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Company name in full Cromwell Engineering 2000 Limited

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2 Liquidator's name

Full forename(s) Luke

Surname Venner

3 Liquidator's address

Building name/number 2nd Floor Stratus House

Street Emperor Way

Post town Exeter Business Park

County/Region Exeter

Postcode E X 1 3 Q S

Country

4 Liquidator's name ①

Full forename(s) Malcolm

Surname Rhodes

① Other liquidator

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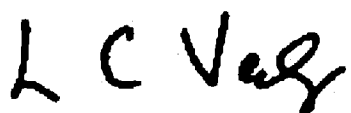
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Joint Liquidators' Annual Progress Report to Creditors & Members

Cromwell Engineering 2000 Limited - In Liquidation

For the period from 31 October 2021 to 30 October 2022

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1 Introduction and Statutory Information

- 1.1 I, together with my former colleague Jack Callow, was appointed Joint Liquidator of Cromwell Engineering 2000 Limited (the Company) on 7 April 2021 in succession to Jonathan Mark Williams, who had been appointed on 10 May 2011.
- 1.2 Our appointment was made by Order of the High Court of Justice, The Business and Property Courts in Bristol on 7 April 2021, ahead of Mr Williams' retirement from Bishop Fleming. A copy of the Order is available on request.
- 1.3 Malcolm Rhodes was appointed Joint Liquidator of the Company on 27 September 2022 in succession to Jack Callow. His appointment was made by Order of the High Court of Justice, The Business and Property Courts in Bristol on 27 September 2022, ahead of Mr Callow's resignation from Bishop Fleming. A copy of the Order is available on request.
- 1.4 This progress report covers the period from 31 October 2021 to 30 October 2022 (the Period) and should be read in conjunction with any previous progress reports which have been issued.
- 1.5 Information about the way that we will use, and store, personal data on insolvency appointments can be found at www.bishopfleminginsolvency.co.uk/privacy-policy. If you are unable to download this, please contact us and a hard copy will be provided to you.
- 1.6 The principal trading address of the Company was Bridge House, 4 Borough High Street, London, SE1 9QR.
- 1.7 The registered office of the Company has been changed to c/o Bishop Fleming LLP, 10 Temple Back, Bristol, BS1 6FL and its registered number is 05318768.

2 Receipts and Payments

- 2.1 At Appendix A is our Receipts and Payments Account covering the Period of this report, together with a cumulative Receipts and Payments Account for the period from the date of our appointment as Liquidators/the commencement of the liquidation to the end of the Period covered by this report.
- 2.2 In addition to asset realisations, £5.37 has been received in the period in respect of interest on monies held in the Insolvency Services Account maintained with the Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy
- 2.3 In Section 3 below, you will find an update on the progress made during the Period in realising the Company's assets and dealing with its affairs. We would, however, bring the following matters about the receipts and payments during the Period to your attention:

3 Progress of the Liquidation

- 3.1 This section of the report provides creditors with an update on the progress made in the liquidation during the Period and an explanation of the work done by us and our staff.

Administration

- 3.2 The liquidators must comply with certain statutory obligations under the Insolvency Act 1986 and other related legislation. This work includes dealing with the Company's creditors and employees together with administrative tasks associated the appointment, such as agreeing the strategy for the liquidation, filing notices of appointment, statutory advertising, opening and maintaining the estate cash book and bank accounts and reporting periodically to creditors, HMRC and the Registrar of Companies.

- 3.3 In the period covered by this report, time has been spent completing statutory tasks, including preparing and issuing the previous progress report and completing required corporation tax returns.

- 3.4 Creditors should note that this work will not necessarily bring any financial benefit to creditors but is required on every case by statute.

Realisation of Assets

Debtors and Work in Progress & Retentions

- 3.5 During the period, c£12k+VAT fell due for payment; however, we did not receive this, and so we instructed our solicitors to pursue this matter further along with four other associated amounts already due for payment or scheduled for payment within the next two years.

- 3.6 In the period between the period covered by this report and the issuing of this report, settlement terms have been formally agreed with the debtor, such that we expect to receive £10k+VAT in January 2023. No further information can be divulged for confidentiality reasons. We expect to make a payment to our solicitor, DAC Beachcroft, out of these funds, which is to be agreed.

- 3.7 This now concludes this matter, and there are no other assets to realise in the liquidation.

- 3.8 It is not anticipated that the work we have carried out to deal with the Company's assets will provide a financial benefit to creditors. This is because the value of the assets was insufficient to produce a financial benefit after the associated costs of realisation were taken into consideration.

Creditors (claims and distributions)

- 3.9 Liquidators are not only required to deal with correspondence and claims from unsecured creditors (which may include retention of title claims), but also those of any secured and preferential creditors of the Company. This may involve separate reporting to any secured creditor and dealing with distributions from asset realisations caught under their security, most typically a debenture.

- 3.10 Claims from preferential creditors typically involve employee claims and payments made on behalf of the Company by the Redundancy Payments Service following dismissal.

- 3.11 The above work will not necessarily bring any financial benefit to creditors generally, however the Liquidators are required by statute to undertake this work. Similarly, if a distribution is to be paid to any class of creditor, work will be required to agree those claims and process the dividend payments to each relevant class of creditor. The more creditors a company has, the more time and cost will be involved by the Liquidators in dealing with those claims.

Investigations

- 3.12 You may recall from the first progress report to creditors that some of the work Liquidators are required to undertake is to comply with legislation such as the Company Directors' Disqualification Act 1986 (CDDA 1986) and Statement of Insolvency Practice 2 – Investigations by Office Holders in Administration and Insolvent Liquidations and may not necessarily bring any financial benefit to creditors, unless these investigations reveal potential asset recoveries that the Liquidators can pursue for the benefit of creditors.

- 3.13 A report on the conduct of the Directors of the Company to the Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy under the CDDA 1986 was submitted during the first year of the liquidation and is confidential.

- 3.14 Since the last progress report, we would advise that no further asset realisations have come to light that may be pursued by us for the benefit of creditors.

Matters still to be dealt with

- 3.15 As noted above, an agreement has been agreed with the debtor regarding the outstanding retentions. The only outstanding matters, therefore, are the issuing of this report, the finalisation of the liquidation tax returns and the closure of the liquidation.

4 Creditors

Secured Creditors

- 4.1 HSBC Bank Plc holds a fixed and floating charge over the Company's assets. At the date of the liquidation, the indebtedness to the secured creditor was estimated at £250,279.10. There are insufficient funds in this case to permit a distribution.

Preferential Creditors

- 4.2 A summary of preferential claims is detailed below.

Preferential claim	Agreed Claim £	Statement of Affairs Claim £	Dividend paid p in the £1
Employee claims (Total number of claims = 39)	-	43,337	n/a
Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy (BEIS)	-	-	n/a

- 4.3 There are insufficient funds in this case to permit a distribution. We have therefore not sought to agree claims received.

Unsecured Creditors

- 4.4 The Company's statement of affairs indicated there were 95 creditors whose debts totalled £1,434,356. We have not sought to agree claims as there are insufficient funds in this case to permit a distribution.
- 4.5 The Company granted a floating charge to HSBC Bank Plc on 3 November 20. Accordingly, we are required to consider creating a fund out of the Company's net floating charge property for unsecured creditors (known as the Prescribed Part).
- 4.6 Based on present information, we estimate the value of the Company's net floating charge property to be £Nil. Arising from this, the value of the unsecured creditors' fund is presently estimated to be £Nil. Please note that this estimate is subject to fluctuation and the final outcome can only be determined once all asset realisations have been made.
- 4.7 We would confirm that it is anticipated there will be insufficient funds realised after defraying the expenses of the liquidation to pay a dividend to unsecured creditors.

5 Joint Liquidators' Remuneration

- 5.1 The creditors approved that the basis of our remuneration be fixed by reference to the time properly spent by us and our staff in managing the Liquidation.
- 5.2 Our time costs for the Period are £3,329.00. This represents 13.7 hours at an average rate of £242.99 per hour. Attached as Appendix B is a Time Analysis which provides details of the activity costs incurred by staff grade during the Period in respect of the costs fixed by reference to time properly spent by us in managing the liquidation. In the period, no fees nor disbursements have been drawn. To date, £57,397.67 plus expenses of £1,152.11 has been drawn on account.

- 5.3 Also attached as Appendix C is a cumulative Time Analysis for the period from 10 May 2011 to 30 October 2022 which provides details of our time costs since the commencement of the liquidation. The cumulative time costs incurred to date are £79,729.80. This represents 519.58 hours at an average rate of £153.45 per hour.
- 5.4 In considering the remaining work to be done in this liquidation, we currently anticipate that our time costs to complete the liquidation will be in the region of £1,000. We will update creditors on this in our next progress report.
- 5.5 A copy of 'A Creditors' Guide to Liquidators' Fees' is available on request or can be downloaded from www.r3.org.uk/technical-library/england-wales/technical-guidance/fees/, selecting the guide applicable to the insolvency commencement date in this case - 10 May 2011
- 5.6 Attached as Appendix D is additional information in relation to our fees, expenses and where relevant, information on the use of subcontractors and professional advisers.

6 Creditors' Rights

- 6.1 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 we provide further information about our remuneration or expenses which have been itemised in this progress report.
- 6.2 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 our remuneration is inappropriate and/or the remuneration charged or the expenses incurred by the us, as set out in this progress report, are excessive.

7 Next Report

- 7.1 We are required to provide a further report on the progress of the liquidation within two months of the next anniversary of the liquidation, unless we have concluded matters prior to this, in which case we will make available our final account.

Yours faithfully



L Venner
Joint Liquidator

22 December 2022

Receipts and Payments Account for the Period from 31 October 2021 to 30 October 2022 and cumulatively from 10 May 2011 to 30 October 2022

Statement of Affairs £	From 31/10/2021 To 30/10/2022 £	From 10/05/2011 To 30/10/2022 £
	ASSET REALISATIONS	
	Bank Interest Gross	193.54
	Banking Refund	299.30
100,000.00	Debtors and Work in Progress	13,408.88
Uncertain	Plant & Machinery	7,916.67
	Rates Refund	25,790.56
50,000.00	Retentions	39,794.39
Uncertain	Stock	NIL
	Telephone Refund	140.20
	5.37	87,543.54
	COST OF REALISATIONS	
	Agents fees & disbursements	9,030.84
	Agents/Valuers Fees (2)	6,009.06
	BEIS Audit Fees	1,140.00
	BEIS Cheque Fees	46.60
	CIS (Not recoverable)	1,239.55
	Corporation Tax	38.72
	Courier	141.19
	IPS	15.00
	Legal Fees	610.00
	Liquidators' Expenses	46.62
	Liquidators' Fees	57,397.67
	Mileage	426.60
	Office Fee	100.00
	Petitioning Solicitors Costs	2,270.00
	Photocopying	19.50
	Preparation of S. of A.	6,500.00
	Professional fees	1,000.00
	Room Hire	175.00
	Search Fees	10.00
	Search Fees	16.16
	Specific Bond	225.00
	Stationery & Postage	140.20
	Statutory Advertising	226.60
	Storage Costs	46.84
	Telephone Telex & Fax	26.00
	(101.07)	(88,899.15)
	PREFERENTIAL CREDITORS	
(43,337.00)	Employee Arrears/Hol Pay	NIL
		NIL
	FLOATING CHARGE CREDITORS	
(250,279.10)	Floating charge creditor	NIL
		NIL
	UNSECURED CREDITORS	
(14,000.00)	Directors	NIL
(301,229.00)	Employee Notice/Redundancy	NIL
(100,000.00)	HM Revenue & Customs (PAYE/NIC)	NIL
(40,000.00)	HM Revenue & Customs (VAT)	NIL
(45,500.00)	Landlord's claim	NIL
(640,011.34)	Trade & Expense Creditors	NIL
		NIL
	DISTRIBUTIONS	
(100.00)	Ordinary Shareholders	NIL
(45,000.00)	Preference Shareholders	NIL
		NIL
(1,329,456.44)	(95.70)	644.39
	REPRESENTED BY	
	ISA Main Account	644.39
		644.39

Cromwell Engineering 2000 Limited
Summary of Joint Liquidator's Time Costs
for the period from 31 October 2021 to 30 October 2022

Classification of work function	Hours				Total Hours	Time Costs £	Average Hourly rate £
	Partner	Manager	Other Senior Professionals	Assistants & Support Staff			
Administration & Planning	-	0.10	-	-	0.10	29.50	295.00
Investigations	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Realisation of Assets	-	1.25	-	-	1.25	379.25	303.40
Trading / Monitoring VA	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Creditors & Employees	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tax & VAT	-	0.25	0.10	-	0.35	93.00	265.71
Case Specific Matters	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cashiering	-	0.60	-	0.50	1.10	233.50	212.27
Statutory Reporting	-	1.00	2.00	-	3.00	695.00	231.67
Statutory Duty & Compliance	-	3.40	4.50	-	7.90	1,898.75	240.35
Closure	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total hours and time costs from 31 Oct 2021 to 30 Oct 2020, and average rate.					13.70	3,329.00	242.99

Cromwell Engineering 2000 Limited
Summary of Joint Liquidators' Time Costs
for the cumulative period from 10 May 2011 to 30 October 2022

Classification of work function	Hours				Total Hours	Time Costs £	Average Hourly rate £
	Partner	Manager	Other Senior Professionals	Assistants & Support Staff			
Administration & Planning	13.20	17.95	10.65	15.51	57.31	9,236.95	161.18
Investigations	5.10	3.20	14.55	-	22.85	3,896.75	170.54
Realisation of Assets	6.70	39.85	44.45	14.35	105.35	17,385.25	165.02
Trading / Monitoring VA	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Creditors & Employees	0.50	7.00	56.05	22.05	85.60	10,881.50	127.12
Tax & VAT	1.60	4.55	15.42	17.80	39.37	5,137.00	130.48
Case Specific Matters	-	0.75	-	-	0.75	146.25	195.00
Cashiering	-	12.55	46.15	11.60	70.30	10,319.85	146.80
Statutory Reporting	3.00	23.90	15.10	8.85	50.85	9,116.75	179.29
Statutory Duty & Compliance	1.80	29.00	13.30	43.10	87.20	13,609.50	156.07
Closure	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total hours and time costs from 31 Oct 2021 to 30 Oct 2020, and average rate.					519.58	79,729.80	153.45

Additional Information in Relation to the Joint Liquidators' Fees, Expenses & use of Subcontractors

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 subcontractors on 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
DAC Beachcroft (legal advice)	Hourly rate and disbursements
J Lea & Co (professional advice)	Hourly rate and disbursements
J.P. Fletcher & Co (legal advice)	Hourly rate and disbursements
Leslie Keats (debt collection)	Commission

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.

Joint Liquidators' Expenses

Category 1 expenses

These expenses do not require prior approval by creditors. The type of expenses that may be charged to a case as a Category 1 expense generally comprise of external supplies of incidental services specifically identifiable to the case, such as postage, case advertising, invoiced travel and external printing, external room hire and external storage costs. Also chargeable, will be any properly reimbursed expenses incurred by personnel in connection with the case. These expenses may include disbursements which are payments first met by an office holder and then reimbursed from the estate.

A summary of the expenses incurred on this case to date can be found below:

Expense	Estimated overall cost £	Paid in Prior Period £	Paid in the period covered by this report £	Incurred but not paid to date £
Courier	167.81	167.81	-	-
Specific Penalty Bond	237.00	225.00	-	12.00
External Storage Costs	74.40	46.84	-	27.56
Search Fees	15.16	15.16	-	-
Postage	20.00	20.00	-	-

Category 2 expenses

These expenses 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 therefore include payments to associates of the office holder or shared or allocated costs that can be allocated to the appointment on a proper and reasonable basis. Details of Category 2 expenses charged by this firm (where appropriate) were provided at the time the Liquidator's fee basis was approved by creditors and a summary of the current position can be found below:

Expense	Estimated overall cost £	Paid in Prior Period £	Paid in the period covered by this report £	Incurred but not paid to date £
External meeting room hire	175.00	175.00	-	-
Business mileage	201.60	201.60	-	-
IPS Software Fee	15.00	15.00	-	-
Photocopying	19.50	19.50	-	-
Registered Office fee	100.00	100.00	-	-
Stationary & Postage	140.20	140.20	-	-
Telephone	26.00	26.00	-	-

Charge-Out Rates

A schedule of Bishop Fleming LLP's charge-out rates was issued to creditors at the time the basis of our remuneration was approved. There have been no material increases in charge-out rates since that date, although rates are reviewed at least annually. A schedule of our current rates is attached, together with a summary of our charge out rates in the past 5 years.