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Notice of progress report in voluntary winding up



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1 Company details

Company number 0 5 2 5 7 9 5 7

Company name in full Mill Finance Limited

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Please complete in typescript or in
bold black capitals.

2 Liquidator's name

Full forename(s) Andreas

Surname Arakapiotis

3 Liquidator's address

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Post town Whetstone

County/Region London

Postcode N 2 0 0 R A

Country

4 Liquidator's name ①

Full forename(s)

Surname

① Other liquidator

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6 Period of progress report

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To date	^d 0	^d 8	^m 1	^m 1	^y 2	^y 0	^y 2	^y 3	

7 Progress report

☒ The progress report is attached	
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8 Sign and date

Liquidator's signature	Signature 								
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LIQUIDATOR'S PROGRESS REPORT TO CREDITORS AND MEMBERS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 3
JANUARY 2024

Mill Finance Limited ("**the Company**") – In Creditors' Voluntary Liquidation

STATUTORY INFORMATION

Company name:	Mill Finance Limited
Registration number:	05257957
Registered Office:	Mountview Court, 1148 High Road, Whetstone, London, N20 0RA
Former Registered Office:	Ashbourne House The Guildway, Old Portsmouth Road, Guildford, GU3 1LR
Principal trading activity:	Activities auxiliary to financial intermediation
Liquidator's names:	Andreas Arakapiotis
Liquidator's address:	Mountview Court, 1148 High Road, Whetstone, London, N20 0RA
Liquidator's contact details:	Christina@kallis.co.uk and 020 8446 6699.
Date of appointment:	9 November 2022

LIQUIDATOR'S ACTIONS SINCE THE APPOINTMENT OF THE LIQUIDATOR

Since my appointment, I have carried out a number of tasks for the benefit of liquidation estate, which are detailed below:

- Reviewed Company's records with a view to identifying any transactions or actions that I may take against a third party in order to recover funds for the benefit of creditors.
- Liaised with bank regarding the closure of the Company's bank account.
- Liaised with the Director in regard to the following:
 - o the HMRC refund that are due to the Company;
 - o the outstanding intercompany book debts and trading book debts.

There is also certain work that I am required by the insolvency legislation to undertake in connection with the liquidation that provides no financial benefit for the creditors. A description of the routine work undertaken since the appointment of the Liquidator is contained in Appendix 2.

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

My Receipts & Payments Account for the period from 9 November 2022 to 8 November 2023 is attached at Appendix 1. All amounts are shown net of VAT. I have reconciled the account against the financial records that I am required to maintain.

The balance of funds is held in an interest-bearing estate bank account. To date no interest has been received.

ASSETS

Trade Debtors

As per the statement of Affairs, £28,000.00 was owed to the Company by way of one outstanding book debt, the realisable value of which was uncertain.

Following my appointment, I liaised with the Director who, given he is an ex-director of the debtor, provided insights into the situation. The Director highlighted that the debtor's business activities are minimal, mainly sustained through shareholder funding which is in line with the debtor's accounts obtained from Companies House.

Even though realisations are unlikely in this regard, I will write to the debtor for repayment and I will provide you with a further update in my next report.

Intercompany Book Debts

As per the statement of affairs the Company was owed £281,447.00 by way of one outstanding intercompany book debt from Mira Holdings UK Limited.

A bad debt provision for the whole amount was made in the Company's accounts due to the fact that Mira Holdings UK Limited was not in a position to pay this.

Following my appointment I liaised with the Director in regards to the monies owed by Mira Holdings UK Limited. The Director confirmed that the company was not in a position to pay and now Mira Holdings UK Limited has been dissolved.

Funds Held on Appointment

Of the £9,600, £6,000 represent the fees and expenses of Kallis & Company for assisting in the preparation of the Statement of Affairs and seeking a decision on the appointment of a Liquidator from the creditors. The sum of £3,600.00 represent an advance made to Kallis & Company post appointment fees.

PRE-APPOINTMENT FEES

The creditors previously authorised the payment of a fee of £5,000 plus disbursements plus VAT for my assistance with preparing the statement of affairs and arranging the decision procedure for creditors to appoint a liquidator

The fee for preparing the statement of affairs and arranging the decision procedure for creditors to appoint a liquidator was paid by Mill Group Limited, a connected Company, which is also in Liquidation.

INVESTIGATION INTO THE AFFAIRS OF THE Company

I undertook an initial investigation into the Company's affairs to establish whether there were any potential asset recoveries or conduct matters that justified further investigation, taking account of the public interest, potential recoveries, the funds likely to be available to fund an investigation, and the costs involved. I am required by the Statements of Insolvency Practice to undertake such an initial investigation and the work detailed below has been undertaken in connection with that initial investigation.

Specifically, I recovered, listed and reviewed the Company's accounting records; obtained and reviewed copy bank statements for the 21 months prior to the Company ceasing to trade from the Company's bankers; and compared the information in the Company's last set of accounts with that contained in the statement of affairs lodged in the Liquidation and made enquiries about the reasons for the changes.

I have identified areas where I considered that further investigation was required. As my investigations are still ongoing I cannot disclose any further information at this stage as this might affect the outcome of the investigations.

Finally, within three months of my appointment as Liquidator, I am required to submit a confidential report to the Secretary of State to include any matters which have come to my attention during the course of my work which may indicate that the conduct of any past or present Director would make them unfit to be concerned with the management of the Company. I would confirm that my report has been submitted.

LIQUIDATOR'S REMUNERATION

My remuneration was approved by the creditors on 09 November 2022 on a fixed fee of £15,000 plus VAT for my work in respect of Administration & Planning, Financials, Realisation of Assets, Creditors and Investigations.

I have drawn £3,000.00 to 8 November 2023 in respect of work done for which my fees were approved as a fixed fee.

Further information about creditors' rights can be obtained by visiting the creditors' information microsite published by the Association of Business Recovery Professionals (R3) at <https://www.r3.org.uk/technical-library/england-wales/technical-guidance/creditor-guides/>. Once you access the link, scroll down to "Creditors' Voluntary Liquidation" for the relevant details.

A copy of 'A Creditors Guide to Liquidator's Fees' also published by R3 can be accessed at <http://www.kallis.co.uk/downloads> by clicking the link underneath "Insolvency Office Holders' Fees". Please note that there are different versions of these Guidance Notes, and in this case please refer to "Guide to Liquidators Fees" under "Version 4 - issued April 2017".

Kallis & Company's fee policy, which is enclosed with this report in Appendix 4, can also be accessed at <http://www.kallis.co.uk/download> by clicking the link underneath "Kallis & Company's Fee Policy".

LIQUIDATOR'S EXPENSES

Expenses are any payments from the estate which are neither an office holder's remuneration nor a distribution to a creditor or a member. Expenses also includes disbursements. Disbursements are payments which are first met by the office holder and then reimbursed to the office holder from the estate. Expenses are split into:

- category 1 expenses, which are payments to persons providing the service to which the expense relates who are not an associate of the office holder; and
- category 2 expenses, which are payments to associates or which have an element of shared costs. Before being paid category 2 expenses require approval in the same manner as an office holder's remuneration.

Category 1 expenses

I have incurred the following category 1 expenses in the Liquidation:

Nature of category 1 expense	Amount incurred/ accrued in reporting period	Amount unpaid
Specific Bond	£44.44	£44.44
Advertising	£258.60	£258.60
Postage	£9.16	£9.16
Total	£311.76	£311.76

I have not paid any category 1 expenses to date.

Category 2 expenses

I am required to seek approval before I can pay any expenses to associates, or pay expenses where there is an element of shared costs, which are known as category 2 expenses. I have obtained approval to pay the following category 2 expenses.

I have not incurred any category 2 expenses to date.

Details of the category 1 and 2 expenses that I have paid to date are included in the receipts and payments account attached

Comparison of estimated expenses with actual expenses incurred

Nature of expense	Estimated expenses	Expenses incurred to date
Specific Bond	£80.00	£44.00
Advertising	£258.60	£258.60
Postage	£17.50	£9.16
Storage	£15.00	£0.00
Total	£371.10	£311.76

As you can see above, the total expenses I have incurred to date are in line with the total expenses I estimated I would incur when my remuneration was approved and I do not expect to exceed my estimate of expenses.

LIABILITIES

Secured Creditors

An examination of the company's mortgage register held by the Registrar of Companies, showed that the company has no current charges over its assets.

The legislation requires that if the Company has created a floating charge after 15 September 2003, a prescribed part of the Company's net property (i.e., the money that would otherwise be available to the charge holder) should be ring-fenced for distribution to unsecured creditors. In this case there were no creditors secured by a floating charge such that the prescribed part provisions do not apply.

Non-preferential unsecured Creditors

The statement of affairs included 5 non-preferential unsecured creditors with an estimated total liability of £120,908.63, none of which was owed to HMRC. I have received claims from 5 creditors at a total of £74,226.06, of which £100.00 was from HMRC. I have not received claims from 1 creditors with an original estimated claim in the statement of affairs of £46,782.57.

DIVIDEND PROSPECTS

Non-preferential unsecured Creditors

On the basis of current information is unlikely that there will be sufficient realisation to enable a dividend payment to non-preferential unsecured creditors.

FURTHER INFORMATION

An unsecured creditor may, with the permission of the Court, or with the concurrence of 5% in value of the unsecured creditors (including the creditor in question), request further details of the Liquidator's remuneration and expenses within 21 days of their receipt of this report. Any secured creditor may request the same details in the same time limit.

An unsecured creditor may, with the permission of the Court, or with the concurrence of 10% in value of the unsecured creditors (including the creditor in question), apply to Court to challenge the amount of remuneration charged by the Liquidator as being excessive, and/or the basis of the Liquidator's remuneration, and/or the amount of the expenses incurred as being excessive, within 8 weeks of their receipt of this report. Any secured creditor may make a similar application to court within the same time limit.

To comply with the Provision of Services Regulations, some general information about Kallis & Company can be found at www.kallis.co.uk/legal/.

SUMMARY

The Liquidation will remain open until the matter of the outstanding book debts and HMRC refund have been fully resolved. I estimate that this will take approximately 10 months and once resolved the Liquidation will be finalised and our files will be closed.

If creditors have any queries regarding the conduct of the Liquidation, or if they want hard copies of any of the documents made available on-line, they should contact Antonis Stylianou on 020 8446 6699, or by email at Antonis@kallis.co.uk.



Andreas Arakapiotis
LIQUIDATOR

Mill Finance Limited
(In Liquidation)
Liquidator's Summary of Receipts and Payments
To 08 November 2023

RECEIPTS	Statement of Affairs (£)	Total (£)
Trading Debtors	Uncertain	0.00
VAT Refund	224.00	0.00
Funds Held on Appointment	9,600.00	9,600.00
Intercompany Book Debts	Uncertain	0.00
		9,600.00
PAYMENTS		
Preparation of S. of A.		5,000.00
Office Holders Fees		3,000.00
Trade & Expense Creditors	(1,344.00)	0.00
Banks/Institutions	(46,782.57)	0.00
Intercompany Creditors	(72,782.06)	0.00
Ordinary Shareholders	(300,000.00)	0.00
		8,000.00
Net Receipts/(Payments)		1,600.00

MADE UP AS FOLLOWS

VAT Receivable / (Payable)	1,600.00
	1,600.00



Andreas Arakapiotis
Liquidator

Appendix 2 - Details of Work undertaken to date

Administration

This represents the work involved in the routine administrative functions of the case by the office holder and their staff, together with the control and supervision of the work done on the case by the office holder and their managers. It does not give direct financial benefit to the creditors, but has to be undertaken by the office holder to meet their requirements under the insolvency legislation and the Statements of Insolvency Practice, which set out required practice that an office holder must follow.

Case planning - devising an appropriate strategy for dealing with the case and giving instructions to staff to undertake the work on the case.

Setting up electronic case files

Setting up the case on the practice's electronic case management system and entering data.

Issuing the statutory notifications to creditors and other required on appointment as office holder, including gazetting the office holder's appointment.

Obtaining a specific penalty bond (this is insurance required by statute that every insolvency office holder must obtain for each insolvency appointment).

Convening a decision procedure to seek a decision from creditors to approve the basis of remuneration.

Supervising the work of advisors instructed on the case to assist in dealing with pension schemes; obtaining reports and updates from them on the work done; and checking the adequacy of the work done.

Dealing with all routine correspondence and emails relating to the case.

Opening, maintaining and managing the estate bank account.

Creating, maintaining and managing a cashbook.

Undertaking regular bank reconciliations of the estate bank account.

Reviewing the adequacy of the specific penalty bond on a quarterly basis.

Undertaking periodic reviews of the progress of the case.

Overseeing and controlling the work done on the case by case administrators.

Preparing, reviewing and issuing annual progress reports to creditors and members.

Filing returns at Companies House.

Preparing and filing VAT returns.

Preparing and filing Corporation Tax returns.

Realisation of assets:

This represents the work involved in the protection and realisation of assets, which is undertaken directly for the benefit of creditors.

Liaising with the bank regarding the closure of the account.

Liaising with the Director in regard to the HMRC refund that are due to the Company;

Liaising with the Director in regard to the outstanding intercompany book debts.

Liaising with the Director in regard to the trading debtors.

Creditors

Claims of creditors - the office holder needs to maintain up to date records of the names and addresses of creditors, together with the amounts of their claims as part of the management of the case, and to ensure that notices and reports can be issued to the creditors. The office holder also needs to deal with correspondence and queries received from creditors regarding their claims and dividend prospects as they are received. The office holder is required to undertake this work as part of their statutory functions.

Dealing with creditor correspondence, emails and telephone conversations regarding their claims.

Maintaining up to date creditor information on the case management system.

Investigations:

The insolvency legislation gives the office holder powers to take recovery action in respect of what are known as antecedent transactions, where assets have been disposed of prior to the commencement of the insolvency procedure, and also in respect of matters such as misfeasance and wrongful trading. The office holder is required by the Statements of Insolvency Practice to undertake an initial investigation in all cases to determine whether there are potential recovery actions for the benefit of creditors.

Recovering the books and records for the case.

Listing the books and records recovered.

Submitting an online return on the conduct of the Directors as required by the Company Directors Disqualification Act.

Conducting an initial investigation with a view to identifying potential asset recoveries by seeking and obtaining information from relevant third parties, such as the bank, accountants, solicitors, etc.

Reviewing books and records to identify any transactions or actions the office holder may take against a third party in order to recover funds for the benefit of creditors

PRACTICE FEE RECOVERY POLICY FOR KALLIS INSOLVENCY PRACTITIONERS

Introduction

This sheet explains the alternative fee bases allowed by the insolvency legislation when acting as office holder in insolvency appointments. The legislation allows different fee bases to be used for different tasks within the same appointment. The fee basis, or combination of bases, set for a particular appointment is/are subject to approval, generally by a committee if one is appointed by the creditors, failing which the creditors in general meeting, or the Court. The report accompanying the request to fix the basis of remuneration will indicate the basis, or bases, being requested in that particular case and will make it clear what work is to be undertaken in respect of each basis.

Further information about creditors' rights can be obtained by visiting the creditors' information micro-site published by the Association of Business Recovery Professionals (R3) at <http://www.creditorinsolvencyguide.co.uk/>. Details about how an office holder's fees may be approved for each case type are available in a series of guides issued with Statement of Insolvency Practice 9 (SIP 9) "Payments to Insolvency Office Holders and their Associates from an Estate" and can be accessed at <https://www.kallis.co.uk/downloads/>. Alternatively, a hard copy may be requested from Kallis Insolvency Practitioners, Mountview Court, 1148 High Road, London N20 0RA. Please note that we have provided further details in this policy document.

SIP 9 also contains various requirements that the office holder has to comply with in connection with their remuneration, both when seeking approval and when reporting to creditors and other interested parties after approval. One of the matters that an office holder has to comply with is that they must also seek approval for any payments that could reasonably be perceived as representing a threat to the office holder's objectivity or independence by virtue of a professional or personal relationship, including to an associate. Where it is anticipated that such payments will be made in a case they will be separately identified when seeking approval for the basis of the office holder's remuneration.

Other than in respect of Voluntary Arrangements an office holder is required to record the time spent on casework in all cases, even if they are being remunerated for that work on a basis other than time costs. Time is recorded directly to the relevant case and the nature of the work undertaken is recorded at that time. The work is generally recorded under the following categories:

- Case Administration (including statutory reporting).
- Financials
- Realisation of Assets.
- Investigations.
- Creditors (claims and distributions).
- Trading
- Case specific matters.

Time cost basis

When charging fees on a time costs basis we use charge out rates appropriate to the skills and experience of a member of staff and the work that they perform. This is combined with the amount of time that they work on each case, recorded in 6 minute units with supporting narrative to explain the work undertaken.

Charge out Rates

Grade of staff	Current charge-out rate per hour, effective from 15/08/2022
Senior Partner / appointment taker	£480
Partner / appointment taker	£380 - 400
Senior Manager	£280 - 350
Assistant Manager/Manager	£200 - 250
Senior/Case Administrator	£150-180
Support Staff	£110-125

In cases where these staff undertake work, specific approval will be sought for the payment of the fees incurred.

These charge-out rates charged are reviewed regularly and are adjusted to take account of inflation and the firm's overheads.

When we seek time costs approval, we have to set out a fees estimate. That estimate acts as a cap on our time costs so that we cannot draw fees of more than the estimated time costs without further approval from those who approved our fees. When seeking approval for our fees, we will disclose the work that we intend to undertake, the hourly rates we intend to charge for each part of the work, and the time that we think each part of the work will take. We will summarise that information in an average or "blended" rate for all of the work being carried out within the estimate, and by reference to each separate category of work. The blended rate is calculated as the prospective average cost per hour, based upon the estimated time to be expended by each grade of staff at their specific charge out rate. We will also say whether we anticipate needing to seek approval to exceed the estimate and, if so, the reasons that we think that may be necessary.

A report accompanying the request to fix the basis of remuneration will include the fees estimate, as well as details of the expenses that will be, or are likely to be, incurred. Further information about expenses is given in a separate section below.

The disclosure that we make should include sufficient information about the insolvency appointment to enable you to understand how the proposed fee reflects the complexity (or otherwise) of the case, any responsibility of an exceptional kind falling on the office holder, the effectiveness with which the office holder has carried out their functions, and the value and nature of the property with which the office holder has to deal.

If we subsequently need to seek authority to draw fees in excess of the estimate, we will say why we have exceeded, or are likely to exceed the estimate; any additional work undertaken, or proposed to be undertaken; the hourly rates proposed for each part of the work; and the time that the additional work is expected to take. As with the original estimate, we will summarise that information in an average or "blended" rate for all of the work being carried out within the estimate, and by reference to each separate category of work, and will also say whether we anticipate needing further approval and, if so, why we think it may be necessary to seek further approval.

Percentage basis

The legislation allows fees to be charged on a percentage of the value of the property with which the office holder has to deal (realisations and/or distributions). Different percentages can be used for different assets or types of assets. A report accompanying the request to fix the basis of remuneration will set out the potential assets in the case, the remuneration percentage proposed in respect of any realisations and the work covered by that remuneration, which may solely relate to work undertaken in connection with the realisation of the assets, but might also include other categories of work as listed above. The report will also include details of the expenses that will be, or are likely to be, incurred. Further information about expenses is given in a separate section below.

The percentage approved in respect of realisations will be charged against the assets realised, and where approval is obtained on a mixture of bases, any fixed fee and time costs will then be charged against the funds remaining in the liquidation after the realisation percentage has been deducted.

A percentage of distributions made to unsecured creditors may also be requested, in order to cover the work associated with the agreement of claims and making the distribution.

The disclosure that we make will include sufficient information about the insolvency appointment to enable you to understand how the proposed fee reflects the complexity (or otherwise) of the case, any responsibility of an exceptional kind falling on the office holder, the effectiveness with which the office holder has carried out their functions, and the value and nature of the property with which the office holder has to deal. In order to meet the requirements of SIP 9 it will also explain why the basis requested is expected to produce a fair and reasonable reflection of the work that we anticipate will be undertaken on the case.

If the basis of remuneration has been approved on a percentage basis then an increase in the amount of the percentage applied can only be approved by the committee or creditors (depending upon who approved the basis of remuneration) in cases where there has been a material and substantial change in the circumstances that were taken into account when fixing the original level of the percentage applied. If there has not been a material and substantial change in the circumstances, then an increase can only be approved by the Court.

Fixed fee

The legislation allows fees to be charged at a set amount. Different set amounts can be used for different tasks. A report accompanying the request to fix the basis of remuneration will set out the set fee that we proposed to charge and the work covered by that remuneration, as well as details of the expenses that will be, or are likely to be, incurred. Further information about expenses is given in a separate section below.

The disclosure that we make will include sufficient information about the insolvency appointment to enable you to understand how the proposed fee reflects the complexity (or otherwise) of the case, any responsibility of an exceptional kind falling on the office holder, the effectiveness with which the office holder has carried out their functions, and the value and nature of the property with which the office holder has to deal. In order to meet the requirements of SIP 9 we will also explain why the basis requested is expected to produce a fair and reasonable reflection of the work that we anticipate will be undertaken on the case.

If the basis of remuneration has been approved on a fixed fee basis then an increase in the amount of the fixed fee can only be approved by the committee or creditors (depending upon who approved the basis of remuneration) in cases where there has been a material and substantial change in the circumstances that were taken into account when fixing the original level of the fixed fee. If there has not been a material and substantial change in the circumstances, then an increase can only be approved by the Court.

Direct Costs

Where we seek approval on a percentage and/or fixed fee basis, in order to meet the requirements of SIP 9 we also have to disclose the direct costs that are included within the remuneration that will be charged on those bases in respect of the work undertaken. The following are direct costs that will be included in respect of work undertaken in respect of each of the standard categories of work where the office holder is to be remunerated for such work on either a percentage or fixed fee basis:

- Case Administration (including statutory reporting) – staff costs, costs of case management system.
- Realisation of Assets - staff costs, costs of case management system.
- Investigations - staff costs, costs of case management system.
- Creditors (claims and distributions) - staff costs, costs of case management system.
- Trading - staff costs, costs of case management system, costs of accounting software.

Mixed basis

If remuneration is to be sought on a mixed basis, we will make it clear in the report accompanying the request to fix the basis of remuneration which basis will be charged for each category of work that is to be undertaken on the case.

Members' voluntary liquidations and Voluntary Arrangements

The legislation is different for members' voluntary liquidations (MVL), Company Voluntary Arrangements (CVA) and Individual Voluntary Arrangements (IVA). In MVLs, the company's members set the fee basis, often as a fixed fee, and SIP 9 does not apply unless the members specifically request it. In CVAs and IVAs, the fee basis is set out in the proposals and creditors approve the fee basis when they approve the arrangement.

All fee bases

With the exception of IVAs and CVAs, which are usually VAT exempt, the office holder's remuneration invoiced to the insolvent estate will be subject to VAT at the prevailing rate.

Expenses

As already indicated, a report will accompany the request to fix the basis of remuneration and that will include details of expenses to be incurred, or likely to be incurred. When reporting to the committee and creditors during the course of the insolvency appointment the actual expenses incurred will be compared with the original estimate provided.

Expenses are any payments from the insolvent estate that are neither an office holder's remuneration nor a distribution to a creditor, or a member. Expenses also include disbursements. Disbursements are payments that are first paid by the office holder and then reimbursed from the insolvent estate. Expenses are divided into those that do not need approval before they are charged to the estate (Category 1) and those that do (Category 2).

Category 1 expenses are payments to persons providing the service to which the expense relates who are not an associate of the office holder. They can be paid by the office holder without obtaining prior approval. . Examples of costs that may amount to Category 1 expenses are professional advisors (who are not associates), statutory advertising, external meeting room hire (where the room is only hired for that meeting), external storage, specific penalty bond insurance, insolvency case management software fees charged on a per case basis, and Company search fees.

Category 2 expenses are either payments to associates, or payments in respect of expenses that have an element of shared costs, such as photocopying and mileage. Category 2 expenses require approval in the same manner as an office holder's remuneration before they can be paid.'

The practice intends to seek approval to recover the following Category 2 expenses that include an element of shared costs:

Room Hire	£50 per hour
Mileage	www.gov.uk/government/publications/rates-and-allowances-travel-mileage-and-fuel-allowances
Storage	£15 per box per annum
Destruction	Costs £5.50 per box

Professional advisors may be instructed to assist the office holder on the case where they consider that such assistance is necessary to enable them to appropriately administer the case. The fees charged by any professional advisors used will be recharged at cost to the case. Where the professional advisor is not an associate of the office holder it will be for the office holder to agree the basis of their fees. Where the professional advisor is an associate of the office holder it will be for those responsible for fixing the basis of the office holder's remuneration to approve payments to them. The fees of any professional advisors are subject to the rights of creditors to seek further information about them or challenge them as summarised below. Professional advisors that may be instructed on a case include:

- Solicitors/Legal Advisors;
- Auctioneers/Valuers;
- Accountants;
- Book Debt Collectors;
- Quantity Surveyors;
- Estate Agents;
- Pension specialists;
- Employment Claims specialists; and
- GDPR/Cyber Security specialists.

Reporting and rights to challenge

Once the basis of the office holder's remuneration has been approved, a periodic report will be provided to any committee and also to each creditor. The report will provide a breakdown of the remuneration charged by the office holder in the period covered by the report, i.e., the amount that the office holder is entitled to draw, together with the amount of remuneration actually drawn. If approval has been obtained for remuneration on a time costs basis, the time costs incurred will also be disclosed, whether drawn or not, together with the "blended" rates of such costs. The report will also compare the actual time costs incurred with those included in the fees estimate prepared when fixing the basis of the remuneration, and indicate whether the fees estimate is likely to be exceeded. If the fees estimate has been exceeded, or is likely to be exceeded, the report will explain why that is the case.

The report will also provide information about expenses incurred in the period covered by the report, together with those actually paid, together with a comparison with the estimated expenses. If the expenses incurred, or anticipated to be incurred, have exceeded the estimate provided the report will explain why that is the case.

Under the insolvency legislation the report must also include a statement of the legislative rights of creditors to request further information about the remuneration charged and expenses incurred in the period covered by the report, or to challenge them on the grounds that they are excessive. Extracts of the relevant insolvency rules dealing with these rights are set out below. Once the time period to seek further information about the office holder's remuneration and/or expenses for the period covered by the

report has elapsed, then a Court Order is required to compel the office holder to provide further information about the remuneration and expenses. A Court order is required to challenge the office holder's remuneration and/or expenses for the period covered by the report. Once that period has elapsed, then a separate Court Order is required to allow an application out of time.

Under rule 18.9 of the Insolvency (England and Wales) Rules 2006, an unsecured creditor may, with the permission of the court or with the concurrence of 5% in value of the unsecured creditors (including the creditor in question) request further details of the office holder's remuneration and expenses, within 21 days of receipt of any report for the period. Any secured creditor may request the same details in the same time limit.

Under rule 18.34, an unsecured creditor may, with the permission of the court or with the concurrence of 10% in value of the unsecured creditors (including the creditor in question), apply to court to challenge the amount and/or basis of the office holder's fees and the amount of any proposed expenses or expenses already incurred, within 8 weeks of receipt of any report for the period. Any secured creditor may make a similar application to court within the same time limit.

Under some old legislation, which still applies for insolvency appointments commenced before 6 April 2010, there is no equivalent mechanism for fees to be challenged.

Rule 14.4 The Insolvency (England and Wales) Rules 2016
Proof of Debt – General Form

Name of Company in Liquidation:	Mill Finance Limited
Company Registration Number:	05257957
Date of Liquidation:	9 November, 2022
1 Name of creditor (If a company, please also provide the company registration number).	
2 Correspondence address of creditor (including any email address)	
3 Total amount of claim (£) (include any Value Added Tax)	
4 If amount in 3 above includes (£) outstanding uncapitalised interest, state amount.	
5 Details of how and when the debt was incurred. (If you need more space, attach a continuation sheet to this form)	
6 Details of any security held, the value of the security and the date it was given.	
7 Details of any reservation of title claimed in respect of goods supplied to which the debt relates.	
8 Details of any document by reference to which the debt can be substantiated	
9 Signature of creditor	

(or person authorised to act on the creditor's behalf)

10 Address of person signing if different from 2 above

11 Name in BLOCK LETTERS:

12 Position with, or relation to, creditor

13 Date of signature

Admitted to vote for

Amount (£)

Date

Admitted for dividend for

Amount (£)

Date

Andreas Arakapiotis
LIQUIDATOR

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Notes:

1. There is no need to attach them now but the office holder may ask you to produce any document or other evidence which is considered necessary to substantiate the whole or any part of the claim, as may the chairman or convener of any qualifying decision procedure.
2. This form can be authenticated for submission by email by entering your name in block capitals and sending the form as an attachment from an email address which clearly identifies you or has been previously notified to the office holder. If completing on behalf of a company, please state your relationship to the company.
3. If you wish any dividend to be paid by way of bank transfer rather than by cheque, please provide the following information:

Bank Name:

Account Name;

Sort Code:

Account Number: