# 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

05447503

Name of Company

Premier Telesales Limited

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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 31/10/2012 to 01/07/2013

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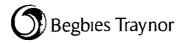
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# Premier Telesales Limited (In Creditors' Voluntary Liquidation)

Progress report pursuant to Section 104A of the Insolvency Act 1986 and Rule 4.49C of the Insolvency Rules 1986

Period: 31 October 2012 to 1 July 2013

### **Important Notice**

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# 1. INTERPRETATION

Expression	<u>Meaning</u>
"the Company"	Premier Telesales Limited (In Creditors' Voluntary Liquidation)
"the liquidation"	The appointment of liquidators pursuant to Section 98 of the Act on 31 October 2011
"the liquidators", "we", "our" and "us"	David Moore of Begbies Traynor (Central) LLP, No 1 Old Hall Street, Liverpool, L3 9HF and Gary N Lee of Begbies Traynor (Central) LLP, No 1 Old Hall Street, Liverpool, L3 9HF
"the Act"	The Insolvency Act 1986 (as amended)
"the Rules"	The Insolvency Rules 1986 (as amended)
"secured creditor" and "unsecured creditor"	Secured creditor, in relation to a company, means a creditor of the company who holds in respect of his debt a security over property of the company, and "unsecured creditor" is to be read accordingly (Section 248(1)(a) of the Act)
"secunty"	(i) In relation to England and Wales, any mortgage, charge, lien or other security (Section 248(1)(b)(i) of the Act), and
	(ii) In relation to Scotland, any security (whether heritable or moveable), any floating charge and any right of lien or preference and any right of retention (other than a right of compensation or set off) (Section 248(1)(b)(ii) of the Act)
"preferential creditor"	Any creditor of the Company whose claim is preferential within Sections 386, 387 and Schedule 6 to the Act

## 2. COMPANY INFORMATION

Trading name(s)

N/A

Company registered number

05447503

Company registered office

340 Deansgate, Manchester, M3 4LY

Former trading address

Technology House, Hadley Park, Telford, TF1 6QJ

## 3. DETAILS OF APPOINTMENT OF LIQUIDATORS

Date winding up commenced

31 October 2011

Date of liquidators' appointment

31 October 2011 -David Moore and Gary N Lee

1 July 2013- Francesca Tackie

Changes in liquidator (if any)

I would like to confirm that on 1 July 2013, a block transfer order was made in the High Court of Justice, Manchester District Registry, number 3571 of 2013 ("the Order"), replacing David Moore with Francesca Tackie of this firm as Joint Liquidator

## 4. PROGRESS DURING THE PERIOD

Attached at Appendix 1 is our abstract of receipts and payments for the period from 31 October 2012 to 1 July 2013

### Receipts

#### Bank Interest

During the course of the liquidation the funds have been placed in interest bearing accounts and the sum of 40p has been received in the reporting period

### **Payments**

The sum of £100 plus VAT was drawn in the reporting period in respect of preparing the statement of affairs and pre appointment time in assisting the director to convene the meetings of members and creditors

### ESTIMATED OUTCOME FOR CREDITORS

Details of the sums owed to each class of the Company's creditors were provided in the director's statement of affairs included within the report sent to creditors further to our appointment as liquidators

The sums owed to creditors at the date of appointment (as detailed in the director's statement of affairs) are as follows

### Secured creditor

There are no secured creditors

### Preferential creditors

Preferential claims of employees for arrears of wages, salary and holiday pay were detailed in the statement of affairs as being as being £4,450 A claim has been received from the Redundancy Payments Office in the sum of £12,212

#### **Unsecured creditors**

Unsecured creditors were estimated at £36,215 and we have received claims in the total sum of £205,153

On the basis of realisations to date we estimate an outcome for each class of the Company's creditors as follows

### Secured creditor

There are no secured creditors

### Preferential creditors

No dividend is available for preferential creditors as no funds have been realised

### Prescribed Part for unsecured creditors pursuant to Section 176A of the Act

Section 176A of the Act provides that, where the company has created a floating charge on or after 15 September 2003, the liquidator must make a prescribed part of the Company's net property available for the unsecured creditors and not distribute it to the floating charge holder except in so far as it exceeds the amount required for the satisfaction of unsecured debts. Net property means the amount which would, were it not for this provision, be available to floating charge holders out of floating charge assets (i.e. after accounting for preferential debts and the costs of realising the floating charge assets). The prescribed part of the Company's net property is calculated by reference to a sliding scale as follows.

□ 50% of the first £10,000 of net p	property,
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- □ 20% of net property thereafter,
- □ Up to a maximum amount to be made available of £600,000

A liquidator will not be required to set aside the prescribed part of net property if

the net property is less than £10,000 and the liquidator thinks that the cost of distributing the prescribed part would be disproportionate to the benefit, (Section 176A(3)) or

the liquidator applies to the court for an order on the grounds that the cost of distributing the prescribed part would be disproportionate to the benefit and the court orders that the provision shall not apply (Section 176A(5))

To the best of our knowledge and belief, there are no unsatisfied floating charges created or registered on or after 15 September 2003 and, consequently, there is no net property as defined in Section 176A(6) of the Act and, therefore, no prescribed part of net property is available for distribution to the unsecured creditors

#### Unsecured creditors

No dividend is available for unsecured creditors as no funds have been realised

### REMUNERATION & DISBURSEMENTS

Our remuneration has been fixed by a resolution of creditors at the meeting held pursuant to Section 98 of the Act by reference to the time properly given by us (as liquidators) and the various grades of our staff calculated at the prevailing hourly charge out rates of Begbies Traynor (Central) LLP in attending to matters arising in the liquidation and we are authorised to draw disbursements, including disbursements for services provided by our firm (defined as category 2 disbursements in Statement of Insolvency Practice 9) in accordance with our firm's policy, details of which accompanied the Statement of Affairs and other information presented to the meeting of creditors convened pursuant to Section 98 of the Act and which is attached at Appendix 2 of this report

Our time costs for the period from 31 October 2012 to 1 July 2013 amount to £18,611 which represents 83 hours at an average rate of £224 per hour

A significant amount of time has been spent dealing with employee claims and statutory investigations

The following further information in relation to our time costs and disbursements is set out at Appendix 2.

- Narrative summary of time costs incurred
- Table of time spent and charge-out value for the penod 31 October 2012 to 1 July 2013
- Begbies Traynor (Central) LLP's policy for re-charging disbursements
- □ Begbies Traynor (Central) LLP's charge-out rates

To 1 July 2013, we have not drawn any remuneration. The total sum of £600 plus VAT has been drawn in respect of the preparation of the statement of affairs plus disbursements of £39 on account.

Details of the Category 2 disbursements that have been taken in accordance with the approval obtained are provided in the narrative summary of time costs incurred which is at Appendix 2

A copy of 'A Creditors' Guide to Liquidators Fees (E&W) 2011' which provides guidance on creditors' rights on how to approve and monitor a Liquidator's remuneration and on how the remuneration is set can be obtained online at Alternatively, if you require a hard copy of the Guide, please contact our office and we will arrange to send you a copy

# 7. LIQUIDATORS' EXPENSES

A statement of the expenses incurred during the period of this progress report is attached at Appendix 3

### ASSETS THAT REMAIN TO BE REALISED

As detailed in my previous report the director, Richard Canfer –Taylor has agreed to pay the costs of dealing with the liquidation. To date an amount of £1,125 has been received and we continue seek recovery of the remaining balance outstanding.

### OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION

### Investigations and reporting on directors conduct

You may be aware that a liquidator has a duty to enquire into the affairs of an insolvent company to determine its property and liabilities and to identify any actions which could lead to the recovery of funds. In addition, as explained in the report circulated at the meeting of creditors convened pursuant to Section 98 of the Act, such report having also been sent to creditors following the meeting, a liquidator is also required to consider the conduct of the Company's directors and to make an appropriate submission to the Department for Business Innovation and Skills. We can confirm that we have discharged our duties in these respects

### Investigations carried out to date

We have undertaken an initial assessment of the manner in which the business was conducted prior to the liquidation of the Company and potential recoveries for the estate in this respect

### Connected party transactions

We have not been made aware of any sales of the Company's assets to connected parties

### 10. CREDITORS' RIGHTS

### Right to request further information

Pursuant to Rule 4 49E of the Rules, 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, including that creditor, (or an unsecured creditor with less than 5% in value of the unsecured creditors, but with the permission of the court) may request in writing that the we provide further information about our remuneration or expenses which have been detailed in this progress report

### Right to make an application to court

Pursuant to Rule 4 131 of the Rules, any secured creditor or any unsecured creditor with the concurrence of at least 10% in value of the unsecured creditors including that creditor, (or any unsecured creditors with less than 10% in value of the unsecured creditors, but with the permission of the court) may, within 8 weeks of receipt of this progress report, make an application to court on the grounds that the remuneration charged or the expenses incurred as set out in this progress report are excessive or, the basis fixed for our remuneration is inappropriate

# 11. CONCLUSION

We will report again in approximately twelve months time or at the conclusion of the liquidation, whichever is the cooper

Gary N Lee Joint Liquidator

Dated 7 August 2013

# ACCOUNT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

Period: 31 October 2012 to 1 July 2013

# Premier Telesales Limited (In Liquidation) Joint Liquidators' Abstract of Receipts & Payments

From 31/10/2011 To 01/07/2013	From 31/10/2012 To 01/07/2013		Statement of Affairs
, .		HIRE PURCHASE	
NIL	NIL	Leased Vehicle	NIL
NIL	NIL		
		ASSET REALISATIONS	
NIL	NIL	Book Debts	2,000 00
1 24	0 28	Bank Interest Gross	
1,125 00	NIL	Director Contribution to Costs	
1,126 24	0 28		
		COST OF REALISATIONS	
600 00	100 00	Statement of Affairs Fee	
27 20	NIL	Re-Direction of Mail	
279 00	NIL	Statutory Advertising	
(906 20)	(100 00)		
		PREFERENTIAL CREDITORS	
NIL	NIL	RPO re Arrears/Holiday Pay	(4,450 00)
NIL	NIL		
		UNSECURED CREDITORS	
NIL	NIL	Trade Creditors	(166,946 30)
NIL	NIL	RPO	(21,187 00)
NIL	NIL	Associated company	(180,000 00)
NIL	NIL	National Westminster Bank plc	(170 00)
NIL	NIL	HM Revenue & Customs - PAYE & NI	(69,817 00)
NIL	NIL	Premier Recruitment Staff Ltd	(12,000 00)
NIL	NIL	HM Revenue & Customs - VAT	(44,101 00)
NIL	NIL		
		DISTRIBUTIONS	
NIL	NIL	Ordinary Shareholders	(100 00)
NIL	NIL		
220 04	(99 72)		(496,771.30)
220 02	(99 / 2)		,490,771.30)
70.00		REPRESENTED BY	
70 00		Vat Receivable	
150 04		Bank 1 Current	
220.04			

Note

Receipts & Payments are Shown Net of VAT

# TIME COSTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

- a Begbies Traynor (Central) LLP's policy for re-charging expenses/disbursements,
- b Begbies Traynor (Central) LLP's charge-out rates,
- c Narrative summary of time costs incurred, and
- d Table of time spent and charge-out value for the period from 31 October 2012 to 1 July 2013
- e Cumulative table of time spent and charge-out value for the period from 31 October 2011 to 1 July 2013

### SUMMARY OF OFFICE HOLDERS' TIME COSTS

CASE NAME Premier Telesales Limited

CASE TYPE CREDITORS' VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION

OFFICE HOLDERS 31 October 2012 - Gary N Lee and David Moore (resigned 1 July 2013 )

DATE OF APPOINTMENT 1 July 2013 - Francesca Tackie

#### 1 CASE OVERVIEW

1 1 This overview and the time costs analysis attached attach SIP 9 Time Costs Analysis – which is located in the Excel Spreadsheets Folder SIP 9 Time Costs Analysis is intended to provide sufficient information to enable the body responsible for the approval of the office holders' fees to consider the level of those fees in the context of the case

### 12 Complexity of the case

This case is of moderate complexity

### 13 Exceptional responsibilities

There have been no exceptional responsibilities

### 1 4 The office holders' effectiveness

We have been effective in carrying out our duties to date

### 1 5 Nature and value of property dealt with by the office holders

Please see the summarised receipts and payment account at appendix 2. This compares the statement of affairs asset values with the actual realisations.

### 16 Anticipated return to creditors

Please refer to section 5 of the report

### 17 Time costs analysis

An analysis of time costs incurred between 31 October 2012 and 1 July 2013 prepared in accordance with Statement of Insolvency Practice 9 is attached showing the number of hours spent by each grade of staff on the different types of work involved in the case, and giving the average hourly rate charged for each work type

Different aspects of the liquidation are dealt with by staff at the appropriate level

The time costs analysis provides details of work undertaken by the Liquidators and their staff following their appointment only

### 18 Work undertaken prior to appointment

In addition to the post appointment time costs detailed in the Time Costs Analysis, the costs relating to work undertaken prior to the Liquidators' appointment in summoning, advertising and holding the creditors' meeting and assisting the directors in preparing the statement of affairs were approved by the creditors at the Section 98 meeting

"THAT, insofar as not paid prior to the meeting, the joint liquidators be authorised to pay Begbies Traynor (Central) LLP's fee in the sum of £1,500 plus disbursements plus VAT for assisting in the preparation of the Statement of Affairs and convening the Section 98 meeting of creditors, and that the joint liquidators also be authorised to pay the sum of £495 plus VAT to the Company's accountants, Matthew Sutton & Co Ltd, for assisting in the finalisation of the Company's records and preparation of the Statement of Affairs",

#### 19 The views of the creditors

There were no specific issues in respect of which it was appropriate to seek the views of creditors

#### 1 10 Approval of fees

The Liquidators' remuneration was approved on a time cost basis at the initial meeting of creditors held on 31 October 2011

"THAT the joint liquidators' remuneration be fixed by reference to the time properly given by them (as liquidators) and the various grades of their staff calculated at the prevailing hourly charge-out rates of Begbies Traynor (Central) LLP for attending to matters arising in the winding up"

### 1 12 Category 2 Disbursements

In accordance with the resolution obtained in relation to expenses and disbursements, the following Category 2 disbursements and disbursements which should be treated as Category 2 disbursements have been charged to the case since the date of my appointment

Other amounts paid or payable	to the office holder's firm	
Type and purpose	Amount £	
Mileage	58 5	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·

### 1 13 Other professionals employed & their costs

On this assignment the following professional advisors have been employed

Matthews Sutton & Co (Accountancy Assistance) Fixed Fee

My choice was based on my 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

# 2 EXPLANATION OF OFFICE HOLDERS' CHARGING AND DISBURSEMENT RECOVERY POLICIES

- 2.1 Begbies Traynor (Central) LLP's policy for charging fees and expenses incurred by office holders is attached at Appendix 2 (a)
- 2.2 The rates charged by the various grades of staff who may work on a case are attached at Appendix 2 (b)

### **BEGBIES TRAYNOR CHARGING POLICY**

### INTRODUCTION

This note applies where a licensed insolvency practitioner in the firm is acting as an office holder of an insolvent estate and seeks creditor approval to draw remuneration on the basis of the time properly spent in dealing with the case. It also applies where further information is to be provided to creditors regarding the office holder's fees following the passing of a resolution for the office holder to be remunerated on a time cost basis. Best practice guidance<sup>1</sup> requires that such information should be disclosed to those who are responsible for approving remuneration.

In addition, this note applies where creditor approval is sought to make a separate charge by way of expenses or disbursements to recover the cost of facilities provided by the firm. Best practice guidance<sup>2</sup> requires that such charges should be disclosed to those who are responsible for approving the office holder's remuneration, together with an explanation of how those charges are calculated

### OFFICE HOLDER'S FEES IN RESPECT OF THE ADMINISTRATION OF INSOLVENT ESTATES

The office holder has overall responsibility for the administration of the estate. He/she will delegate tasks to members of staff. Such delegation assists the office holder as it allows him/her to deal with the more complex aspects of the case and ensures that work is being carried out at the appropriate level. There are various levels of staff that are employed by the office holder and these appear below.

The firm operates a time recording system which allows staff working on the case along with the office holder to allocate their time to the case. The time is recorded at the individual's hourly rate in force at that time which is detailed below.

### EXPENSES INCURRED BY OFFICE HOLDERS IN RESPECT OF THE ADMINISTRATION OF INSOLVENT ESTATES

Best practice guidance classifies expenses into two broad categories

- Category 1 disbursements (approval not required) specific expenditure that is directly related to the case usually referable to an independent external supplier's invoice. All such items are charged to the case as they are incurred.
- Category 2 disbursements (approval required) items of incidental expenditure directly incurred on the case which include an element of shared or allocated cost and which are based on a reasonable method of calculation
  - (A) The following items of expenditure are charged to the case (subject to approval)
    - Internal meeting room usage for the purpose of statutory meetings of creditors is charged at the rate of £100 (London £150) per meeting,
    - Car mileage is charged at the rate of 45 pence per mile,
    - Storage of books and records (when not chargeable as a Category 1 disbursement) is charged
      on the basis that the number of standard archive boxes held in storage for a particular case
      bears to the total of all archive boxes for all cases in respect of the period for which the storage
      charge relates,
  - (B) The following items of expenditure will normally be treated as general office overheads and will not be charged to the case although a charge may be made where the precise cost to the case can be determined because the item satisfies the test of a Category 1 disbursement
    - Telephone and facsimile

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Statement of Insolvency Practice 9 (SIP 9) – Remuneration of insolvency office holders in England & Wales

- Printing and photocopying
- Stationery

### **BEGBIES TRAYNOR CHARGE-OUT RATES**

Begbies Traynor is a national firm. The rates charged by the various grades of staff that may work on a case are set nationally, but vary to suit local market conditions. The rates applying to the Liverpool and Manchester offices as at the date of this report are as follows.

	Standard 1 May 2011 – until further notice Regional
Partner	395
Director	345
Senior Manager	310
Manager	265
Assistant Manager	205
Senior Administrator	175
Administrator	135
Trainee Administrator	110
Support	110

Time spent by support staff such as secretarial, administrative and cashiering staff is charged directly to cases It is not carried as an overhead

Time is recorded in 6 minute units

Staff Grade		Partner	Director	Snr Mngr	Mngr	Asst Mngr	Snr Admin	Admin	Jnr Admin	Support	Total Hours	Time cost £	Average hourly rate £
Administration	Appointment and case planning				12						1 20	318 00	265 00
and Planning	Administration and Banking	90					90				1 10	302 50	275 00
	Statutory reporting and statement of affairs	12		20						4 0	5 90	1,131 00	191 69
Investigations	CDDA and investigations												
Realisation of	Debt collection												
assets	Property business and asset sales												
	Retention of Title/Third party assets												
Trading	Trading												
Creditors	Secured												
	Others				0.7						07.0	185 50	265 00
	Creditors committee												
Other matters	Meetings												
	Other												
	Тах						60				0.80	157 50	175 00
	Litigation												
Total hours by staff grade	itaff grade	17		0.7	19		15			4.0	9.8		
Total time cost by staff grade £	by staff grade £	671 50		217 00	503 50		262 50			440 00		2 094 50	
Average hourly rate £	rate£	395 00		310 00	265 00		175 00			110 00			213 72
Total fees drawn to date £	to date £											00 0	

Staff Grade		Partner	Director	Snr Mngr	Mngr	Asst Mngr	Snr Admin	Admın	Jnr Admin	Support	Total Hours	Time cost £	Average hourly rate £
Administration	Appointment and case planning	24			16 4					30	21 80	5,624 00	257 98
and Planning	Administration and Banking	33		0.5			16	4 9		03	10 60	2,433 00	229 53
	Statutory reporting and statement of affairs	12		20						40	2 90	1 131 00	191 69
investigations	CDDA and Investigations	14					10	15			3 90	830 20	238 59
Realisation of	Debt collection			i	03						0 30	79 50	265 00
assets	Property, business and asset sales				60						06 0	238 50	265 00
	Retention of Title/Third party assets												
Trading	Trading												
Creditors	Secured										:		
	Others				191		0.5	17.2			36 80	7,471 00	203 02
	Creditors committee												-
Other matters	Meetings				16						1 60	424 00	265 00
	Other												
	Тах						16				1 60	280 00	175 00
	Litigation												
Total hours by staff grade	taff grade	83		1.2	383		4.7	23 6		7.3	83 4		
Total time cost by staff grade £	y staff grade £	3,278 50		372 00	10,149 50		822 50	3,186 00		803 00		18,611 50	
Average hourly rate £	ate £	395 00		310 00	265 00		175 00	135 00		110 00			223 16
Total fees drawn to date £	to date £											0 00	

# STATEMENT OF EXPENSES

Type of expense	Name of party with whom expense incurred	Amount incurred	Amount discharged £	Balance (to be discharged) £
Re-Direction of Mail	Royal Mail	27	27	0
Statutory Advertising	TMP (UK) Ltd	279	279	0
Special Bond	AUA Insolvency Risk Services	20	0	20
Accountants Statement of Affairs Fee	Matthews Sutton	495	0	495