Liquidator's Progress Report

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Pursuant to Sections 92A and 104A and 192 of the Insolvency Act 1986

To the Registrar of Companies

Company Number

04298426

Name of Company

Thames Valley Satellite & Aerial Systems Limited

1/We

Paul Boyle, 2nd Floor, 33 Blagrave Street, Reading RG1 1PW

David Clements, 2nd Floor, 33 Blagrave Street, Reading RG1 1PW

the liquidator(s) of the company attach a copy of my/our Progress Report under section 192 of the Insolvency Act 1986

The Progress Report covers the period from 31/03/2013 to 30/03/2014

Signed

Harrisons Business Recovery and Insolvency Limited 2nd Floor 33 Blagrave Street Reading RG1 1PW

Ref THAME001/PRB/DC/JWH/NF/CLF/TW



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Statement of Affairs		From 31/03/2013 To 30/03/2014	From 31/03/2011 To 30/03/2014
	SECURED ASSETS		
220,000 00	Leasehold Land & Property	NIL	190,000 00
100 00	Goodwill	NIL	NIL
100 00	Intellectual Property	NIL	NIL
,,,,,		NIL	190,000 00
	COSTS OF REALISATION		
	Office Holders' Fees	NIL	3,000 00
	Legal Fees	NIL	3,084 00
	Agents/Valuers Fees	NIL	3,800 00
	Landlord's Solicitors Fees	NIL	360 00
	Commercial Energy Certificate	NIL	300 00
	VAT Advice	NIL	200 00
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	ASSET REALISATIONS		
300 00	Furniture & Equipment	NIL	NIL
5,850 00	Motor Vehicles	NIL	6,150 00
200 00	Stock	NIL	NIL
5,000 00	Book Debts	NIL	NIL
		NIL	96 00
15,721 00	Cash at Bank	0 12	17 84
	Bank Interest Gross	0 12	6,263 84
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	COST OF REALISATIONS	Alla	400.00
	Bordereaux	NIL	180 00
	Statement of Affairs Fee	NIL	5,000 00
	Liquidators' Fees	117 21	817 21
	Search costs	NIL.	9 00
	Room Hire	NIL	50 00
	Agent's Fees - Thimbleby & Shorland	NIL	942 20
	Accountancy Fees	NIL	125 00
	Stationery & Postage	35 28	348 38
	Storage Costs	350 94	350 94
	Statutory Advertising	75 00	215 31
		(578 43)	(8,038 04)
	PREFERENTIAL CREDITORS		
(2,062 83)	Employees Wage Arrears	NIL	NIL
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	UNSECURED CREDITORS		
(30,191 99)	Trade & Expense Creditors	NIL	NIL
(13,016 48)	HM Revenue & Customs	NIL	NIL
(78,518 00)	Intercompany Debts	NIL	NIL
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	DISTRIBUTIONS		
(104 00)	Ordinary Shareholders	NIL	NIL
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From 31/03/2011 To 30/03/2014	From 31/03/2013 To 30/03/2014		Statement of Affairs
NII	NIL		
0.00	(578.31)		(71,622.30)
		REPRESENTED BY	
NIL			

David Clements
Joint Liquidator

Joint Liquidators' Annual Report to Creditors and Members

Thames Valley Satellite & Aerial Systems Limited - In Liquidation

14 April 2014

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1 Introduction

- 1 1 Paul Boyle and John Sallabank, of Harrisons Business Recovery and Insolvency Limited, 2nd Floor, 33 Blagrave Street, Reading, RG1 1PW, were appointed as Joint Liquidators of Thames Valley Satellite & Aerial Systems Limited ('the Company') on 31 March 2011
- 1 2 Following a Block Transfer Order made on 12 September 2013, John Sallabank was replaced as Joint Liquidator of the Company by David Clements, an Insolvency Practitioner, based in our Reading Office
- 13 We now report pursuant to Section 104A the Insolvency Act 1986 and Rule 4 49D the Insolvency Rules 1986 and provide our draft final progress report on the administration of this matter. This report will be finalised at the final meetings of members and creditors detailed hereon. Please read this report in conjunction with the Director's report to the meeting of creditors previously circulated.
- 1 4 The trading address of the Company was Unit 1, The Portman Centre, 37-45 Loverock Road, Reading, RG30 1DZ
- 1 5 The former registered office of the Company was 39A Armour Road, Tilehurst, Reading, RG31 6HA
- The registered office of the Company was changed to 2nd Floor, 33 Blagrave Street, Reading, RG1 1PW and its registered number is 04298426

2 Progress of the Liquidation

We detail below matters that have been progressed since our last progress report

2.1 Bank Interest

A small amount has been received in respect of bank interest on those monies held within the Liquidation bank account

- 2.2 As previously reported, the Joint Liquidators have realised all remaining assets in this matter
- At Appendix A, I have provided an account of my Receipts and Payments for the period from 31 March 2013 to 30 March 2014 with a comparison to the Directors' Statement of Affairs values, together with a cumulative account since my appointment, which provides details of the remuneration charged and expenses incurred and paid by the Liquidator during the period of this report

3 Investigations

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- In accordance with the Company Directors' Disqualification Act 1986 I would confirm that I have submitted a report on the conduct of the Directors of the Company to the Department for Business Innovation & Skills As this is a confidential report, I am not able to disclose the contents
- Shortly after appointment, I made an initial assessment of whether there could be any matters that might lead to recoveries for the estate and what further investigations may be appropriate. This assessment took into account information provided by creditors either at the initial meeting or as a response to my request to complete an investigation questionnaire. My investigations have not revealed any issues requiring further report.

4 Outcome for Creditors

4.1 Secured Creditor

A first legal charge over the leasehold property was granted to Barclays on 31 July 2007. This was registered on 1 August 2007 at Companies House. At the date of appointment approximately £195,000 was outstanding to Barclays and they were paid £174,877 from the sale proceeds.

Furthermore, a fixed charge over the Company's current account was created on 6 December 2007 and registered at Companies House on 21 December 2007 by Barclays Barclays retained £15,816 held in the Company's bank account at the date of Liquidation in accordance with its security

The liability to Barclays has not been fully discharged and its shortfall is an unsecured claim in the Liquidation

4.2 Preferential Creditors

In the Company's Statement of Affairs it was estimated that there would be preferential claims amounting to £2,063 however no claims have been received to date. There is no prospect of funds being available to make a distribution to preferential creditors and we have, therefore, not agreed preferential creditors in this instance.

4.3 Unsecured Creditors

Unsecured creditors have been estimated at £121,726 on the Company's Estimated Statement of Affairs as at 31 March 2011 Claims received from unsecured creditors to date total £61,479

4 4 I can confirm that the realisations are insufficient to declare a dividend to the unsecured creditors and formal notice of no dividend was sent to all creditors on 23 May 2013

5 Liquidators' Remuneration

- Our remuneration has been drawn on a time cost basis as agreed at the original meeting of creditors held on 31 March 2011. The secured creditor requested that our remuneration drawn in respect of the fixed charge assets be subject to a cap of £3,000 plus VAT.
- My time costs for the period from 31 March 2013 to 30 March 2014 are £7,522 83 This represents 43 77 hours at an average rate of £171 88 per hour. Attached as Appendix B is a Time Analysis which provides details of the activity costs incurred by staff grade during this period in respect of the costs fixed by reference to time properly spent in managing the Liquidation.
- Also attached as Appendix B is a cumulative Time Analysis for the period from 31 March 2011 to 30 March 2014 which provides details of my total time costs since the date of my appointment
- Attached as Appendix C is additional information in relation to this firm's policy on staffing, the use of subcontractors, disbursements and details of our current charge-out rates by staff grade, and a copy of 'A Creditors Guide to Fees'

6 Liquidators' Expenses

There were no further expenses incurred since my last progress report to creditors

7 Creditors' Rights

7 1 Within 21 days of the receipt of this report, a secured creditor, or an unsecured creditor (with the concurrence of at least 5% in value of the unsecured creditors) may request in writing that the Liquidator provide further information about his remuneration or expenses which have been itemised in this progress report

Any secured creditor, or an unsecured creditor (with the concurrence of at least 10% in value of the unsecured creditors) may within 8 weeks of receipt of this progress report make an application to court on the grounds that, in all the circumstances, the basis fixed for the Liquidators' remuneration is inappropriate and/or the remuneration charged or the expenses incurred by the Liquidator, as set out in this progress report, are excessive

8 Conclusion

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This report together with final meetings of members and creditors will conclude my administration. Details of the final meetings and resolutions to be considered have been circulated with this report.

Yours faithfully

David Clements
Joint Liquidator

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Appendix A

Receipts and Payments Account from 31 March 2013 to 30 March 2014 and Cumulative Receipts and Payments Account for Period from 31 March 2011 to 30 March 2014.

Statement of Affairs		From 31/03/2013 To 30/03/2014	From 31/03/2011 To 30/03/2014
	SECURED ASSETS		
220,000 00	Leasehold Land & Property	NIL	190,000 00
100.00	Goodwill	NIL	NIL
100.00	Intellectual Property	NIL	NIL
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	COSTS OF REALISATION		
	Office Holders' Fees	NIL	3,000.00
	Legal Fees	NIL	3,084.00
	Agents/Valuers Fees	NIL	3,800 00
	Landlord's Solicitors Fees	NIL	360.00
	Commercial Energy Certificate	NIL	300 00
	VAT Advice	NIL	200.00
	The Portman Centre Charges and Insu	NIL	2,604.83
		NIL	(13,348.83)
	SECURED CREDITORS		
(195,000 00)	Barclays Bank Plc	<u>NIL</u>	174,876.97
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	ASSET REALISATIONS		A171
300.00	Furniture & Equipment	NIL	NIL
5,850.00	Motor Vehicles	NIL	6,150.00
200 00	Stock	NIL	NIL
5,000 00	Book Debts	NIL	NIL
15,721 00	Cash at Bank	NIL	96 00
	Bank Interest Gross	0.12	17 84
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	COST OF REALISATIONS		
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	Liquidators' Fees	117.21	817.21
	Search costs	NIL	9.00
	Room Hire	NIL	50.00
	Agent's Fees - Thimbleby & Shorland	NIL	942.20
	Accountancy Fees	NIL	125 00
	Stationery & Postage	35 28	348.38
	Storage Costs	350.94	350.94
	Statutory Advertising	75.00	215 31
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	PREFERENTIAL CREDITORS		
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(30,191.99)	Trade & Expense Creditors	NIL	NIL
(13,016 48)	HM Revenue & Customs	NIL	NIL
(78,518 00)	Intercompany Debts	NIL	NIL
	· ·	NIL	NIL
	DISTRIBUTIONS	NIL	NIL

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David Clements
Joint Liquidator

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	Landlord's Solicitors Fees	NIL	360 00
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	DISTRIBUTIONS		
(104.00)	Ordinary Shareholders	NIL	NIL
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Statement of Affairs	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	From 31/03/2014 To 14/04/2014	From 31/03/2011 To 14/04/2014
		NIL	NIL
(71,622.30)		NIL	0.00
	REPRESENTED BY		
			NIL
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David Clements Joint Liquidator

Appendix B

Time Analysis for the period 31 March 2013 to 30 March 2014, the period 31 March 2014 to 14 April 2014 and Cumulative Time Analysis for the period from 31 March 2011 to 14 April 2014.

Time Entry - Detailed SIP9 Time & Cost Summary

THAME001 - Thames Valley Satellite & Aerial Systems Limited From 31/03/2013 To 30/03/2014
Project Code POST

	Total Hours 190	Realisations of Assets 0 00	300 Real sation of assets 0 00	Creditors 0 00	500 Creditors 000 501 Communication with creditors 0 00		Administration & Planning 190		Pinr Review and Signing	Case Review / Diary	Bordereau	Cashiaring	Statutory reporting	records	Case planning	100 Administration & Planning 0.00	Classification of Work Function Partner
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3.817.71	7,522 83	70 00	70 00	887 50	37 50	3	6,565 33	101 50	35 00	895 50	102 50	584 66	3,744 00	14 00	240 00	848 17	Time Cost (£)
	171 88	175 00	175 00	186 84	75 00	3	170 01	145 00	350 00	194.67	93 18	141 45	1/4 95	1200	218 16	157 55	Average Hourly Rate (£)

Time Entry - Detailed SIP9 Time & Cost Summary

THAME001 - Thames Valley Satellite & Aerial Systems Limited To 14/04/2014
Project Code POST

Classification of Work Function	Partner	Manager	Other Senior Professionals	Assistants & Support Staff	Total Hours	Time Cost (£)	Average Hourly Rate (£)
100 Administration & Planning	670	0 00	11 88	26 60	45 18	7,394 17	163 65
	0 70	0.40	0.70	000	1 80	450 00	250 00
	080	000	000	2 30	2 30	281 50	122 39
	08	000	000	3.85	385	392 25	101 88
	2 90	100	31 80	560	41 30	6,980 00	169 01
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	000	08	010	130	1 40	130 00	92 86
	1 20	000	5 50	000	670	1 403 00	209 40
	100	000	000	000	100	300 00	300 00
	370	000	000	000	3 70	1 295 00	350 00
	080	000	0.10	1 20	136	185 50	142 69
125 Statutory meetings	0 10	000	000	000	0 10	35 00	350 00
Administration & Flanning	1830	- 4	3V 10	44.00		18,441.00	174.01
500 Creditors	000	000	6.05	0.70	675	1 398 00	207 11
501 Communication with creditors	2 20	8	1 20	0.50	390	937 50	240 38
502 Employee Claims	08	080	3 10	300	610	971 00	159 18
508 Secured Creditors	0.00	0.40	9 30	0.00	970	1 737 50	179 12
Creditors	2 20	0.40	19 65	4 20	26 45	5,044 00	190 70
200 Investigations 202 CDDA reports	000	000	2 10 0 40	000	2 10 0 40	367 50 70 00	175 00 175 00
Investigations	000	0 00	250	000	250	437 50	175 00
300 Realisation of assets	3 40	000	500	1 50	990	2 282 50	230 56
303 Debt collection	0 00	000	0 20	000	0 20	35 00	17500
	0.00	000	3 70	000	3 70	592 00	160 00
	1 20	000	14 40	0 00	15 60	2,784 00	178 46
Realisations of Assets	4 60	0 00	23 30	150	29 40	5,693 50	193 66
Total Hours	23 10	1 80	95 63	50 58	171 12	30,606.08	178 86
Total Fees Claimed						3,817 21	

Appendix C

Additional Information In Relation To Liquidators' Fees Pursuant To Statement Of Insolvency Practice 9 (SIP9)

Policy

Detailed below is Harrisons Business Recovery and Insolvency Limited's policy in relation to

- Staff allocation and the use of subcontractors
- Professional advisors
- Disbursements

Staff allocation and the use of subcontractors

The 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 Manager, and an Administrator or Assistant. 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.

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

Professional advisors

On this assignment we have used the professional advisors listed below. 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
Clifton Ingram (legal advice)	Hourly rate and disbursements
Hurn (accountancy)	Hourly rate and disbursements
Haslams (valuation and disposal advice)	Hourly rate and disbursements
Thimbleby & Shorland (valuation and disposal advice)	Hourly rate and disbursements

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

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 are costs which are directly referable to the appointment in question but are not payments which are made to an independent third party and may include shared or allocated costs that can be allocated to the appointment on a proper and reasonable basis such as internal room hire, document storage or business mileage

On this case the following Category 1 and 2 disbursements have been incurred since my last report

Type and purpose	ţ .		, £
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Registered Office Fee			60 00
Photocopying & Postage			35 28
Storage			350 94
Bordereaux			54 00
Companies House Searches			1 00
Statutory Advertising			75 00
Total			576 22

Harrisons Business Recovery and Insolvency Limited Fee Policy

1. Charge out rates and policy regarding staff allocation, support staff, the use of subcontractors and the recharge of disbursements

The following information relating to the policy of Harrisons Business Recovery and Insolvency Limited is considered to be relevant -

2. Charge out rates

The following hourly charge out rates apply to all assignments undertaken by Harrisons Business Recovery and Insolvency Limited -

	2012/2013	2013/2014
	£	£
Directors	300 – 500	305 - 550
Managers	250 – 350	250 – 350
Senior Case Supervisors	175 – 250	175 – 250
Case Supervisors	100 – 200	125 - 205
Assistants/Trainee Case Supervisors	75 - 150	100 - 150

3. Staff allocation, support staff & the use of subcontractors

We take an objective and practical approach to each assignment which includes active director involvement from the outset. Other members of staff will be assigned on the basis of experience and specific skills to match the needs of the case. Time spent by secretarial and other support staff on specific case related matters, e.g. report despatching, is charged Details of any subcontractor(s) used are given in the attached report.

4. Professional advisors

Details of any professional advisor(s) used are given in the attached report. Unless otherwise indicated the fee arrangement for each will be based on hourly charge out rates, which are reviewed on a regular basis, together with the recovery of relevant disbursements

The choice of professional advisors will be based around a number of factors including, but not restricted to, their expertise in a particular field, the complexity or otherwise of the assignment and their geographical location

5. Disbursements

Specific expenditure relating to the administration of a particular case is recoverable without approval and is referred to as "category 1 disbursements". Category 1 disbursements will generally comprise supplies of incidental services specifically identifiable to the case, typically for items such as identifiable telephone calls, postage, case advertising, invoiced travel and properly reimbursed expenses. Included will be services specific to the case where these cannot practically be provided internally such as printing, room hire and document storage

Where we propose to recover costs which, whilst being in the nature of expenses or disbursements, may include an element of shared or allocated costs (such as room hire, document storage or communication facilities provided by us) they must be disclosed and be authorised by those responsible for approving the insolvency practitioners' remuneration. Such expenditure is referred to as a "category 2 disbursement". The following items of expenditure are recharged on this basis and are believed to be in line with the cost of external provision -

Photocopying 15p a sheet
Letterhead 12p a sheet
Fax 40p a sheet
Mileage 65p per mile
Meeting Room £50

Registered Office Fee £60 per annum

Document Storage Storage charge of £3 per box per quarter

A CREDITORS' GUIDE TO LIQUIDATORS' FEES ENGLAND AND WALES

1 Introduction

1.1 When a company goes into liquidation the costs of the proceedings are paid out of its assets. The creditors, who hope to recover some of their debts out of the assets, therefore have a direct interest in the level of costs, and in particular the remuneration of the insolvency practitioner appointed to act as liquidator. The insolvency legislation recognises this interest by providing mechanisms for creditors to fix the basis of the liquidator's fees. This guide is intended to help creditors be aware of their rights to approve and monitor fees, explains the basis on which fees are fixed and how creditors can seek information about expenses incurred by the liquidator and challenge those they consider to be excessive.

2 Liquidation procedure

2.1 Liquidation (or 'winding up') is the most common type of corporate insolvency procedure. Liquidation is the formal winding up of a company's affairs entailing the realisation of its assets and the distribution of the proceeds in a prescribed order of priority. Liquidation may be either voluntary, when it is instituted by resolution of the shareholders, or compulsory, when it is instituted by order of the court.

2.2 Voluntary liquidation is the more common of the two. An insolvent voluntary liquidation is called a creditors' voluntary liquidation (often abbreviated to 'CVL'). In this type of liquidation an insolvency practitioner acts as liquidator throughout and the creditors can vote on the appointment of the liquidator at the

first meeting of creditors

- 2.3 In a compulsory liquidation on the other hand, the function of liquidator is, in most cases, initially performed not by an insolvency practitioner but by an official called the official receiver. The official receiver is an officer of the court and an official belonging to The Insolvency Service. In most compulsory liquidations, the official receiver becomes liquidator immediately on the making of the winding-up order. Where there are significant assets an insolvency practitioner will usually be appointed to act as liquidator in place of the official receiver, either at a meeting of creditors convened for the purpose or directly by The Insolvency Service on behalf of the Secretary of State. Where an insolvency practitioner is not appointed the official receiver remains liquidator.
- 2.4 Where a compulsory liquidation follows immediately on an administration the court may appoint the former administrator to act as liquidator. In such cases the official receiver does not become liquidator. An administrator may also subsequently act as liquidator in a CVL.

3 The liquidation committee

- 3 1 In a liquidation (whether voluntary or compulsory) the creditors have the right to appoint a committee called the liquidation committee, with a minimum of 3 and a maximum of 5 members, to monitor the conduct of the liquidation and approve the liquidator's fees. The committee is usually established at the creditors' meeting which appoints the liquidator, but in cases where a liquidation follows immediately on an administration any committee established for the purposes of the administration will continue in being as the liquidation committee.
- purposes of the administration will continue in being as the liquidation committee
 3 2 The liquidator must call the first meeting of the committee within 6 weeks of its establishment (or his appointment if that is later), and subsequent
 meetings must be held either at specified dates agreed by the committee, or when requested by a member of the committee, or when the liquidator decides
 he needs to hold one. The liquidator is required to report to the committee at least every 6 months on the progress of the liquidation, unless the committee
 directs otherwise. This provides an opportunity for the committee to monitor and discuss the progress of the insolvency and the level of the liquidator's fees
 4 Fixing the liquidator's remuneration.
- 4.1 The basis for fixing the liquidator's remuneration is set out in Rules 4.127 4.127B of the Insolvency Rules 1986. The Rules state that the remuneration shall be fixed

as a percentage of the value of the assets which are realised or distributed or both,

by reference to the time properly given by the liquidator and his staff in attending to matters arising in the liquidation, or

as a set amount.

Any combination of these bases may be used to fix the remuneration, and different bases may be used for different things done by the liquidator. Where the remuneration is fixed as a percentage, different percentages may be used for different things done by the liquidator. It is for the liquidation committee (if there is one) to determine on which of these bases, or combination of bases, the remuneration is to be fixed. Where it is fixed as a percentage, it is for the committee to determine the percentage or percentages to be applied. Rule 4 127 says that in arriving at its decision the committee shall have regard to the following matters.

the complexity (or otherwise) of the case,

- · any responsibility of an exceptional kind or degree which falls on the liquidator in connection with the insolvency,
- the effectiveness with which the liquidator appears to be carrying out, or to have carried out, his duties,

the value and nature of the assets which the liquidator has to deal with

- 4.2 If there is no liquidation committee, or the committee does not make the requisite determination, the liquidator's remuneration may be fixed by a resolution of a meeting of creditors. The creditors take account of the same matters as apply in the case of the committee. A resolution specifying the terms on which the liquidator is to be remunerated may be taken at the meeting which appoints the liquidator.
- 4.3 If the remuneration is not fixed as above, it will be fixed in one of the following ways. In a CVL, it will be fixed by the court on application by the liquidator, but the liquidator may not make such an application unless he has first tried to get his remuneration fixed by the committee or creditors as described above, and in any case not later than 18 months after his appointment. In a compulsory liquidation, it will be in accordance with a scale set out in the Rules
- 4.4 Where the liquidation follows directly on from an administration in which the liquidator had acted as administrator, the basis of remuneration fixed in the administration continues to apply in the liquidation (subject to paragraph 8 below)

5. Review of remuneration

Where there has been a material and substantial change in circumstances since the basis of the liquidator's remuneration was fixed, the liquidator may request that it be changed. The request must be made to the same body as initially approved the remuneration, and the same rules apply as to the original approval 6 What information should be provided by the liquidator?

6 1 When fixing bases of remuneration

- 6.1.1 When seeking agreement for the basis or bases of remuneration, the liquidator should provide sufficient supporting information to enable the committee or the creditors to make an informed judgement as to whether the basis sought is appropriate having regard to all the circumstances of the case. The nature and extent of the information provided will depend on the stage during the conduct of the case at which approval is being sought. The appendix to this guide sets out a suggested format for the provision of information
- 6 1 2 If any part of the remuneration is sought on a time costs basis, the liquidator should provide details of the minimum time units used and current chargeout rates, split by grades of staff, of those people who have been or who are likely to be involved in the time costs aspects of the case
- 6.1.3 The liquidator should also provide details and the cost of any work that has been or is intended to be sub-contracted out that could otherwise be carried out by the liquidator or his or her staff
- 6 1 4 If work has already been carried out, the liquidator should state the proposed charge for the period to date and provide an explanation of what has been achieved in the period and how it was achieved, sufficient to enable the progress of the case to be assessed and whether the proposed charge is reasonable in the circumstances of the case. Where the proposed charge is calculated on a time costs basis, the liquidator should disclose the time spent and the average charge-out rates, in larger cases split by grades of staff and analysed by appropriate activity. The liquidator should also provide details and the cost of any work that has been sub-contracted out that could otherwise be carried out by the liquidator or his or her staff.

6.2 After the bases of remuneration have been fixed

The liquidator is required to send progress reports to creditors at specified intervals (see paragraph 7.1 below). When reporting periodically to creditors, in addition to the matters specified in paragraph 7.1, the liquidator should provide an explanation of what has been achieved in the period under review and how it was achieved, sufficient to enable the progress of the case to be assessed. Creditors should be able to understand whether the remuneration charged is reasonable in the circumstances of the case (whilst recognising that the liquidator must fulfil certain statutory obligations and regulatory requirements that might be perceived as bringing no added value for the estate). Where any remuneration is on a time costs basis, the liquidator should disclose the charge in respect of the period, the time spent and the average charge-out rates, in larger cases split by grades of staff and analysed by appropriate activity. If there have been any changes to the charge-out rates during the period under review, rates should be disclosed by grades of staff, split by the periods applicable

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The liquidator should also provide details and the cost of any work that has been sub-contracted out that could otherwise be carried out by the liquidator or his or her staff

6 3 Disbursements and other expenses

6 3 1 Costs met by and reimbursed to the liquidator in connection with the liquidation should be appropriate and reasonable. Such costs will fall into two categories

- Category 1 disbursements. These are costs where there is specific expenditure directly referable both to the liquidation and a payment to an independent third party. These may include, for example, advertising, room hire, storage, postage, telephone charges, travel expenses, and equivalent costs reimbursed to the liquidator or his or her staff
- Category 2 disbursements. These are costs that are directly referable to the liquidation but not to a payment to an independent third party. They may include shared or allocated costs that can be allocated to the liquidation on a proper and reasonable basis, for example, business mileage

Category 1 disbursements can be drawn without prior approval, although the liquidator should be prepared to disclose information about them in the same way as any other expenses. Category 2 disbursements may be drawn if they have been approved in the same manner as the liquidator's remuneration. When seeking approval, the liquidator should explain, for each category of expense, the basis on which the charge is being made 6 3 2 The following are not permissible

- a charge calculated as a percentage of remuneration,
- an administration fee or charge additional to the liquidator's remuneration,
- recovery of basic overhead costs such as office and equipment rental, depreciation and finance charges

6 4 Realisations for secured creditors

Where the liquidator realises an asset on behalf of a secured creditor and receives remuneration out of the proceeds (see paragraph 11 1 below), he should disclose the amount of that remuneration to the committee (if there is one), to any meeting of creditors convened for the purpose of determining his fees, and In any reports he sends to creditors

7. Progress reports and requests for further information

- 7 1 The liquidator is required to send annual progress reports to creditors. The reports must include

 details of the basis fixed for the remuneration of the liquidator (or if not fixed at the date of the report, the steps taken during the period of the report to fix it),
- If the basis has been fixed, the remuneration charged during the period of the report, irrespective of whether it was actually paid during that period (except where it is fixed as a set amount, in which case it may be shown as that amount without any apportionment for the period of the report), if the report is the first to be made after the basis has been fixed, the remuneration charged during the periods covered by the previous reports, together
- with a description of the work done during those periods, irrespective of whether payment was actually made during the period of the report
- a statement of the expenses incurred by the liquidator during the period of the report, irrespective of whether payment was actually made during that period,
- a statement of the creditors' rights to request further information, as explained in paragraph 7.2, and their right to challenge the liquidator's remuneration and expenses
- 7.2 Within 21 days of receipt of a progress report (or 7 business days where the report has been prepared for the purposes of a meeting to receive the liquidator's resignation) a creditor may request the liquidator to provide further information about the remuneration and expenses set out in the report. A request must be in writing, and may be made either by a secured creditor, or by an unsecured creditor with the concurrence of at least 5% in value of unsecured creditors (including himself) or the permission of the court.
- 7 3 The liquidator must provide the requested information within 14 days, unless he considers that
- the time and cost involved in preparing the information would be excessive, or
- disclosure would be prejudicial to the conduct of the liquidation or might be expected to lead to violence against any person, or the liquidator is subject to an obligation of confidentiality in relation to the information requested, in which case he must give the reasons for not providing the information. Any creditor may apply to the court within 21 days of the liquidator's refusal to provide the requested information, or the expiry of the 14 days time limit for the provision of the information

8 Provision of information – additional requirements

The liquidator must provide certain information about the time spent on the case, free of charge, upon request by any creditor, director or shareholder of the company The Information which must be provided is -

- the total number of hours spent on the case by the liquidator or staff assigned to the case,
- for each grade of staff, the average hourly rate at which they are charged out,
- the number of hours spent by each grade of staff in the relevant period

The period for which the information must be provided is the period from appointment to the end of the most recent period of six months reckoned from the

date of the liquidator's appointment, or where he has vacated office, the date that he vacated office

The information must be provided within 28 days of receipt of the request by the liquidator, and requests must be made within two years from vacation of

9 What if a creditor is dissatisfied?

9.1 Except in cases where there is a liquidation committee it is the creditors as a body who have authority to approve the liquidator's fees. To enable them to carry out this function they may require the liquidator to call a creditors' meeting. In order to do this at least ten per cent in value of the creditors must concur with the request, which must be made to the liquidator in writing

9 2 If a creditor believes that the liquidator's remuneration is too high, the basis is inappropriate, or the expenses incurred by the liquidator are in all the circumstances excessive he may, provided certain conditions are met, apply to the court.

9 3 Application may be made to the court by any secured creditor, or by any unsecured creditor provided at least 10 per cent in value of unsecured creditors (Including himself) agree, or he has the permission of the court. Any such application must be made within 8 weeks of the applicant receiving the liquidator's progress report in which the charging of the remuneration or incurring of the expenses in question is first reported (see paragraph 7.1 above). If the court does not dismiss the application (which it may if it considers that insufficient cause is shown) the applicant must give the liquidator a copy of the application and supporting evidence at least 14 days before the hearing

9 4 If the court considers the application well founded, it may order that the remuneration be reduced, the basis be changed, or the expenses be disallowed or repaid Unless the court orders otherwise, the costs of the application must by paid by the applicant and not out of the assets of the insolvent company 10 What if the liquidator is dissatisfied?

If the ilquidator considers that the remuneration fixed by the liquidation committee, or in the preceding administration, is insufficient or that the basis used to fix it is inappropriate he may request that the amount or rate be increased, or the basis changed, by resolution of the creditors. If he considers that the remuneration fixed by the liquidation committee, the creditors, in the preceding administration or in accordance with the statutory scale is insufficient, or that the basis used to fix it is inappropriate, he may apply to the court for the amount or rate to be increased or the basis changed. If he decides to apply to the court he must give at least 14 days' notice to the members of the committee and the committee may nominate one or more of its members to appear or be represented at the court hearing. If there is no committee, the liquidator's notice of his application must be sent to such of the creditors as the court may direct, and they may nominate one or more of their number to appear or be represented. The court may order the costs to be paid out of the assets

11 Other matters relating to remuneration

- 11.1 Where the liquidator realises assets on behalf of a secured creditor he is entitled to be remunerated out of the proceeds of sale in accordance with a scale set out in the Rules. Usually, however, the liquidator will agree the basis of his fee for dealing with charged assets with the secured creditor concerned
- 11 2 Where two (or more) joint liquidators are appointed it is for them to agree between themselves how the remuneration payable should be apportioned Any dispute between them may be referred to the court, the committee or a meeting of creditors
- 11.3 If the appointed liquidator is a solicitor and employs his own firm to act in the insolvency, profit costs may not be paid unless authorised by the committee, the creditors or the court.

11 4 If a new liquidator is appointed in place of another, any determination, resolution or court order which was in effect immediately before the replacement continues to have effect in relation to the remuneration of the new liquidator until a further determination, resolution or court order is made

11.5 Where the basis of the remuneration is a set amount, and the liquidator ceases to act before the time has elapsed or the work has been completed for which the amount was set, application may be made for a determination of the amount that should be paid to the outgoing liquidator. The application must be made to the same body as approved the remuneration. Where the outgoing liquidator and the incoming liquidator are from the same firm, they will usually agree the apportionment between them

11 6 There may also be occasions when creditors will agree to make funds available themselves to pay for the liquidator to carry out tasks which cannot be paid for out of the assets, either because they are deficient or because it is uncertain whether the work undertaken will result in any benefit to creditors Arrangements of this kind are sometimes made to fund litigation or investigations into the affairs of the insolvent company. Any arrangements of this nature will be a matter for agreement between the liquidator and the creditors concerned and will not be subject to the statutory rules relating to remuneration

12 Effective date

This guide applies where a company goes into liquidation on or after 1 November 2011

Appendix

Suggested format for the provision of information

Professional guidance issued to insolvency practitioners sets out the following suggested format for the provision of information when seeking approval of remuneration. However, the level of disclosure suggested below may not be appropriate in all cases, and will be subject to considerations of proportionality. In larger or more complex cases the circumstances of each case may dictate the information provided and its format.

Narrative overview of the case

In all cases, reports on remuneration should provide a narrative overview of the case. Matters relevant to an overview are

- · the complexity of the case,
- · any exceptional responsibility falling on the liquidator,
- · the liquidator's effectiveness,
- the value and nature of the property in question

The information provided will depend upon the basis or bases being sought or reported upon, and the stage at which it is being provided. An overview might include

- an explanation of the nature, and the liquidator's own initial assessment, of the assignment (including the anticipated return to creditors) and the
 outcome (if known),
- initial views on how the assignment was to be handled, including decisions on staffing or subcontracting and the appointment of advisers,
- any significant aspects of the case, particularly those that affect the remuneration and cost expended,
- the reasons for subsequent changes in strategy.
- the steps taken to establish the views of creditors, particularly in relation to agreeing the strategy for the assignment, budgeting, and fee drawing,
- any existing agreement about remuneration,
- details of how other professionals, including subcontractors, were chosen, how they were contracted to be paid, and what steps have been taken to review their fees,
- in a larger case, particularly if it involved trading, considerations about staffing and managing the assignment and how strategy was set and reviewed,
- details of work undertaken during the period,
- any additional value brought to the estate during the period, for which the liquidator wishes to claim increased remuneration

Time cost basis

Where any part of the remuneration is or is proposed to be calculated on a time costs basis, requests for and reports on remuneration should provide

- An explanation of the llquidator's time charging policy, clearly stating the units of time that have been used, the grades of staff and rates that have been charged to the assignment, and the policy for recovering the cost of support staff. There is an expectation that time will be recorded in units of not greater than 6 minutes.
- A description of work carried out, which might include
 - details of work undertaken during the period, related to the table of time spent for the period,
 - an explanation of the grades of staff used to undertake the different tasks carried out and the reasons why it was appropriate for those grades to be used.
 - · any comments on any figures in the summary of time spent accompanying the request the liquidator wishes to make
- Time spent and charge-out summanes, in an appropriate format.

It is useful to provide time spent and charge-out value information in a tabular form for each of the time periods reported upon, with work classified (and sub-divided) in a way relevant to the circumstances of the case

The following areas of activity are suggested as a basis for the analysis of time spent

- Administration and planning
- Investigations
- Realisation of assets
- Trading
- Creditors
- Any other case-specific matters

The following categories are suggested as a basis for analysis by grade of staff

- Director
- Manager
- Other senior professionals
- Assistants and support staff

The level of disclosure suggested above will not be appropriate in all cases, and considerations of proportionality will apply

- where cumulative time costs are, and are expected to be, less than £10,000 the liquidator should, as a minimum, state the number of hours and average rate per hour and explain any unusual features of the case,
- where cumulative time costs are, or are expected to be, between £10,000 and £50,000, a time and charge-out summary similar to that shown above will
 usually provide the appropriate level of detail (subject to the explanation of any unusual features),
- · where cumulative time costs exceed, or are expected to exceed, £50,000, further and more detailed analysis or explanation will be warranted

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Appendix D

Notice of Final Meetings of Members and Creditors and Proxy Form

Notice of Final Meetings

Name of Company

Thames Valley Satellite & Aerial Systems Limited

Trading styles

N/A

Principal trading address

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The Portman Centre 37-45 Loverock Road

Reading RG30 1DZ

Previous registered name

N/A

Company number

04298426

Nature of business

Installation electrical wiring

Registered office

2nd Floor

33 Blagrave Street

Reading RG1 1PW

Notice of meeting

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 106 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a final meeting of the members of the above named Company will be held at 10.30am on 12 June 2014, at 2nd Floor, 33 Blagrave Street, Reading, RG1 1PW to be followed at 10.45am by a final meeting of creditors for the purpose of showing how the winding up has been conducted and the property of the Company disposed of, and of hearing any explanation that may be given by the Joint Liquidators, and seeking authority for the disposal of the books, accounts and documents of the Company.

Proxies to be used at the meeting should be lodged at the Joint Liquidators' offices no later than 12 noon on the working day immediately before the meetings.

Names, address & contact details of liquidators

Paul Boyle & David Clements

Harrisons Business Recovery and Insolvency Limited

2nd Floor

33 Blagrave Street

Reading RG1 1PW

E mail reading@harrisons uk.com for the attention of Nick Frier

Joint Liquidators' IP numbers

008897 & 008765

Appointed Joint Liquidators of the above Company on 31 March 2011.

Signed

Dated

15-14-14

Proxy (Members' or Creditors' Voluntary Winding Up)

THAMES VALLEY SATELLITE & AERIAL SYSTEMS LIMITED -

	IN LIQUIDATION		
	Name of Creditor/Member		
	Address		
Please insert name of person (who must be 18 or over) or the chairman of the meeting (see note below) if you wish to provide for alternative proxy holders in the circumstances that your first choice is unable to attend please state the name(s) of the alternatives as well	Name of Proxy Holder		
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Please delete words in brackets if the proxy holder is only to vote as directed i.e. he has no discretion	I appoint the above person to be my/the creditor's/member's proxy holder at the meeting of creditors/members to be held on 12 June 2014, or at any adjournment of that meeting. The proxy holder is to propose or vote as instructed below (and in respect of any resolution for which no specific instruction is given, may vote or abstain at his/her discretion).		
	Voting Instructions for resolutions		
	1 Acceptance of the joint liqu	idators' final report and account	(Accept/Reject)*
	2 To approve the joint liquida	tors' release from office	(Accept/Reject)*
	3 To authorise the destruction Company twelve months af	n of the books and records of the ter dissolution	(Accept/Reject)*
	* Delete as applicable		
Any other resolutions which the proxy-holder is to propose or vote in favour of or against should be set out in numbered paragraphs in the space provided below paragraph 1 If more room is required please use the other side of this form			
This form must be signed	Signature	Date	
	Name in CAPITAL LETTERS		
Only to be completed if the creditor/member has not signed in person	Position with creditor/member or relationship to creditor/member or other authority for signature		
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Please note that if you nominate the chairman of the meeting to be your proxyholder he will either be the current liquidator or an employee of his firm.