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Notice of progress report in voluntary winding up



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Company number 0 5 3 1 8 7 6 8

Company name in full Cromwell Engineering 2000 Limited

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2 Liquidator's name

Full forename(s) Jack

Surname Callow

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) Luke

Surname Venner

① Other liquidator

Use this section to tell us about
another liquidator.

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Contact name **Jack Callow**

Company name **Bishop Fleming LLP**

Address **10 Temple Back**

Post town **Bristol**

County/Region

Postcode **B S 1 6 F L**

Country

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Telephone **0117 9100250**

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Cromwell Engineering 2000 Limited
(In Liquidation)
Joint Liquidators' Summary of Receipts & Payments

Statement of Affairs £	From 31/10/2020 To 30/10/2021 £	From 10/05/2011 To 30/10/2021 £
	ASSET REALISATIONS	
	Bank Interest Gross	1.28
	Banking Refund	NIL
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
		1.28
		87,538.17
	COST OF REALISATIONS	
	Agents fees & disbursements	NIL
	Agents/Valuers Fees (2)	9,030.84
	CIS (Not recoverable)	6,009.06
	Corporation Tax	1,239.55
	Courier	0.26
	DTI Audit Fees	37.65
	DTI Cheque Fees	NIL
	IPS	141.19
	Legal Fees	100.00
	Liquidators' Disbursements	NIL
	Liquidators' Fees	1,040.00
	Mileage	NIL
	Office Fee	46.60
	Petitioning Solicitors Costs	NIL
	Photocopying	15.00
	Preparation of S. of A.	NIL
	Professional fees	610.00
	Room Hire	NIL
	Search Fees	46.62
	Search Fees	NIL
	Specific Bond	57,397.67
	Stationery & Postage	NIL
	Statutory Advertising	426.60
	Storage Costs	NIL
	Telephone Telex & Fax	100.00
		NIL
		(100.26)
		(86,798.08)
	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

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(45,000.00)	Preference Shareholders	NIL	NIL
		NIL	NIL
(1,329,456.44)		(98.98)	740.09
	REPRESENTED BY		
	ISA Main Account		740.09
			740.09

Joint Liquidators' Annual Progress Report to Creditors & Members

Cromwell Engineering 2000 Limited
- In Liquidation

For the period from 31 October 2020 to 30 October 2021

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1 Introduction and Statutory Information

- 1.1 I, together with my colleague Luke Venner, 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, 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 This progress report covers the period from 31 October 2020 to 30 October 2021 and should be read in conjunction with all previous progress reports issued.
- 1.4 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.
- 1.5 The principal trading address of the Company was Bridge House, 4 Borough High Street, London, SE1 9QR.
- 1.6 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. This includes a cumulative receipts and payments account for the period from the date of our predecessor's appointment to the end of the period covered by this report.

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 completed.

Administration

- 3.2 We 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 with 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 Liquidation 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

- 3.5 Regrettably, it is no longer anticipated that the work undertaken on asset realisations will bring a financial benefit to the preferential creditors in the form of a dividend payment.

Debtors and Work in Progress & Retentions

- 3.6 As previously reported, several retention payments remain unresolved.

3.7 Regrettably, no progress has been made in the period and the default position remains to wait for the various debts to fall due for payment. Circa £18k is being pursued across five debts, with the final debt falling due in 2024.

3.8 We continue to anticipate the total expenses that may be incurred in dealing with the remainder of the Company's asset realisations will be £1,600. This assumes the Liquidation will remain open until 2024.

Creditors (claims and distributions)

3.9 We 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, we 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 in dealing with those claims.

Investigations

3.12 You may recall from previous progress reports that some of the work we 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. This work may not necessarily bring any financial benefit to creditors unless these investigations reveal potential asset recoveries that we can pursue for the benefit of creditors.

3.13 Our predecessor's 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 Our investigations have not revealed any issues requiring further report or any further potential recoveries which could be pursued for the benefit of creditors.

Matters still to be dealt with

3.15 The only matter still to be dealt with is the unresolved retention balances referred to at paragraphs 3.5 to 3.7 above.

4 Creditors

Secured Creditors

4.1 HSBC Bank plc were granted an unlimited debenture by the Company, incorporating fixed and floating charges dated 3 November 2005. At the date of Liquidation the indebtedness was estimated to be £250,279.10. To date no indebtedness has been agreed and no amount has been paid on account.

Preferential Creditors

4.2 A summary of preferential claims is detailed below.

CROMWELL ENGINEERING 2000 LIMITED - IN LIQUIDATION

Preferential claim	Agreed Claim £	Statement of Affairs Claim £	Dividend paid p in the £1
Employee claims (Total number of claims = 39)	10,970	10,970	n/a
Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy (BEIS)	35,097	32,547	n/a

- 4.3 We regret that, based on present information, it is unlikely that there will be sufficient funds to enable a dividend to be paid to the preferential creditors. However, this outcome is not yet fully determined.

Unsecured Creditors

- 4.4 We have received claims totalling £1,541,232.88 from 110 creditors. We have yet to receive claims from 45 creditors whose debts total £345,164.29 as per the director's Statement of Affairs.
- 4.5 The Company granted a floating charge to HSBC Bank plc on 3 November 2005. Accordingly, we are required to create a fund out of the Company's net floating charge property for the 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 outcome can only be determined once all asset realisations have been made.
- 4.7 We regret that, based on present information, there will be insufficient funds to pay a dividend to the 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 in managing the Liquidation.
- 5.2 Our time costs for the period are £1,549. This represents 8.20 hours at an average rate of £188.90 per hour. Attached as Appendix B1 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 in managing the Liquidation.
- 5.3 Also attached as Appendix B2 is a cumulative time analysis for the period from 10 May 2011 to 30 October 2021 which provides details of total time costs since our predecessor's appointment. The cumulative time costs incurred to date are £76,501.80. This represents 506.53 hours at an average rate of £151.03 per hour.
- 5.4 No further fees or disbursements were drawn in the period. In total, £57,397.67, plus disbursements of £1,152.11, has been drawn on account.
- 5.5 In considering the remaining work to be done in this Liquidation, we currently anticipate that our time costs to complete the Liquidation will be circa £6.5k. This includes the asset realisation expenses stated above and the assumption that the Liquidation will not be closed until 2024. We will update creditors on this in our next progress report.
- 5.6 A copy of 'A Creditors' Guide to Liquidators' Fees' is available on request or can be downloaded from www.r3.org.uk/what-we-do/publications/professional/fees, selecting the guide applicable to the insolvency commencement date in this case - 10 May 2011
- 5.7 Attached as Appendix C 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 eight weeks of receipt of this progress report make an application to court on the grounds that, in all the circumstances, the basis fixed for our remuneration is inappropriate and/or the remuneration charged, or the expenses incurred, 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 write to all creditors with our final account.

Yours faithfully



J Callow
Joint Liquidator

22 December 2021

Cromwell Engineering 2000 Limited
(In Liquidation)
Joint Liquidators' Summary of Receipts & Payments

Appendix A

Statement of Affairs £	From 31/10/2020 To 30/10/2021 £	From 10/05/2011 To 30/10/2021 £
	ASSET REALISATIONS	
	Bank Interest Gross	1.28
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100,000.00	Debtors and Work in Progress	13,408.88
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	Rates Refund	25,790.56
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	1.28	87,538.17
	COST OF REALISATIONS	
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	Agents/Valuers Fees (2)	6,009.06
	CIS (Not recoverable)	1,239.55
	Corporation Tax	0.26
	Courier	141.19
	DTI Audit Fees	100.00
	DTI Cheque Fees	46.60
	IPS	15.00
	Legal Fees	610.00
	Liquidators' Disbursements	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	228.60
	Storage Costs	46.84
	Telephone Telex & Fax	26.00
	(100.26)	(86,798.08)
	PREFERENTIAL CREDITORS	
(43,337.00)	Employee Arrears/Hol Pay	NIL
	NIL	NIL
	FLOATING CHARGE CREDITORS	
(250,279.10)	Floating charge creditor	NIL
	NIL	NIL
	UNSECURED CREDITORS	
(14,000.00)	Directors	NIL
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	NIL	NIL
	DISTRIBUTIONS	
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(1,329,456.44)		(98.98)	740.09
	REPRESENTED BY		
	ISA Main Account		740.09
			740.09

(B1) Time Analysis for the period from the 31 October 2020 to 30 October 2021

Classification of work function	Partner	Manager	Other Senior Professionals	Assistants & Support Staff	Total Hours	Time costs £	Average Hourly rate £
Administration (inc statutory compliance & reporting)	-	3.95	-	4.15	8.10	1,521.00	187.78
Realisation of assets	-	0.10	-	-	0.10	28.00	280.00
Creditors (claims & distributions)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Investigations	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total hours and time costs from 10 May 2011 to 30 Oct 2021 and average rate.					8.20	1,549.00	188.90

(B2) Cumulative Time Analysis for the period from 10 May 2011 to 30 October 2021

Classification of work function	Partner	Manager	Other Senior Professionals	Assistants & Support Staff	Total Hours	Time costs £	Average Hourly rate £
Administration (inc statutory compliance & reporting)	19.60	84.05	94.02	93.61	293.98	44,717.55	152.11
Realisation of assets	6.70	38.60	44.45	14.35	104.10	17,006.00	163.36
Creditors (claims & distributions)	0.50	7.00	56.05	22.05	85.60	10,881.50	127.12
Investigations	5.10	3.20	14.55	-	22.85	3,896.75	170.54
Total hours and time costs from 31 Oct 2020 to 30 Oct 2021 and average rate.					506.53	76,501.80	151.03

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 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	n/a	167.81	-	-
Specific penalty bond	n/a	225.00	-	12.00
External storage costs	n/a	46.84	-	27.56
Search fees	n/a	15.16	-	-
Others expenses	n/a	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	n/a	175.00	-	-
Business mileage (HMRC rates)	n/a	201.60	-	-
IPS software fee	n/a	15.00	-	-
Photocopying	n/a	19.50	-	-
Registered office fee	n/a	100.00	-	-
Stationary & postage	n/a	140.20	-	-
Telephone	n/a	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 the Liquidator's remuneration was approved. There have been no material increases in charge-out rates since that date, although rates have been reviewed annually on 1 July each year. A schedule of our current rates is attached, together with a summary of our charge out rates in the past 5 years.

Bishop Fleming LLP Business Recovery & Insolvency

Information to Creditors

Charge out rates and policy regarding Expenses

Charge out Rates (£ per hour)	Business Recovery & Insolvency Staff	Other Staff
Insolvency Practitioner / Partner	£347	£295
Senior Manager	£295	£180 - £230
Manager	£220	£137 - £168
Other Senior Professionals	£163 - £200	£95 - £126
Associate / Support Staff	£63 - £105	£63 - £74

Most of the work on the assignment will be undertaken by specialist staff in the Business Recovery & Insolvency department, but some tasks will be performed by other staff in the General Practice, Corporate Finance, Taxation, Payroll and Administration departments where appropriate, which will be charged out at their normal rates.

Time is usually charged in units of 0.1 hour (i.e. 6 minutes) but the minimum unit of time that may be recorded is 0.017 of an hour (1 minute).

Expenses

In accordance with Statement of Insolvency Practice 9 (SIP9) expenses are categorised as either Category 1 or Category 2.

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.

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All costs are subject to VAT, where applicable.

**Bishop Fleming LLP Business Recovery & Insolvency
Information to Creditors
Summary of Charge Out Rates in the past 5 years**

Charge Out Rates (£ per hour)	3 July 2017	13 August 2018	15 August 2019	3 August 2020	18 October 2021	6 December 2021
<u>Business Recovery & Insolvency Staff</u>						
Insolvency Practitioner / Partner	£340	£350	£370	£330 - £370	£330	£347
Senior Manager	£255	£265	£280	£280	£280	£295
Manager	£195 - £210	£215	£180 - £230	-	£210	£220
Other Senior Professionals	-	£180	£190	£140 - £190	£155	£163 - £200
Associate / Support Staff	£150 - £155	£155	£100	£100	£100	£63 - £105
<u>Other Staff</u>						
Partner	£240 - £290	£230 - £290	£270 - £315	£270 - £315	£270 - £315	£295
Senior Manager	£140 - £235	£105 - £235	£150 - £240	£150 - £240	£150 - £240	£180 - £230
Manager	£110 - £135	£85 - £135	£120 - £155	£120 - £155	£120 - £155	£137 - £168
Other Senior Professionals	£95 - £135	£35 - £110	£70 - £120	£70 - £120	£70 - £120	£95 - £126
Support Staff	£35 - £90	£35 - £60	£50 - £70	£50 - £70	£50 - £70	£63 - £74

Charge out rates are reviewed at least annually and are effective from the dates noted above.