# **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

04982661

Name of Company

Porchester Homes Limited

I/We Susan Rosemary Staunton Latimer House 5 Cumberland Place Southampton SO15 2BH

Alan Peter Whalley Latimer House 5 Cumberland Place Southampton SO15 2BH

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 08/12/2011 to 07/12/2012

Signed

James Cowper LLP Latimer House 5 Cumberland Place Southampton SO15 2BH

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# Porchester Homes Limited (In Liquidation) Joint Liquidators' Abstract of Receipts & Payments

Statement of Affairs		From 08/12/2011 To 07/12/2012
- "	ASSET REALISATIONS	
100 00	Uncalled Share Capital	NIL
	Council Refund	1,750 00
91 66	Cash at Bank	71 66
275,000 00	Preference	97,511 50
	Bank Interest Net of Tax	124 35
		99,457 51
	COST OF REALISATIONS	
	Office Holders Fees	18,928 50
	Office Holders Expenses	86 60
	Statutory Advertising	223 90
		(19,239 00)
	UNSECURED CREDITORS	
(1,836 14)	Trade & Expense Creditors	NIL
Uncertain	Contingent claims	NIL
(2,009,144 69)	Cadugan Developments Limited Loan	NIL
(46,141 97)	Sub Contractor Retention Claims	NIL
		NIL
	DISTRIBUTIONS	
(100 00)	Ordinary Shareholders	NIL
		NIL
(1,782,031 14)		80,218 51
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	REPRESENTED BY	
	Current Account	76,373 64
	Vat Control Account	3,844 87
		80,218 51
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Sue Staunton Joint Liquidator

# Porchester Homes Limited (In Liquidation)

First annual progress report to members and creditors pursuant to Section 104A of the Insolvency Act 1986

Sue Staunton & Peter Whalley
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### **SUMMARY INFORMATION**

The Company

Porchester Homes Limited

**Registered Number** 

04982661

**Registered Address** 

Latimer House 5 Cumberland Place Southampton

SO15 2BH

**Trading Address** 

Inhurst House Brimpton Road Baughurst Hampshire RG26 5JJ

**Activity of the Company** 

A property development company

**Date of the Liquidation** 

8 December 2011

**Liquidator Details** 

Sue Staunton & Peter Whalley

James Cowper LLP Latimer House 5 Cumberland Place Southampton SO15 2BH

**Changes to Office Holders** 

N/A

**Dividend Prospect** 

A first distribution to unsecured creditors is due to be made

shortly

Any further dividend prospects are currently unknown

#### Introduction

This progress report has been prepared in accordance with Rule 4 49C of the Insolvency Rules 1986 to provide creditors with an update on the work undertaken by me as joint liquidator during the first year of the liquidation

The following attachments accompany this report

Appendix A - Receipts and payments account for the period of the liquidation

Appendix B - Statement of remuneration and expenses

Appendix C – Analysis of liquidators' time costs during the period of liquidation

Appendix D - Creditor rights to request information and challenge the liquidators' remuneration and

expenses

### **Assets**

### **Council Refund of Deposit**

A refund of £1,750 has been received from Portsmouth Council in relation to a deposit held by the Council on behalf of the company

#### Cash at Bank

Cash was transferred from the company's account to the joint liquidators' estate account to the value of £71 66. This was slightly less than the £91 66 estimated to be received due to bank charges of £20.

#### **Preference**

Prior to the appointment of liquidators the company transferred two properties to a connected company in part settlement of an intercompany debt. The directors accepted the transfer was preferential under section 239 of the Insolvency Act 1986 and undertook to restore the position to that which it would have been had the transaction not taken place

The value of the preference was deemed to be £640,000. The beneficiary of the preference is also the majority creditor with approximately 90% of the total creditor value. It was not, therefore, deemed necessary to require repayment of the whole amount to then pay back the majority of the funds by means of a dividend A settlement was agreed whereby £97,511, being sufficient to allow a pari passu distribution to the remaining creditors, would be paid over and these funds have been received and are being held

One potentially significant creditor claim, relating to Quay House, Portsmouth, remains uncertain due to ongoing negotiations with insurers. When this claim is agreed it will be possible to finalise the dividend procedure.

#### **Other Assets**

Bank interest of £124 35 has been earned on the cash balances held in the joint liquidators' estates account. There have been no other realisations and no further realisations are expected.

#### Liquidators' Remuneration

The meeting of creditors held on 8 December 2012 approved the basis of the joint liquidators' remuneration, pursuant to Rule 4 127(2)(b) of the Insolvency Rules 1986, by reference to time properly given by the joint liquidators and their staff

The time costs for the first year of the liquidation total £19,252.50, which represents 98.9 hours at an average hourly charge out rate of £194.67. In the course of the liquidation I have drawn remuneration of £18,928.50 plus VAT. A summary of the major activities that the joint liquidators have undertaken in this period are given above. A report which complies with Statement of Insolvency Practice 9 (SIP9) detailing a breakdown of the joint liquidators' time costs is set out at Appendix B.

In the reporting period the joint liquidators have drawn disbursements of £102 44

The joint liquidators have reviewed the work undertaken and reported here and consider this level of costs to be appropriate bearing in mind the nature and complexity of the case

## **Charging Policy**

The firm's policy is to recharge the following

- a Cash disbursements such as company searches, legal notices, postage, external photocopying and subsistence where appropriate at cost
- b Mileage in relation to the assignment at rates comparable with those advised by motoring organisations for the vehicles used by firm and its staff
- c No charge is made for office overheads, the use of rooms in house, or for incidental expenses

# **Statutory Rights**

Creditors have certain rights to request information and challenge the liquidators' remuneration and expenses. Details of these rights can be found at Appendix C

#### Creditors

#### **Prescribed Part**

No funds are to be set aside under the provisions of Section 176A of the Insolvency Act 1986, as no charges have been registered after the relevant date

#### Preferential creditors

The Statement of Affairs indicated that there were no preferential creditors and no preferential claims have been received

#### Secured creditors

The Statement of Affairs indicated that there were no secured creditors and no secured creditors have been identified

#### **Unsecured creditors**

The joint liquidators have to date received unsecured claims totalling £2,335,383 from ten creditors in comparison to an estimated level of £2,057,122 as per the Statement of Affairs

This includes an estimated claim in relation to defects on a property the company developed at Quay House, Portsmouth. This claim is currently been considered by the company's insurance provider and as yet has not been agreed by the liquidators.

#### **Dividends**

Based on current projections there will be a distribution to creditors due to the repayment of the preference payment. The amount to be distributed will vary depending on the result of the insurance claim in relation to Quay House, Portsmouth

The major creditor has received a payment on account of their initial dividend by virtue of not having repaid the full value of their preference

# Progress Report dated 7 December 2012

# Investigation

I have a statutory duty to consider and report to the Insolvency Service on the conduct of any person who had been a director of the company in the three years preceding my appointment. I also have to consider whether any civil proceedings should be taken against the directors or others for the recovery of company assets or contributions to its estate.

I can report that I have complied with my obligations under the Company Directors Disqualification Act 1986. To enable me to do this I have undertaken a review of the company's records

### Conclusion

Should any creditor have any queries regarding this report, please do not hesitate to contact my assistant, lan Robinson, or me

Peter Whalley Joint Liquidator

22 January 2013

# Appendix A

# Porchester Homes Limited (In Liquidation)

# JOINT LIQUIDATORS' RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

	Note	Statement of affairs £	From 08/12/2011 To 07/12/2012 £
RECEIPTS			
Uncalled Share Capital		100 00	-
Council Refund		-	1,750 00
Cash at Bank		91 66	71 66
Preference	1	275,000 00	97,511 50
Bank Interest Net of Tax		•	124 35
			99,457 51
PAYMENTS			
Office Holders Fees			18,928 50
Office Holders Expenses			86 60
Statutory Advertising			223 90
Vat Receivable			3,844 87
			23,083 87
BALANCE - 07 December 2012			76,373 64
			99,457 51

# Note

<sup>1</sup> The £97,511 received is the settlement of a preference payment of £640,000 described in more detail in the body of the report

# Appendix B

# Porchester Homes Limited (In Liquidation) Statement of Remuneration / Expenses

# For period 08/12/2011 to 07/12/2012

	Incurred	Accrued In Period	Accrued	Total
Account	In Period	For Last Period	In Period	In Period
Bank Interest Net of Tax	27 27	-	-	27 <b>2</b> 7
Office Holders Fees	18,928 50	-	324 00	19,252 50
Office Holders Expenses	86 60	-	15 84	102 44
Statutory Advertising	223 90	-	-	223 90
Bank Charges	3 24	-	-	3 24
	18,814 51	-	-	19,609 35

# **Appendix C**

# Porchester Homes Limited in Liquidation, - 517183

SIP 9 - Time & Cost Summary

From: 08/12/2011

To: 07/12/2012

# Analysis of time costs:

Classification of Work	Hours				Total	Time	Av	
Function	Partner	Manager	Senior	Assistant	Support	Hours	Cost	Rate
							£	£
Administration and Planning					l			
Accounting - Other				0 10		0 10	8 50	85 00
Administration and planning	0 60	2 30	0 20	0 70	14 10	17 90	2,4 <del>94</del> 50	139 36
Statutory reporting	0 40		0 90	1 60	ļ	2 90	433 50	149 48
Appointment notification				0 50		0 50	42 50	85 00
Set up				1 10		1 10	93 50	85 00
Taxes Post Appointment	1 10	1 30	0 20	1 40		4 00	943 00	235 75
File reviews	1 60	2 10	2 00	1 10	ļ	6 80	1,568 00	230 59
Planning and strategy	2 30	1 00	0 60			3 90	1,160 00	2 <del>9</del> 7.44
Records		4 40	2 30	8 50		15 20	2,307 50	151 81
Investigations					ļ			
Directors investigation	2 00	16 60	0 30	1 60		20 50	5,168 00	252 10
Realisation of Assets								
Assets - Debts		0 10		0 50		0 60	67 50	112 50
Assets - Property	0 90	1 60	0 20	0 60		3 30	808 50	245 00
Assets - Other	0 60	1 60	0 10			2 30	637 50	277 17
Insuring		0 30				0 30	75 00	250 00
Legal correspondence re asset sales	0 50					0 50	175 00	350 00
Creditors		i			ı			
Creditors Unsecured	0 60	6 10	1 10	4 90		12 70	2,532 50	199 41
Reporting to members and creditors				1 80		1 80	165 00	91 67
Creditors - Committee		0 20		,		0 20	50 00	250 00
Dividends - Creditors		0 30				0 30	82 50	275 00
Case Specific Matters								
Case specific				4 00		4 00	440 00	110 00
Total Hours / Costs	10.60	37 90	7.90	28.40	14.10	98.90	19,252.50	194.67
Total Fees Claimed (£)							18,928.50	

# The firms charge out rates in the course of the liquidation have been;

Grade of staff	Hourly rate from 1 July 2009	Hourly rate from 1 November 2010	Hourly rate from 1 June 2012
Office holder	325	350	375
Manager	200 – 240	200 - 275	250 - 300
Other grades of staff	60 – 125	85 – 175	90 – 185

# Appendix D

# Creditor rights to request information under Rule 4.49E and their right to challenge the liquidator's remuneration & expenses under Rule 4.131

### 4.49E - Creditors' and members' request for further information

- 1) If-
- a) Within the period mentioned in paragraph (2)
  - I A secured creditor, or
  - II An unsecured creditor with the concurrence of at least 5% in value of the unsecured creditors (including the creditor in question), or
  - Members of the company in a members' voluntary winding up with at least 5% of the total voting rights of all the members having the right to vote at general meetings of the company, or
- With the permission of the court upon an application made within the period mentioned in paragraph (2)-
  - I Any unsecured creditor, or
  - II Any member of the company in a members' voluntary winding up,

makes a request in writing to the liquidator for further information about remuneration or expenses set out in a progress report in accordance with Rule 4 49B (1)(e) or (f) (including by virtue of Rule 4 49C(5)) or in a draft report under Rule 4 49D, the liquidator must, within 14 days of receipt of the request, comply with paragraph (3) except to the extent that the request is in respect of matter in a draft report under Rule 4 49D or a progress report required by Rule 4 108 which (in either case) was previously included in a progress report not required by Rule 4 108

- 2) The period referred to in paragraph (1)(a) and (b) is
  - a) 7 business days of receipt (by the last of them in the case of an application by more than one member) of the progress report where it is required by Rule 4 108, and
  - b) 21 days of receipt (by the last of them in the case of an application by more than one member) of the report of draft report in any other case
- 3) The liquidator complies with this paragraph by either
  - a) Providing all of the information asked for, or
  - b) So far as the liquidator considers that -
    - The time or cost of preparation of the information would be excessive, or
    - II. Disclosure of the information would be prejudicial to the conduct of the liquidation or might reasonably be expected to lead to violence against any person, or
    - The liquidator is subject to an obligation of confidentiality in respect of the information,

giving reasons for not providing all of the information

- 4) Any creditor, and any member of the company in a members' voluntary winding up, who need not be the same as the creditors or members who asked for the information, may apply to the court within 21 days of
  - a) The giving by the liquidator of reasons for not providing all of the information asked for, or
  - b) The expiry of the 14 days provided for in paragraph (1),

and the court may make such order as it thinks just

- 5) Without prejudice to the generality of paragraph (4), the order of the court under that paragraph may extend the period of 8 weeks or, as the case may be, 4 weeks provided for in Rule 4 131 (1B) or 4 148C(2) by such further period as the court thinks just
- 6) This Rule does not apply where the liquidator is the official receiver

# 4.131 - Creditors' claim that remuneration is or other expenses are excessive

- Any secured creditor, or any unsecured creditor with either the concurrence of at least 10% in value of the creditors (including that creditor) or the permission of the court, may apply to the court for one or more of the orders in paragraph (4)
  - 1A) Application may be made on the grounds that -
    - The remuneration charged by the liquidator,
    - b) The basis fixed for the liquidators' remuneration under Rule 4 127, or
    - c) Expenses incurred by the liquidator,

is or are, in all the circumstances, excessive or, in the case of an application under sub-paragraph (b), inappropriate

- 1B) The Application must, subject to any order of the court under Rule 4 49E(5), be made no later than 8 weeks (or, in a case falling within Rule 4 108, 4 weeks) after receipt by the applicant of the progress report, or the draft report under Rule 4 49D, which first reports the charging of the remuneration or the incurring of the expenses in question ("the relevant report")
- 2) The court may, if it thinks that no sufficient cause is shown for a reduction, dismiss the application, but it shall not do so unless the applicant has had an opportunity to attend the court for a hearing, of which he has been given at least 5 business days' notice but which is without notice to any other party

If the application is not dismissed under this paragraph, the court shall fix a venue for it to be heard, and give notice to the applicant accordingly

- 3) The applicant shall, at least 14 days before the hearing, send to the liquidator a notice stating the venue and accompanied by a copy of the application, and of any evidence which the applicant intends to adduce in support of it
- If the court considers the application to be well-founded, it must make one or more of the following orders
  - a) An order reducing the amount of remuneration which the liquidator was entitled to charge,
  - b) An order fixing the basis of remuneration at a reduced rate or amount,
  - c) An order changing the basis of remuneration,
  - d) An order that some or all of the remuneration or expenses in question be treated as not being expenses of the liquidation,
  - e) An order that the liquidator of the liquidators' personal representative pay to the company the amount of the excess of remuneration or expenses or such part of the excess as the court may specify,

And may make any other order that it thinks just, but an order under sub-paragraph (b) or (c) may be made only in respect of periods after the period covered by the relevant report

5) Unless the court orders otherwise, the costs of the application shall be paid by the applicant, and are not payable as an expense of the liquidation