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# Administrator's progress report

Name of Company

Globalink Telecommunications International Limited

In the

High Court Chancery Division

(full name of court)

Company number

04538588

Court case number 8810 of 2007

(a) Insert full name(s) and address(es) of administrator(s) I/We (a) P R Boyle Harrisons 4 St Giles Court Southampton Street Reading RG1 2QL

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(b) 21 November 2008

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Joint / Administrator(s)

Dated

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# Globalink Telecommunications International Limited In Administration

Progress Report to Creditors Pursuant to Rule 2.47 of the Insolvency Rules 1986

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# Globalink Telecommunications International Limited – In Administration

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#### 1. GLOSSARY

Administrators

P R Boyle and J C Sallabank of Harrisons, 4 St Giles Court, Southampton Street, Reading, RG1 2QL.

**Appointor** 

SME Invoice Finance Limited, Chertsey House, 56-58 Chertsey Street, Guildford, Surrey, GU1 4HL

The Appointor is the holder of a fixed and floating charge, ('the Debenture'), created on 20 April 2004 and registered on 22 April 2004 between Globalink Telecommunications International Limited, ('the Company') and Potential Finance Limited, ('Potential'), of Potential House, 149-157 Kings Road, Brentwood, Essex securing without financial limit the payment of all monies due to Potential from the Company including inter alia, monies due under a factoring agreement ('the Agreement') dated 20 April 2004 by way of fixed and floating charges over the assets and undertaking of the Company. By deed of assignment made on 29 July 2005 between Potential and the Appointor, the benefit (subject to the burden) of the Debenture and the Agreement was assigned from Potential to the Appointor.

Administration Application

The administration documentation was filed at the High Court Chancery Division on 22 November 2007 and allocated Court Number 8810 of 2007.

Company

Globalink Telecommunications International Limited (Company Registered Number 04538588) whose registered office is at 4 St Giles Court, Southampton Street, Reading, Berkshire, RG1 2QL ('the Company').

The references in this report to sections, paragraphs or rules are to the Insolvency Act 1986, Schedule B1 of the Insolvency Act 1986 and the Insolvency (Amendment) Rules 2003.

#### 2. INTRODUCTION

P R Boyle and J C Sallabank of Harrisons were appointed as Joint Administrators of Globalink Telecommunications International Limited on 22 November 2007 upon SME Invoice Finance Limited ('SME') filing a notice of appointment of an administrator at the High Court Chancery Division in accordance with Paragraph 14 of Schedule B1 of the Insolvency Act 1986.

In accordance with Paragraph 100(2) of Schedule B1 Insolvency Act 1986 the functions of the Administrators are being exercised by either or both of the Administrators.

In accordance with Rule 2.47 of the Insolvency Rules 1986 the Joint Administrators now report to creditors on the progress of the administration.

#### 3. PURPOSE AND PROGRESS OF THE ADMINISTRATION

#### 3.1 Purpose of the administration

The purpose of the administration, in accordance with Paragraph 3(1)(c), to realise property in order to make a distribution to one or more secured or preferential creditor.

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#### 3.2 Progress of the administration

#### 3.2.1 Receipts and Payments Account

Attached at Appendix I for your referral is a summary of the Joint Administrators' receipts and payments since the commencement of the proceedings on 22 November 2007 to 21 November 2008.

#### 3.2.2 Sale of Business

The circumstances of the sale of business have been explained in detail in our previous reports. The purchasing business, Globalink International PLC ('PLC'), owed the sum of £335,258 in respect of the Sale and Purchase Agreement ('SPA') entered into on 27 November 2007. Since no payment of the sum was forthcoming and PLC were in default of its obligations arising in the SPA we petitioned for an Administration Order was made against PLC in the High Court on 25 July 2008. My partner J C Sallabank and I are also Joint Administrators of PLC.

Mr Fenwick is a director of PLC and he did not fully cooperate with us following our appointment as Joint Administrators of PLC. It would appear that he had transferred essential assets of PLC to a third party business and due to the disruption that action caused only relatively nominal realisations were achieved. Consequently there is unlikely to be any surplus funds available for distribution to us as a creditor of PLC.

You may recall that Mr & Mrs Fenwick had as part of the SPA guaranteed the sums due from PLC and have provided a legal mortgage over their property at Bucknells Farm, Honeybridge Lane, Dial Post, West Sussex, RH13 8NX ('the Property'). We have therefore been seeking to realise this asset by way of payment from the guarantors. The Property is on the market and to date we have agreed for the guarantors to control this sale process.

We sought agreement with the guarantors to a Tomlin Order, whereby if the Property is not sold by a date to be agreed we will then obtain vacant possession without the need for a possession order application to court. The guarantors have verbally agreed to this and our solicitors are drafting the necessary documentation to formalise this agreement. We would anticipate that there will be sufficient equity in the property to enable our secured claim for the sale proceeds of £335,258 to be paid in full.

#### 3.2.3 Book Debts

There has been no significant progress in the realisation of the book debts since our last report. The position remains that SME achieved realisations totaling £36,900 of which £22,891 has passed through our account to enable us to reclaim the VAT on their charges as shown on the attached receipts and payments account. In addition we have received £2,369 in respect of book debts. At present the book debts vest in SME in accordance with its security.

During the course of our investigation we identified that PLC had received significant sums that were in fact due to SME. SME have struggled to achieve additional realisations in respect of the unreconciled book debts, most of which are for small amounts. We are entitled to pursue our investigation of the book debts since it may contribute towards a possible right of action against one of the directors as explained later in this report.

### 3.2.4 Rights of Action

Our investigation continues regarding the transfer of certain assets to PLC in September 2006 and we have identified possible rights of action against Mr Fenwick. Based on information provided by Mr Fenwick during his defence of the Administration Application against PLC we believe that it is highly likely that the

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#### 3.2.4 Rights of Action Continued...

business transferred to PLC in September 2006 was worth significantly more than the sum £107,934 that has been paid by PLC.

Moreover at the time of the transfer of assets no consideration was agreed or paid by PLC. We believe that this is a breach of Mr Fenwick's fiduciary duty. Therefore a duly appointed liquidator would have the right to bring a misfeasance action against Mr Fenwick. In accordance with Section 212 of the Insolvency Act 1986 the Court may make an Order that Mr Fenwick personally contribute funds to repay, restore or account to the Company in respect of any action for which he is misfeasant. In this case it would include the transfer of part of the business of the Company to PLC in September 2006 and the misappropriation of book debt monies referred to earlier.

In light of the above we have sought legal advice. Currently legislation only provides for a liquidator or the Crown to bring a misfeasance action and to facilitate this process we would intend to seek to move these proceedings to liquidation by application to court as soon as possible.

We would advise that these rights of action are the only possibility of there being sufficient funds available to make a distribution to the unsecured creditors.

#### 3.2.5 Secured Creditor

Our last report detailed fixed and floating charges, subject to confirmation of validity that had been granted to SME, HSBC Bank Plc ('HSBC') and Gamma Telecom Limited ('Gamma') in that order of priority. We understand that SME are owed £204,514, HSBC are owed £71,515 and Gamma has claimed £395,924. Although these claims will be subject to interest and will have increased accordingly.

When we are in receipt of sufficient funds to distribute to this class of creditor we will verify the validity of security as required to confirm the priority of payments to be made.

#### 3.3 Other Matters

#### 3.3.1 Joint Administrators' Remuneration

In accordance with Rule 2.106(5A) the Joint Administrators' remuneration shall be agreed with the fixed and floating chargeholders.

Attached at Appendix II for your information is a schedule of the Joint Administrators' time costs to date, in accordance with SIP 9.

#### 3.3.2 Dividend Prospects

The only possibility of there being any funds available to declare a dividend to the unsecured creditors is if we are successful in a claim against Mr Fenwick as identified in the rights of action.

#### 4. JOINT ADMINISTRATORS' PROPOSALS

The following proposals were approved: -

Since there are insufficient assets available to enable a distribution to the unsecured creditors the Joint Administrators shall conclude the administration pursuant to Paragraph 84 of Schedule B1 of the Insolvency Act 1986, moving from administration to dissolution. This will be carried out once all matters have been finalised.

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#### 4. JOINT ADMINISTRATORS' PROPOSALS CONTINUED

1. If the realisation of the Company's assets has not been completed before the end of the first anniversary the Joint Administrators are authorised to extend the term of office for a further 6 months from the automatic end date of 21 November 2008, in accordance with Paragraph 78(2)(a) of Schedule B1 of the Insolvency Act 1986.

### 5. CONCLUSION OF ADMINISTRATION

The Joint Administrators will continue to realise the remaining assets as detailed by this report and shall contact creditors further once matters have either been concluded or the Company has been moved to liquidation or if the administration is further extended by application to Court.

If you have any questions in relation to this report please do not hesitate to contact the Joint Administrators' Reading office.

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P R Boyle & J C Sallabank Joint Administrators

19 December 2008

# Globalink Telecommunications International Limited (In Administration)

# Joint Administrators' Abstract Of Receipts And Payments To 21 November 2008

RECEIPTS	Total (£)
Book Debts	22,891.42
Book Debts	2,368.51
Bank Interest Gross	9.61
Vat Control Account	480.59
, at Control (Cooperation)	25,750.13
PAYMENTS	
Bordereaux	180.00
SME Charges	18,425.51
Search costs	4.00
Stationery & Postage	409.74
Travel Expenses	564.24
Statutory Advertising	118.66
Other Property Expenses	518.70
Bank Charges	20.00
VAT Receivable	4,657.82
	24,898.67
Balances in Hand	<u>851.46</u>
	25,750.13

## APPENDIX II

SCHEDULE OF TIME COSTS

AND

GUIDE TO ADMINISTRATORS' FEES

#### **Globalink Telecommunications GLBLK**

# SIP 9 - Time & Cost Summary Period: 22/11/07..21/11/08

# Time Summary

Hours					"		
Classification of work function	Partner	Manager	Other Senior Professionals	Assistants & Support Staff	Total Hours	Time Cost (£)	Average hourly rate (£)
Administration & planning	33.30	0.00	48.20	17.90	99.40	20,887.50	210.14
Investigations	1.30	0.00	10.20	3.00	14.50	2,414.50	166.52
Realisations of assets	53.60	0.00	45.80	0.00	99.40	23,898.00	240.42
Trading	0.00	0.00	32.00	8.50	40.50	6,097.50	150.56
Creditors	0.75	0.00	34,40	5.00	40.15	6,305.25	157.04
Case specific matters	0.00	0.00	4.40	0.00	4.40	704.00	160.00
Brought forward time	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
In House Legal	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0,00
Total Hours	88.95	0.00	175.00	34,40	298.35	60,306.75	202.13
Total Fees Claimed						0.00	

## A CREDITORS' GUIDE TO ADMINISTRATORS' FEES

#### **ENGLAND AND WALES**

#### Introduction 1

When a company goes into administration the costs of the proceedings are paid out of its assets. The creditors, who hope eventually to recover some of their debts out of 1.1 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 administrator. The insolvency legislation recognises this interest by providing mechanisms for creditors to determine the basis of the administrator's fees. This guide is intended to help creditors be aware of their rights under the legislation to approve and monitor fees and explains the basis on which fees are fixed.

- Administration is a procedure which places a company under the control of an insolvency practitioner and the protection of the court with the following objective: 2.1
  - rescuing the company as a going concern, or
  - achieving a better result for the creditors as a whole than would be likely if the company were wound up without first being in administration

or, if the administrator thinks neither of these objectives is reasonably practicable

realising property in order to make a distribution to secured or preferential creditors.

#### The creditors' committee

The creditors have the right to appoint a committee with a minimum of 3 and a maximum of 5 members. One of the functions of the committee is to determine the basis of 3.1 the administrator's remuneration. The committee is normally established at a meeting of creditors, which the administrator is required to hold within a maximum of 10 weeks from the beginning of the administration to consider his proposals. The administrator must call the first meeting of the committee within 6 weeks of its establishment, and subsequent meetings must be held either at specified dates agreed by the committee, or when a member of the committee asks for one, or when the administrator decides he needs to hold one. The committee has power to summon the administrator to attend before it and provide information about the exercise of his functions.

#### Fixing the administrator's fees

- The basis for fixing the administrator's remuneration is set out in Rule 2.106 of the Insolvency Rules 1986, which states that it shall be fixed either: 4.1

  - as a percentage of the value of the property which the administrator has to deal with, or by reference to the time properly given by the administrator and his staff in attending to matters arising in the administration.

It is for the creditors' committee (if there is one) to determine on which of these bases the remuneration is to be fixed, and if it is fixed as a percentage, to fix the percentage to be applied. Rule 2.106 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 administrator;
  - the effectiveness with which the administrator appears to be carrying out, or to have carried out, his duties;
- the value and nature of the property which the administrator has to deal with.
- If there is no creditors' committee, or the committee does not make the requisite determination, the administrator's remuneration may be fixed by a resolution of a meeting 4.2 of creditors having regard to the same matters as the committee would. If the remuneration is not fixed in any of these ways, it will be fixed by the court on application by the administrator
- There are special rules about creditor's resolutions in cases where the administrator has stated in his proposals that the company has insufficient property to enable a 4.3 distribution to be made to unsecured creditors except out of the reserved fund which may have to be set aside out of floating charge assets.

In this case, if there is no creditors' committee, or the committee does not make the requisite determination, the remuneration may be fixed by the approval of:

each secured creditor of the company; or

If the administrator has made or intends to make a distribution to preferential creditors -

- each secured creditor of the company; and
- preferential creditors whose debts amount to more than 50% of the preferential debts of the company, disregarding debts of any creditor who does not respond to an invitation to give or withhold approval.

having regard to the same matters as the committee would.

Note that there is no requirement to hold a creditor's meeting in such cases unless a meeting is requisitioned by creditors whose debts amount to at least 10% of the total debts of the company

- 4.4 A resolution of creditors may be obtained by correspondence.
- 5 What information should be provided by the administrator?
- 5.1 When seeking fee approval
- When seeking agreement to his fees the administrator should provide sufficient supporting information to enable the committee or the creditors to form a judgement as to 5.1.1 whether the proposed fee is reasonable having regard to all the circumstances of the case. The nature and extent of the supporting information which should be provided will depend on:
  - The nature of the approval being sought;
  - The stage during the administration of the case at which it is being sought; and
  - The size and complexity of the case.
- Where, at any creditors' or committee meeting the administrator seeks agreement to the terms on which he is to be remunerated, he should provide the meeting with details 5.1.2 of the charge-out rates of all grades of staff, including principals, which are likely to be involved on the case.
- Where the administrator seeks agreement to his fees during the course of the administration, he should always provide an up to date receipts and payments account. Where the proposed fee is based on time costs the administrator should disclose to the committee or the creditors the time spent and the charge-out value in the particular case, together with, where appropriate, such additional information as may reasonably be required having regard to the size and complexity of the case. The additional 5.1.3 information should comprise a sufficient explanation of what the administrator has achieved and how it was achieved to enable the value of the exercise to be assessed (whilst recognising that the administrator must fulfil certain statutory obligations that might be seen to bring no added value for creditors) and to establish that the time has been properly spent on the case. That assessment will need to be made having regard to the time spent and the rates at which that time was charged, bearing in mind the factors set out in paragraph 4.1 above. To enable this assessment to be carried out it may be necessary for the administrator to provide an analysis of the time spent on the case by type of activity and grade of staff. The degree of detail will depend on the circumstances of the case, but it will be helpful to be aware of the professional guidance which has been given to insolvency practitioners on this subject. The guidance suggests the following areas of activity 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 and our hourly rates are as detailed:

Partners	£275 - £350 per hour
Managers	£175 - £275 per hour
Other senior professionals	£100 - £160 per hour
Assistants and support staff	£40 - £125 per hour

The explanation of what has been done can be expected to include an outline of the nature of the assignment and the administrator's own initial assessment, including the anticipated return to creditors. To the extent applicable it should also explain:

- Any significant aspects of the case, particularly those that affect the amount of time spent.
- The reasons for subsequent changes in strategy.

  Any comments on any figures in the summary of time spent accompanying the request the administrator wishes to make.
- The steps taken to establish the views of creditors, particularly in relation to agreeing the strategy for the assignment, budgeting, time recording, fee drawing or fee agreement.
- Any existing agreement about fees.
- 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

It should be borne in mind that the degree of analysis and form of presentation should be proportionate to the size and complexity of the case. In smaller cases not all categories of activity will always be relevant, whilst further analysis may be necessary in larger cases.

Where the fee is charged on a percentage basis the administrator should provide details of any work which has been or is intended to be sub-contracted out which would 5.1.4 normally be undertaken directly or by an administrator or his staff.

#### 5.2 After Fee Approval

Where a resolution fixing the basis of fees is passed at any creditors' meeting held before he has substantially completed his functions, the administrator should notify the where a resolution rixing the basis of rees is passed at any creditors meeting field before the has substantially completed his functions, the administrator should about the creditors of the details of the resolution in his next report or circular to them. In all subsequent reports to creditors the administrator should specify the amount of remuneration he has drawn in accordance with the resolution. Where the fee is based on time costs he should also provide details of the time spent and charge-out value to date and any material changes in the rates charged for the various grades since the resolution was first passed. He should also provide such additional information as may be required in accordance with the principles set out in paragraph 5.1.3. Where the fee is charged on a percentage basis the administrator should provide the details set out in paragraph 5.1.4 above regarding work which has been sub-contracted out.

#### 5.3 **Expenses and disbursement**

There is no statutory requirement for the committee or the creditors to approve the drawing of expenses or disbursements. However, professional guidance issued to insolvency practitioners requires that, where the administrator proposes 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 the administrator's own firm), they must be disclosed and be authorise. Such expenses must be directly incurred on the case and subject to a reasonable method of calculation and allocation.

Details of the disbursements arising from the recharge of internal costs for items defined as category 2 disbursements us are detailed as follows: -

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	Meeting room	£50
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#### What if a creditor is dissatisfied? ĸ

If a creditor believes that the administrator's remuneration is too high he may, if at least 25 per cent in value of the creditors (including himself) agree, apply to the court for 6.1 an order that it be reduced. If the court does not dismiss the application (which it may if it considers that insufficient cause is shown) the applicant must give the administrator a copy of the application and supporting evidence at least 14 days before the hearing. Unless the court orders otherwise, the costs must be paid by the applicant and not as an expense of the administration.

#### What if the administrator is dissatisfied? 7

If the administrator considers that the remuneration fixed by the creditors' committee is insufficient he may request that it be increased by resolution of the creditors. If he considers that the remuneration fixed by the committee or the creditors is insufficient, he may apply to the court for it to be increased. If he decides to apply to the court he 7.1 must give at least 14 days' notice to the members of the creditors' committee and the committee may nominate one or more of its members to appear or be represented on the application. If there is no committee, the administrator's notice of his application must be sent to such of the company's 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 as an expense of the administration.

#### Other matters relating to fees

- Where there are joint administrators it is for them to agree between themselves how the remuneration payable should be apportioned. Any dispute arising between them 8.1 may be referred to the court, the creditors' committee or a meeting of creditors.
- If the administrator is a solicitor and employs his own firm to act on behalf of the company, profit costs may not be paid unless authorised by the creditor's committee, the 82 creditors or the court.

#### Provision of Information - Additional Requirements Q.

In any case where the administrator is appointed on or after 1 April 2005 he must provide certain information about time spent on a case, free of charge, upon request by any creditor, director of shareholder of the company.

The information which must be provided is

- the total number of hours spent on the case by the administrator 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 administrator'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 administrator, and requests must be made within two years from vacation of office.