gleave

Of Kroll Limited 10 Fleet Place London EC4M 7RB

attach a copy of our proposals in respect of the administration of the above company

A copy of these proposals was sent to all known creditors on

(b) 21 May 2008 Signed Joint Administrator Dated

Contact Details:

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Direct Line 0113 386 0850

Dear Sirs

### Santa Fe Limited - In Administration (the Company)

l wrote to all creditors on 2 April 2008 to explain that Simon J Appell, James J Gleave and I were appointed as Joint Administrators of the Company on 27 March 2008

I now enclose the Joint Administrators' Report and Statement of Proposals, which includes information on the background to the Administration and actions taken since our appointment

The purpose of an Administration is 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

The second objective is being pursued in this case, for the reasons set out in the attached report

Under Paragraph 51 of Schedule B1 of the Insolvency Act 1986 the Joint Administrators are required to call an initial meeting of creditors in order to present their proposals to creditors. However, in order to save costs, I am proposing to deal with this by correspondence under the provisions of Rule 2 48 of the Insolvency Rules 1986

Enclosed with this letter and proposals is Form 2 25B, which I would ask you to complete and return to my office no later than 12 00 hours on 4 June 2008 with a completed statement of claim form (also enclosed) or your vote will be disregarded as will any forms returned after the closing date



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Creditors whose debts amount to at least 10% of the total debts of the Company, may request a meeting Under the provisions of Rule 2 48, any requests for an initial creditors meeting must be made in writing to my office by 2 June 2008 and must include details of the purpose of the proposed meeting

If you have any queries in relation to the content of this letter or what is being proposed, please contact Jessica Geddes of this office on 0113 386 0850

Yours faithfully For and on behalf of Santa Fe Group Limited

Alastair Beveridge Joint Administrator

# Notice of conduct of business by correspondence

Nam	ne of Company	Company number
Sant	ta Fe Limited	03493688
	e High Court of Justice, Chancery Division apanies Court	Court case number 2468 of 2008
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hours	orm must be received at Kroll, Wellington Plaza, 31 on 4 June 2008 in order to be counted. It must be a to do so will lead to your vote(s) being disregarded	1 Wellington Street, Leeds, LS1 4DL by 12 00 accompanied by details in writing of your claim
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	Joint Administrator	
Dated	21 May 2008	

# Santa Fe Limited – In Administration CREDITOR'S STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Name and address of creditor	
Amount claimed in the Administration	
(Including VAT)	£
Signature of creditor	
Name of creditor	
Telephone	
Fax	
E-mail	
Date	
Please provide appropriate documentation If you are registered for VAT the amount of relief has been claimed under the Value A	claimed should include VAT even if VAT bad debt
Please return this form when you have co Wellington Plaza, 31 Wellington Street, Le	mpleted it to Jessica Geddes at Kroll Limited, eeds, LS1 4DL
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	be gross, including any VAT element if/when

Claims lodged in the Administration should be gross, including any VAT element—lif/when dividends are paid, creditors who have claimed VAT bad debt relief must apportion the dividend between VAT and the net element of their claim and account to HM Revenue & Customs for the VAT element through their VAT return

Insolvency Practitioners have no role in administering VAT bad debt relief under the Value Added Tax Act 1994 Creditors who are uncertain how to claim should contact their VAT office or take professional advice

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# Joint Administrators' Report and Statement of Proposals

Santa Fe Limited - In Administration

21 May 2008



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### 1 Statutory Information

- 1 1 The registered number of Santa Fe Limited (the Company) is 03493688
- The Company is part of the Laurel Group of Companies (the **Group**) The Group is a large managed-house operator which comprised approximately 378 licensed trading sites under multiple brands, including 'Slug & Lettuce', 'Ha! Ha!', 'Yates', 'Santa Fe' and 'Litten Tree'
- 1 3 The Company is one of 15 Companies (the **Companies**) within the Group which were placed into Administration on 27 March 2008
- The registered office of the Company has been changed from Porter Tun House, 500
  Capability Green, Luton, Bedfordshire, LU1 3LS to c/o Kroll, 10 Fleet Place, London, EC4M
  7RB
- 1 5 Details of the Company's directors and secretary are as follows

	Date appointed	Date resigned	Shares held
Directors	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
Suzanne Baker	6 September 2006	N/A	Nil
Aaron Brown	20 May 2005	N/A	Nil
Mark Grunnell	22 November 2007	N/A	Nil
Christian Keen	29 November 2006	N/A	Nit
lan Payne	26 January 2006	N/A	Nil
Timothy Smalley	20 May 2005	N/A	Nil
Paul Symonds	6 September 2006	N/A	Nil
Secretary			
Eversecretary Limited	12 September 2005	N/A	Nil

### 2 Background to the Administrations

- In order to understand the financial position of the Company, we have set out below a brief summary of Laurel Pub Bidco Limited's financial position and how this in turn impacts the Company
- The Group structure comprises companies which are involved in the business of operating pubs bars and/or restaurants (**Opco**) and companies whose business involved owning and leasing property (**Propco**) Yates Propco Limited, Pumpster Property Limited, S&L Propco Limited and Pumpster Property Acquisitions Limited (together the **Pumpster Landlords**) are

the landlords of 104 of Opco's trading sites (the **Pumpster Sites**) The remaining sites (the **Opco Sites**) have third party landlords. Opco and Propco are under common ownership but with separate finance and security structures, with Propco's funding provided by a syndicate of banks in respect of which Royal Bank of Scotland plc is the arranger and facility agent (together the **Propco Banks**) The Opco business is financed by Dresdner Bank AG and Kaupthing Bank HF (the **Opco Banks**) as described in paragraph 2.4 below

- The high street licensed trade has been adversely impaired by a number of factors including, an over saturated market, the smoking ban, availability of discounted alcohol from supermarkets, rising costs and the economic downturn, all of which, greatly impacted trading and reduced the liquidity of the Companies
- Term loans of approximately £165 5m together with revolving credit facilities of £20m were due for repayment on 31 March 2008 (the **Opco Facilities**) Laurel Pub Bidco Limited is the Borrower under the Opco Facilities Guarantees were given by Laurel Pub Bidco Limited, Laurel Pub PIKCO Limited, Sapphire Property Portfolios Limited, the Laurel Pub Company Limited, Laurel High Street Estate Pubs Limited, Yates Bidco Limited, Laurel High Street Bars Limited, Yates Group Limited, Yates's Wine Lodges, Yates Brothers Limited and Hall Hall Bar and Canteen Limited (together the **Opco Bank Guarantee Companies**)
- 2.5 Laurel Pub Bidco Limited had insufficient funds to meet the repayment obligations under the Opco Facilities (which as noted above, were guaranteed by the Opco Bank Guarantee Companies) on 31 March 2008 (the Repayment Date) and was not in a position to raise new financing by the Repayment Date, and was therefore insolvent
- 2 6 Colliers CRE had marketed 90 Opco Sites for almost a year, but there was no meaningful expression of interest from potential purchasers (see paragraphs 3 22 below)
- In view of Laurel Pub Bidco Limited's pending financial obligations, Kroll was engaged on
   February 2008 to assist with contingency planning for the Opco business
- The administration procedure under the Insolvency Act 1986 as amended (the **Insolvency Act**) is a rescue orientated procedure designed to facilitate, where appropriate, the rescue of the insolvent company and/or a better result for creditors as a whole. During the administration process, no legal process may be instituted against the company in administration and/or its property without the consent of its' administrators or permission of the court. The intention is to give the company a "breathing space" so that it can attempt to stabilise the business whilst efforts are undertaken to assess viability and, where appropriate, restructure both its operations and financial obligations. With this in mind the directors of the Companies explored the possibility of pre-packaged administrations (in other

- words, a sale of the business and assets of the Companies immediately following the Administrators' appointment)
- The board of directors of each of the Companies met on 20 March 2008 to discuss the financial position of each of the Companies. It was agreed that the Company was, or was likely to become cash flow insolvent on 25 March 2008, when amongst other things
  - · the rent for the next quarter would fall due for payment,
  - · further payments would fall due to key suppliers
- Having regard to the above factors and following the advice of its lawyers, the Company was placed into administration on 27 March 2008 and Alastair Paul Beveridge, Simon Jonathan Appell, and James John Gleave, licensed insolvency practitioners, were appointed Joint Administrators of the Company by the Directors pursuant to paragraph 22(1) of Schedule B1 of the Insolvency Act (the **Administrators**)
- 2 11 Each of the Administrators are licensed by the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England & Wales
- 2 12 The appointment of the Administrators became effective on 27 March 2008 (the **Appointment Date**) when notice of the Administrators' appointment was filed at the High Court of Justice, Chancery Division, Companies Court (under case number 2468 of 2008)
- 2 13 The proceedings are "main proceedings" as defined by Article 3 of the EC Regulation on Insolvency Proceedings 2000 (the **Regulation**) The directors of the Company have confirmed that the Company's Centre of Main Interests as defined in the Regulation, is in the United Kingdom
- 2 14 The Administrators act jointly and severally, so that all functions may be exercised by any one of the Administrators
- 2 15 The Administrators must perform their functions with the objective of
  - (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
  - realising property in order to make a distribution to one or more secured or preferential creditors

The Administrators must perform their functions with the objective of rescuing the Company as a going concern unless they believe that it is not reasonably practicable to achieve that

objective or that the objective in 2 15(b) would achieve a better result for the Company's creditors as a whole. The Administrators may perform their functions with the objective specified in 2 15(c) if they believe that it is not reasonably practicable to achieve either of the other objectives and this does not unnecessarily harm the interests of the creditors of the Company as a whole

Further information on the pursuance of the above objectives is detailed in the next section

### 3 Administration Strategy and Objectives

- 3 1 Survival of the Companies through Company Voluntary Arrangements (CVA) or Schemes of Arrangement under Section 425 of the Companies Act 1985, was not a viable option since there was little or no funding available within the Group and there were no investors willing to inject sufficient new funds into the business on appropriate terms in the time available
- With the cooperation of the directors of the Companies, the Opco Banks and the Propco Banks, the Administrators agreed a sale of the business and assets of the Companies as going concerns to Laurel Restaurant Company Limited, The Barley Pub Company Limited, Hall Bar & Kitchen Limited and La Tasca Restaurants Limited, Hops Pub Company Limited, Slug and Lettuce Company Limited, Bay Restaurant Group Limited and Town and City Pub Company Limited (together **Newco**), which the Administrators believed (on the terms agreed) to be the best way of achieving a better result for the Company's creditors as a whole than would be likely if the sale was delayed and/or the Company were wound up
- Details of the sale are set out below, but in broad terms, it was agreed that there would be two Sale and Purchase Agreements entered into on the Appointment Date. Under one agreement (the SPA) the respective businesses of operating and managing pubs, bars and restaurants at the Opco Good Sites (the Opco Business) together with certain assets (detailed below) relating to the Opco Business, were sold to Newco. Under the terms of a conditional sale agreement (the CSA) the business relating to the Pumpster Sites (the Pumpster Business) together with certain assets relating to the Pumpster Business, were sold to Newco (other than Town and City Pub Company Limited) subject to certain conditions being met by 25 May 2008 (the Final Date)

### Valuation of the Businesses

A detailed valuation of the businesses was undertaken by Kroll Corporate Finance (KCF) In addition, Grant Thornton was engaged by the directors of the Companies to review the KCF valuation and provide an external validation

- The KCF valuation assigned a mid range value to the combination of the Opco and Pumpster Sites, a further value was assigned to a combination of the Opco and 71 of the best performing Pumpster Sites, these values were both below the offer received from Newco
- Having considered the potential buyer market and concluded that it was very unlikely that the businesses operated by the Companies (including the Company) could be sold as a whole, and having regard to the expense (including the likely adverse impact on the business of continuing to trade in administration) of a potentially lengthy and costly marketing campaign, the Administrators concluded that an immediate sale was the appropriate way forward
- The Administrators were also aware that the likelihood of administration of all or part of the Group was reported in the Times newspaper on 19 February and 18 March several weeks before the Appointment Date but despite various queries received by the directors from certain third parties, no offers to acquire all or part of the businesses on terms comparable to or better than those offered by Newco were received
- Newco's offer of £150,601,696 for the 186 of the Opco Sites (the **Opco Good Sites**) under the SPA (defined below) (and the sum £5,031,695 payable in respect of the Company's assets) was in excess of the KCF valuation. In light of the above, the Administrators were satisfied that the offer from Newco for the business and assets of the Companies (including the Company) was the best deal available and represented the best achievable outcome for creditors.
- The Administrators also agreed a financial support package with the Propco Banks and the Pumpster Landlords relating to the trading of the Pumpster Business up to the Final Date

### The Sale and Purchase Agreement

- The SPA completed on the Appointment Date. Under the Transfer of Undertakings (Protection of Employment) Regulations 2006, the jobs of all of the employees of the Opco Business were preserved and the employees' contracts transferred to Newco upon completion.
- 3 11 The Administrators are currently helping Newco to facilitate lease assignments for the 185 Opco Good Sites sold

### **SPA Consideration**

The consideration paid by Newco under the SPA was £150,601,696 Additional consideration up to £30,328,304 may be payable if the CSA does not become unconditional Any additional consideration received will be allocated pro rata between the Companies

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listed in the table below. As part of the consideration Newco agreed to assume certain liabilities of the Companies directly attributable to the Opco Business and the Pumpster Business in existence on the Appointment Date. The assets acquired include

- The Opco Good Sites (185 leasehold properties and 1 freehold property)
- Goodwill
- Intellectual property
- Inter-Company debtors
- Trade debtors (relating to supply rebates)
- Furniture and equipment
- Stock

### Allocation of Newco's purchase consideration to the Companies under the SPA

3 13 Detailed below is the split of the proceeds of £150,601,696 received by the Companies under the SPA

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	Total
	£ Į
The Laurel Pub Company Limited	101,888,270
Yates's Wine Lodges Limited	2,585,413 (
Yates Group Limited	34,445,068
Hal Hal Bar and Canteen Limited	6,651,250
Santa Fe Limited	5,031,695
	150,601,696

### Allocation of Newco's purchase consideration to the Company under the SPA

Detailed below is the split of the total consideration of £5,031,695 allocated to the Company under the SPA and the assets sold. The consideration under the SPA was satisfied (in part) by the reduction of the secured debt owed to the Opco Banks by Laurel Pub Bidco Limited and guaranteed by the Opco Bank Guarantee Companies. Since the Company is not an Opco Bank Guarantee Company, the Opco Banks agreed that the dividend arising out of the consideration allocated to the Company would be payable from the Costs Fund (see paragraph 8.2) unless paid by the settlement of intercompany claims. To facilitate such payment, Yates's Wine Lodges Limited incurred an intercompany debt to the Company in consideration for obtaining a reduction in its liability as a guarantor of the Opco Bank Facilities, such debt to be discharged in satisfaction of any dividend payable by the Company to Yates's Wine Lodges Limited and/or by the payment of cash to the Company from the Costs Fund.

In accordance with Statement of Insolvency Practice No 13 (SIP13), please also be advised the following directors of the Company are also each a director of Newco

Date of Transaction	Asset involved	Consideration Paid			Newco Director	Relationship to the Company
	Trade Debtors	£10,002	7	(	Suzanne Baker	Director
	Goodwill	£703,298	l	)	Christian Keen	Director
27 March 2008	Stock	£60,573	(	Timothy Payne	Director	
	Leasehold property (subject to pre-emption rights)	£4,257,822	J	Ĺ	Paul Symonds	Director
	TOTAL	£5,031,695	•			

Newco and the Administrators were independently advised by Denton Wilde Sapte LLP (DWS) and Sidley Austin LLP (Sidley) respectively, during the sales process

### The Conditional Sale Agreement

- The CSA was also executed on the Appointment Date but the sale remains subject to certain conditions being satisfied including obtaining the consent of the Pumpster Landlords and Propco Banks (both of which stipulated that they needed to undertake further due diligence before deciding whether to consent to the sale). Under the CSA the parties have until the Final Date to satisfy such conditions. The Company is not party to the CSA.
- Up to the Final Date the Pumpster Business is being traded in administration. All employees of the Pumpster Business have been retained pending completion/termination of the CSA. On the Appointment Date the Company entered into a Transitional Service Agreement (the TSA) between the Administrators, the Companies (though see paragraph 3.21 below) and Town and City Pub Company Limited and Bay Restaurant Group Limited (the Newco TSA Companies) pursuant to which the Newco TSA Companies are providing certain services to the Companies in respect of the Pumpster Business
- If the Pumpster Landlords give their consent to the sale and the other conditions to the CSA are satisfied by the Final Date, the Pumpster Sites will be transferred to Newco on the Final Date (or earlier if the conditions are satisfied before hand) under the CSA. If not, the Pumpster Sites will remain under the control of the Administrators and the Pumpster Business (or part of it, as the Administrators deem appropriate) may continue to be traded in the short term with the benefit of the services provided under the TSA.
- In the event the sale is not completed by the Final Date, the Administrators will assess the options and determine an appropriate strategy for the Pumpster Sites. An external marketing strategy for these Pumpster Sites may be required in such circumstances.
- Along with the other Companies, the Company is a party to the TSA. However, given that it is now clear that the Company has no interest in any of the Pumpster Sites managed.

pursuant to the TSA, the Administrators propose to enter into a supplemental agreement to the TSA, removing the Company as a party and releasing it from all liabilities under the TSA

### **CSA Consideration**

Detailed below is the split of the proposed proceeds to be received from Newco upon completion of the CSA, and the allocation of this to certain of the Companies as appropriate

	Total
	£
The Laurel Pub Company Limited	22,322,185
Yates's Wine Lodges Limited	770,410
Yates Group Limited	7,235,709
	30,328,304

### Pre-Administration closure of sites

- In addition to the Opco Good Sites and Pumpster Sites, Colliers CRE had previously marketed 90 Opco Sites (**Closed Sites**), many for almost a year prior to the Administrators' appointment. As there had been no meaningful expression of interest from potential purchasers during such period and the Closed Sites were trading at a loss, these 90 sites were closed prior to the Administrators' appointment.
- The Administrators are currently attempting to negotiate lease assignments / surrenders for premiums, where possible, for the Closed Sites. All stock and equipment was removed by the relevant companies which owned the stock and equipment prior to the Appointment Date and the consideration includes payment for these assets. In addition, the employees of the Closed Sites were made redundant and it is understood that these employees have received full contractual redundancy payments prior to the Administrators' appointment.

### 4 Administrators' Receipts and Payments

- 4 1 A summary of receipts and payments for the Administration period for the Company, from the Appointment Date to 30 April 2008 is attached as Appendix A
- As detailed at 3 14 a loan of £5,031,695 has been given to Yates's Wine Lodges Limited, such debt will be discharged in satisfaction of any dividend payable by the Company to Yates's Wine Lodges Limited and/or by the payment of cash to the Company from the Costs Fund

### 5 Financial Position

- Attached as Appendix B is a summary of the Directors' Estimated Statement of Affairs of the Company as at the Appointment Date
- We have the following observations to make in relation to the Statement of Affairs
  - (a) The estimated to realise values attributed to certain assets by the Directors, include the proposed proceeds which will be attributed to these assets under the CSA However, as this is a conditional agreement with Newco which has not yet completed these values may be subject to change
  - (b) The £45,742 cash at bank stated on the Statement of Affairs, is £10,173 18 less than that realised per the receipts and payments account. This is due to timing differences allowing for cash lodgements, cheques, and credit card receipts relating to pre Administration sales received since the Appointment Date.

### 6 Proposals

The Administrators propose the following

- The proposals listed below be approved by the creditors in a meeting conducted by correspondence in accordance with Rule 2 48 of the Insolvency Rules 1986 (the **Rules**) (see paragraph 11 2 below)
- The Administrators continue to manage the affairs of the Company to try to realise the intercompany receivables to achieve the objective of the administration
- The Administrators try to negotiate the removal of the Company as a party to the TSA on the basis that the Company is released from all liability under the TSA
- If, having realised the remaining assets of the Company, the Administrators believe that a distribution will be available to unsecured creditors, they will file a notice with the Registrar of Companies under Paragraph 83 of Schedule B1 of the Act. This will bring the appointment of the Administrators to an end and place the Company into a Creditors' Voluntary Liquidation (CVL), which will facilitate a distribution to unsecured creditors. In these circumstances, the Administrators will become the liquidators of the CVL. See Section 7 below on Exit Routes for further information on this process.
- 6 5 If the Administrators believe that the Company has no property which might permit a distribution to its unsecured creditors the Administrators will file a notice with the Court and

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the Registrar of Companies for the dissolution of the Company See Section 7 below on **Exit Routes** for further information on this process

- The Administrators shall do all such other things and generally exercise all of their powers as contained in Schedule 1 of the Act as they consider desirable or expedient to achieve the statutory purpose of the administration
- The remuneration of the Administrators shall be fixed by reference to time properly spent by them and their staff in managing the administration
- If the Administrator's remuneration is to be discharged from the funds provided by the Opco Banks (as described in paragraph 8.2) (the **Costs Fund**) such remuneration be fixed by approval of the Opco Banks and paid as and when costs are incurred. If necessary, the Administrators will make an application to court to have their remuneration fixed
- Should the Administrators seek to recover all or any part of their fees other than from the Costs Fund, the Administrators may seek approval of their fees by a resolution of a meeting of creditors to be conducted by correspondence. If approval is not obtained the Administrators may make an application to Court for approval of their fees (see paragraph 8.3 below)
- In respect of remuneration (if any) to be paid other than from the Costs Fund, the Administrators shall be authorised to draw remuneration when funds are available on account of their time costs
- The Administrators' will be discharged from liability under Paragraph 98 of Schedule B1 to the Act immediately upon their appointment as Administrators ceasing to have effect

### 7 Explanation of Exit Routes

### Creditors Voluntary Liquidation

- Based on present information, the Administrators believe that a dividend is likely to be paid to the Company's unsecured creditors. As noted above (at paragraph 6.2), if this is the case, it is proposed that the Administrators will file a notice with the Registrar of Companies bringing the administration to an end and commencing the winding up of the Company in accordance with paragraph 83 of Schedule B1 of the Insolvency Act. It is proposed that the Administrators will also become the liquidators of the CVL
- 7 2 Creditors have the right to nominate an alternative liquidator of their choice in accordance with paragraph 83(7) of Schedule B1 of the Insolvency Act and with Rule 2 117(3) of the

Insolvency Rules 1986 To do this, creditors must make their nomination in writing to the Administrators after receipt of these proposals and prior to the proposals being approved. Where this occurs, the Administrators will advise and provide creditors with the opportunity to vote on the appointment of a liquidator. In the absence of a nomination, the Administrators will automatically become the liquidators of the subsequent CVL.

### Dissolution of the Company

If the Administrators believe that the Company has no property which might permit a distribution to its creditors, they propose filing a notice together with their final progress report at Court and with the Registrar of Companies for the dissolution of the Company in accordance with paragraph 84 of Schedule B1 to the Act (the **Administration Notice**)

Copies of these documents will be sent to the Company and its creditors at the appropriate time. If, after receiving the Administration Notice you have any objection to the dissolution then you should apply to court in accordance with paragraph 84(7) of Schedule B1 to the Act. The appointment of the Administrators will end following the registration of the Administration Notice by the Registrar of Companies. Unless otherwise ordered by the Court, at the end of the period of three months beginning with the date of registration of the Administration Notice, the Company will be deemed to be dissolved.

### 8 Administrators' Remuneration

- The Administrators' time costs at 30 April 2008 are £6,177 50. This represents 25 2 hours at an average rate of £245 per hour. A copy of "A Creditors' Guide to Administrators' fees can be downloaded from the Insolvency Practitioners Association Website (www insolvency-practitioners org uk select "Technical" "Creditors Guides to Fees" and then the Administration Guide). If you would prefer this to be sent to you in hard copy please contact us and we will forward a copy to you. Also attached at Appendix C is a Time Analysis which provides details of the activity costs broken down by reference to by staff grade to the above date. We propose drawing fees in accordance with the proposals outlined above.
- The Opco Banks agreed that the Administrators could use certain cash remaining in the Companies at the Appointment Date and payable to the Opco Banks, for the purpose of funding administration costs (i.e. the Costs Fund). If the Administrators' remuneration is to be discharged from the Costs Fund the Administrators will seek approval, as appropriate, from the Opco Banks for their fees charged on a time cost basis as set out above.
- If the Administrators realise any of the Company's assets they may seek to recover all or part of their fees from such realisations in which case they will seek approval of their fees by a resolution of creditors of the Company in accordance with Rule 2 106 (5). This will be

conducted by correspondence under the provisions of Rule 2 48. If approval is not obtained the Administrators may make an application to Court for approval of their fees under Rule 2 106(6).

Attached as Appendix D is additional information in relation to our policy on staffing, the use of sub-contractors, disbursements and details of our current charge-out rates by staff grade

### 8.5 Administration and Planning

The work involved within this area consists of dealing with the statutory duties and requirements of the administration and reporting to creditors. In addition, time spent formulating the strategy for the progression of the administration (including internal meetings) is recorded here, as are travel and administration time.

Investigations

This section relates to time spent investigating the conduct of the directors of the Company

Realisation of Assets

This refers to time spent negotiating and dealing with the realisation of the assets of the Company

Creditors

This reflects the time incurred dealing with the creditors of the Company, including written correspondence and telephone calls

### 9 Estimated Outcome

- 9 1 Based on the Statement of Affairs attached to this report the estimated value of the preferential creditors is £nil and the unsecured creditors is £16,756,426
- Based on present information, the Administrators are not aware of any preferential creditors.

  Whilst no preferential claims have been received to date, if any claims are received these will be paid ahead of any distributions made to the unsecured creditors and floating charge holders which are detailed below.
- 9 3 It is anticipated that there will be sufficient asset realisations to enable a distribution to be made to unsecured creditors. Although it is unknown at this stage the likely timescale and level of any potential distribution.

### 10 Next Report

10.1 If the Company is not dissolved and the administration continues, the Administrators are required to provide a progress report within one month of the end of the first six months of the administration

### 11 Meeting of Creditors

- As a potential distribution to the unsecured creditors of the Company is anticipated, an initial meeting of the Company's creditors is being convened to approve the Administrators' proposals
- The Administrators propose to deal with this meeting by correspondence rather than by calling a meeting of creditors in order to save costs, under the provisions of Rule 2 48 of the Insolvency Rules 1986. Further details on this procedure are contained in the letter which accompanies this report.

For and on behalf of Santa Fe Limited

Alastair Beveridge Joint Administrator

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# Receipts and Payments Account for the Period from 27 March 2008 to 30 April 2008

Appendix A

Fixed Charge	Floating Charge	Total
£	£	£
	703,298 00	703,298 00
	4,257,822 00	4,257,822 00
	60,573 00	60,573 00
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Summary of the Directors' Statement of Affairs of the Company as at 27 March 2008

Appendix B

# **Statement of affairs**

	Name of Company Santa Fe Ltd	Company number 3493688
	In the High Court of Justice Chancery Division Companies Court	Court case number 2468 of 2008
(a) Insert name and address of registered office of the company	Statement as to the affairs of (a) Santa Fe Ltd, Porter Tun House, LU1 3LS	500 Capability Green, Luton, BEDS
(b) Insert date	on the (b) 27 <sup>th</sup> March 2008 , the dadministration	late that the company entered
	Statement of Truth  I believe that the facts stated in this statement of affairs are a full, affairs of the above named company as at (b) _27 <sup>th</sup> March 2008_company entered administration.  Full nameChristian Keen	true and complete statement of the the date that the

# A - Summary of Assets

Assets		
	Book	Estimated to
	Value	Realise £
Assets subject to fixed charge	£	- t
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Balance		
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Uncharged assets	ļ	[ [
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		703,298
Goodwill Preemption rights	ļ	4,257,822
Freempoor rights		4,257,022
Intercompany debtors	14,313,612	
Debtors	365,532	10,000
Stock	44,708 1,807,768	60,573
Furniture & Equipment Cash	45,742	45,742
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Estimated total assets available for preferential creditors	]	5 077,435
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# A1 – Summary of Liabilities

		Estimated to realise £
Estimated total assets available for preferential creditors (carried from page A)		5 077,435
Liabilities Preferential creditors -		5,077,435
Estimated deficiency/surplus as regards preferential creditors		3,077,433
Estimated prescribed part of net property where applicable (to carry forward)	•	
Estimated total assets available for floating charge holders		5,077,435
Debts secured by floating charges	-	-
Estimated deficiency/surplus of assets after floating charges		5,077,43
Estimated prescribed part of net property where applicable (brought down)		<u> </u>
Total assets available to unsecured creditors		5,077,43
Unsecured non-preferential claims (excluding any shortfall to floating charge holders)	16,756,42	6 - 16,756,42
Estimated deficiency/surplus as regards non-preferential creditors (excluding any shortfall to floating charge holders)	1	- 11,678,99
Shortfall to floating charge holders (brought down)		<u> </u>
Estimated deficiency/surplus as regards creditors	,	- 11,678,99
Issued and called up capital	3,000,000	3,000,00
Estimated total deficiency/surplus as regards members		- 14,678,99
Signature Date		

# COMPANY CREDITORS

Note: You must include all creditors and identify all creditors under hire-purchase, chattel leasing or conditional sale agreements and customers claiming amounts paid in advance of the supply of goods or services and creditors claiming retention of title over property in the company's possession.

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Value of security £	c							
Date security given								
Details of any security held by creditor								
Amount of debt	+				-			
Address (with postcode)	As Attached						•	
Name of creditor or Claimant								

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# COMPANY SHAREHOLDERS

Details of Shares held	Ordinary Shares of £2 each			,	
Nommal Value	£3000000				1500000 £3000000
No. of shares held	1500000				1500000
Address (with postcode)	Porter Tun House, 500, Capability 1500000 £30000000 Green, Luton. Beds LU1 3LS				TOTALS
Name of Shareholder	Santa Fe Group Ltd				

Signature\_

### Time Analysis for the Period from 27 March 2008 to 30 April 2008

Appendix C

		Emp!oye		(£'s)			
	Partner/ Director	Senior Associate	(Hours) Associate/ Analyst	Junior Analyst/ Support	<u>Total</u> Hours	Total Cost	Average Rate p/h
Administration and Planning						ì	
Strategy and Control	0 1	0 1	0.5	-	0 7	210 50	301
Creditor Reporting	- :	0 1	45	0.7	53	1,317 00	248
Committee Meetings and Reports	-	-	-	٠,		1,517 00	240
Statutory Duties	•	0.9	17	0.6	3 2	814 50	255
Job Administration	-	01	٠.	10	11	157 50	143
Cash Accounting and Time Records	-	11	0 2	19	3 2	760 00	238
Travel and Waiting Time	_	` .			v <del>-</del>	,,,,,,	230
Case Closure	_	_	_	-	_		
Internal Documentation and IT	-	05	•	-	0 5	167 50	335
Investigations							
D Reports	-	-	03	02	05	97 00	194
Other Investigations	-	-	-	-	-		
Internal Documentation	-	-	-	-	•		-
Realisation of Assets - Fixed Charge						1	
Valuation and Offers	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sale of Assets	-	02	-	-	0 2	65 00	325
Insurance	-	-	•	-	•		-
Litigation	•	-	-	-	-		-
Internal and External Documentation	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Realisation of Assets - Debtors							
Debt Collection	-	-	-	-	+	i -	•
Debtors Litigation	-	-	-	-	-	•	•
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Realisation of Assets - Floating Charge							
Valuation and Offers	_	-		03	03	37 50	125
Sale of Assets	-		-	-	-	37 30	123
Insurance	_	_	_	_	•		
Retention of Title	_	_	_	-			_
Hire Purchase / Leased Assets	_	_		06	0.6	75 00	125
Litigation	-	_	_			,,,,,	
Internal and External Communications	-	-	0 1	-	0 1	27 00	270
Trading							
Initial Actions	-	-	-	-	•		-
Cash Accounting	•	-	05	-	0.5	135 00	270
Ongoing Trading Activities	-	-	82	-	8 2	2,214 00	270
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Creditors						1	
Initial Actions	-	•	•	08	08	100 00	125
Creditor claims	-	•	•	-	•	-	-
Litigation	-	•	-	-	-	-	-
Shareholders / Bankrupts	-	•	•	•	•	-	-
nternal Documentation	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Employees	-	-	-	-	•	•	•
Employee Communications		-			·	-	-
Totals	0 1	30	16 0	6 1	25 2	6,177 50	245

# Additional Information in Relation to Administrators' Fees Pursuant to Statement of Insolvency Practice 9

Appendix D

### 1 Policy

Detailed below is Kroll's policy in relation to

- staff allocation and the use of sub-contractors,
- professional advisors, and
- disbursements

### 1.1 Staff Allocation and the use of Sub-contractors

Our general approach to resourcing our assignments is to allocate staff with the skills and experience to meet the specific requirements of the case

The constitution of the case team will usually consist of a Partner, a Senior Associate, an Associate and an Analyst. The exact constitution of the case team will depend on the anticipated size and complexity of the assignment and the experience requirements of the assignment. On larger, more complex cases, several staff at all grades may be allocated to meet the demands of the case. Our charge out rate schedule below provides details of all grades of staff and their experience level.

With regard to support staff, we would advise that time spent by cashiers in relation to specific tasks on an assignment is charged. Only if there is a large block of time incurred by a member of the secretarial team, e.g., report compilation and distribution, do we seek to charge and recover our time in this regard.

We have not utilised the services of any sub-contractors in this case

### 1.2 Professional Advisors

On this assignment we have used the professional advisors listed below, due to the complexity and scale of the case, a larger number of professional advisors has been required. We have also indicated alongside, the basis of our fee arrangement with them, which is subject to review on a regular basis.

Name of Professional Advisor	Basis of Fee Arrangement
Sidley Austin LLP (legal advice)	Hourly rate and disbursements
Denton Wilde Sapte LLP (legal advice in relation to leasehold properties only)	Hourly rate and disbursements
Blake Lapthorn Tarlo Lyons (Legal advice in relation to premises licences - North England & Wales)	Hourly rate and disbursements
Bevan Brittan LLP (Legal advice in relation to premises licences – South England & Wales)	Hourly rate and disbursements
Brunton Miller (Legal advice in relation to premises licences – Scotland)	Hourly rate and disbursements
Willis Limited (insurance)	Risk based premium
Gerald Eve Limited (Rating appeals in relation to leasehold properties)	Contingent fee agreement
Atis Real Weatheralls Limited (Rating appeals in relation to leasehold properties)	Contingent fee agreement
Goodman Naish Limited (Rates audit work in relation to leasehold properties)	Contingent fee agreement
Colliers CRE Limited (valuation and disposal advice in relation to leasehold properties)	Small fixed admin fee plus variable percentage of realisations

Our choice was based on our perception of their experience and ability to perform this type of work, the complexity and nature of the assignment and the basis of our fee arrangement with them

### 13 Disbursements

Category 1 disbursements do not require approval by creditors. The type of disbursements that may be charged as a Category 1 disbursement to a case generally comprise of external supplies of incidental services specifically identifiable to the case, such as postage, case advertising, invoiced travel and external printing, room hire and document storage. Also chargeable will be any properly reimbursed expenses incurred by personnel in connection with the case.

Category 2 disbursements do require approval from creditors. These disbursements can include costs incurred which relate to payments due to associated companies for the provision of services to the office holder. No Category 2 disbursements have been incurred to date on this case.

### 2 Charge-out Rates

A schedule of Kroll charge-out rates for this assignment effective from 1 January 2008 is detailed below

	(Per hour) £
Partner/Director	
Partner 1*	495
Partner 2*	445
Director	400
Senior Associate	
Senior Associate 1*	350
Senior Associate 2*	325
Associate/Analyst	
Associate	270
Analyst*	240
Junior Analyst and Support Staff	
Junior Analyst*	125
Senior Treasury Associate	195
Treasury Associate	135
Treasury Analyst	80
Support	80
*Key	
Partner 1 – Partners with 3 or more years experience at partner level	
Partner 2 – Partners with less than 3 years experience at partner level	
Senior Associate 1 – Staff who have been Senior Associates for over 2 years	
Senior Associate 2 – Staff who have been Senior Associates for less than 2 years	
Analyst – Staff who have been Analysts for more than 1 year	
Junior Analyst – First year Analysts	]