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## Joint Administrators' progress report

Name of Company

Arctic Jet Cold Store Limited

Company number

06091070

In the

**Great Grimsby County Court** 

(full name of court)

Court case number 03 OA 2009

(a) Insert full name(s) and address(es) of adm:nistrator(s) We (a) William Duncan **RSM Tenon Recovery Europarc Innovation Centre** Innovation Way Grimsby

Jonathan Paul Philmore **RSM** Tenon Recovery Europarc Innovation Centre Innovation Way Grimsby **DN379TT** 

administrator(s) of the above company attach a progress report for the period

(b) Insert date

(b) 17 July 2009

**DN37 9TT** 

(b) 16 January 2010

Signed

**Dated** 

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Dear Sirs

Arctic Jet Cold Store Limited - In Administration ("the Company")

#### 1. Introduction

The Joint Administrators ("the Administrators") were appointed on 17 July 2009 by the Directors of the Company

This is the Joint Administrators' report pursuant to Rule 2 47 of the Insolvency Rules 1986 and covers the period from 17 July 2009 to 16 January 2010. This report is intended to update you on the progress of the Administration.

#### 2. Statutory Information

Statutory information relating to the Company and the appointment of Administrators is attached to this report as **Appendix A** 

#### 3 Purpose of Administration

As previously reported, following their appointment, the Administrators took control of the business and assets of the Company with a view to implementing the strategy to meet the prioritised objectives of the new Administration regime as follows

- a) Rescue the Company as a going concern, or,
- b) Achieve a better result for the Company's creditors as a whole than would be likely if the Company were to be wound up (without first being in Administration), or,
- c) Realise property in order to make a distribution to one or more secured or preferential creditors

Prior to our appointment a review of the business of the Company was undertaken and it was concluded that the first statutory administration objective of rescuing the Company as a going concern was unlikely to be achieved

The first objective for the Administration could not be met. Without an immediate injection of replacement funding the Company could not be rescued as a going concern. No such funding was available

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Accordingly we proceeded with a view to achieving the second statutory objective of achieving a better result for the Company's creditors as a whole than would be likely if the Company were wound up without first being in Administration

A lack of interest in acquiring the Company's business and its assets as a going concern, the value of the Company's assets relative to the secured debts together with the value of assets on a break-up basis meant that the second objective also became unachievable

The strategy for the Administration is therefore to realise property in order to make a distribution to one or more secured or preferential creditors

I confirm that the Administrators proposals circulated to creditors on 9 September 2009 were deemed approved in accordance with Rule 2 33(5) of the Insolvency Rules 1986

#### 4. Statement of Affairs

A Statement of Affairs as at the date of the Administrators' appointment on 17 July 2009 was provided by the directors on 4 August 2009 and was circulated to creditors together with the Joint Administrators proposals on 9 September 2009

#### 5. Conduct of the Administration

A copy of the Administrators' receipts and payments account to 16 January 2010 is attached at **Appendix B.** Set out below are details of the progress made to date in the Administration

#### Sale of the Business

Upon the Administrators' appointment, the Company's business was still trading from the property owned by Rawmat (1998) Limited ("Rawmat"), an associated company. The Administrators immediately prepared trading forecasts and negotiated favourable payment terms with the Company's largest customer.

Despite the favourable terms agreed with the Company's largest customer, the Company was still unable to trade without incurring cash losses. The Administrators identified that the Company's defrosting operation was loss-making and therefore negotiated for the Company's largest customer to take responsibility for the labour costs of the defrosting operation. As a result the Administrators expected the Company to be able to cover its immediate cash costs.

The Company's electricity supply is provided through the previous owner of the property and the Administrators negotiated terms for the supply of electricity which enabled the Company to continue trading whilst a buyer was sought for the business

Details of the business for sale were circulated widely and enquiries were received from 23 potentially interested parties. Four parties viewed the cold store and were provided with further information concerning the business and its assets.

After a period of six weeks no acceptable offers for the business or its assets had been received and the Company's largest customer informed us of their decision to withdraw their stock from the cold store. As they accounted for the vast majority of the Company's business, the Company would not have been able to fund continued trading without their support.

Agreement was reached with the Company's largest customer to fund the Company's operating costs until they had been able to remove the last of their stock from the cold store. All stock was removed and trading ceased with the dismissal of all remaining staff on 28 September 2009.

#### **Debtors**

The Company's debtors have been subject to a disclosed invoice discounting agreement with Skipton Business Finance Limited ("Skipton")

At the date of our appointment, Skipton was owed £40,232 secured against sales ledger balances of £73,572 (excluding debts from Rawmat) These included £65,131 52 due from the Company's largest customer who were claiming set off against a debt of £80,731 due to them by the Company

However, Skipton has been repaid in full and have transferred a credit balance of £350 to their account with Rawmat

Skipton advise that the sales ledger has been "totally exhausted" but I am making enquiries to establish whether there are uncollected debtors which can be reassigned to Arctic

#### **Plant and Equipment**

The majority of plant and equipment operated by the Company is owned by Rawmat

Chattel assets were valued by our agents, Sanderson Weatherall of Leeds, in situ at £2,700 and for removal from the premises at £1,400 Following the cessation of trade the Company's few chattel assets were sold for £700 plus VAT on the advice of our agent due to the lack of interest received from other parties. The Company has no other material chattel assets

The Company had no stock of its own however unclaimed stocks were sold for £9,893

#### 6 Secured Creditors

Information recorded with the Registrar of Companies shows that the Company has granted debentures and charges shown at **Appendix A** 

#### 7 Prescribed Part

As the charge to HSBC Bank Plc follows the commencement of the provisions of Section 176A of the Insolvency Act 1986, the Administrators are required to set aside a "Prescribed Part" fund especially for unsecured creditors Such a fund will not apply should the Company's net property amount to less than £10,000 and the Administrators consider that the cost of making the distribution would be disproportionate to the benefits—It is likely that the net property of the Company will not exceed £10,000 and therefore the prescribed part will not apply

#### 8. Preferential Creditors

The Company's employees were retained whilst the Company continued to trade during the Administration

As it was not possible to achieve a sale of the Company's business and assets, employees were declared redundant on 28 September 2009

Preferential claims for accrued wages and holiday pay are estimated at £5,000. The Administrators are yet to receive a claim from the Redundancy Payments Office on behalf of the National Insurance Fund

#### 9 Unsecured Creditors Claims

The directors' sworn Statement of Affairs dated 17 July 2009 indicates that the Company has unsecured creditors claims in excess of £600,000. Claims received to date total £106,821.

#### 10. Exit Route

As there is insufficient property of the Company to enable a distribution to unsecured creditors, it is not appropriate for the matter to proceed to liquidation. It is proposed that once all assets have been realised and expenses of the Administration discharged, the Company will be dissolved in accordance with approved proposals

#### 11. Solicitors and Agents

Where it has been necessary to instruct professionals such as solicitors and agents they have been chosen based upon their independence and relevant experience in dealing with such matters. The professional costs are based upon an agreed time cost basis (or a % of realisations in the case of agents), details of which are provided to us periodically for review and which are consistent with other professional firms dealing with similar matters.

Agents costs which have been paid are recorded in the attached receipts and payments account, as at **Appendix B**, and are as follows

 Wilkin Chapman has been paid £3,000 plus VAT on account in respect of their advice given regarding the Administration

#### 12. Joint Administrators' Remuneration

The Administrators' approved Proposals including the following

- The Administrators will be remunerated by reference to time properly spent both for their services as Joint
  Administrators and also for their staff in attending to the matters arising in the administration of the
  Company, charged at the charge out rates prevailing at the time the work is undertaken. The Joint
  Administrators' remuneration will be agreed by the secured creditors and, if appropriate, the preferential
  creditors.
- The Administrators be at liberty to incur and pay such costs and expenses, including professional fees, as
  considered to be incidental to the achievement of the purpose of the administration or for the purposes
  set out herein or to the Joint Administrators' statutory duties

I attach at **Appendix C** a summary of the Administrators' current time costs in dealing with the Administration. To the anniversary date we had not yet drawn any fees for acting as Joint Administrators against our outstanding time costs of £114,641. However since the anniversary date I have drawn £1,123 in respect of our pre appointment time costs and £20,000 against our post appointment time costs, please note these payments will not be shown on the receipts and payments account at **Appendix B** 

The work undertaken by the Administrators and their staff is briefly detailed below

- Administration and planning Includes dealing with all statutory matters required by legislation and
  professional guidelines including periodic returns and reports, internal case review and case progression
  matters including planning, set-up and maintenance of records in addition to the recovery and storage of
  the Company records
- Realisation of assets Includes the continued negotiations with interested parties concerning the
  proposed sale of the Company's business and assets in addition to the implementation of the marketing
  strategies relating thereto. Further time spent in this regard relates to assisting Skipton Business Finance
  Limited with the realisation of the outstanding book debts due to the Company and the continued liaison
  with agents for the purposes of realising the Company's chattel assets.
- Creditors Includes general communication with all classes of creditors, receipt and agreement of claims. It also includes specific reporting to the secured creditors.
- Investigations Includes the review of Company records, the identification of any rights of action which
  the Administrators may have including antecedent transactions, and the submission of returns pursuant to
  the Company Directors Disqualification Act
- Trading Includes the supervision of Company staff, dealing with employees, and customers and the general management of the Company's operations. It also includes time spent in preparing cashflows to support the trading of the business.

The level of staff has been selected based upon the nature and complexity of the assignment. To reduce the level of professional costs incurred much of the work has been conducted by the Administrators' staff under their instruction. The current hourly charge-out rates for each level of staff are attached at **Appendix C** 

The statutory provisions relating to remuneration are contained in Rule 2 106 of the Rules, as amended by the Insolvency (Amendment) Rules 2003. Creditors may view notes explaining the basis on which the Joint Administrators' remuneration is fixed on the web site of RSM Tenon Recovery at www rsmtenon com/creditorguides. If any creditor should require a copy of these explanatory notes they should telephone or write to Laura Baxter of RSM Tenon Recovery at Europarc Innovation Centre, Innovation Way, Grimsby, DN37 9TT, who will be pleased to send them by post free of charge.

## 13 Joint Administrators' Disbursements

At the anniversary date the disbursements totalled £2,077 are detailed at **Appendix D** of which the Administrators had not received reimbursement. However since the anniversary date the Administrators have been paid £1,112, please note this will not be shown on the attached receipts and payments account at **Appendix B** 

#### 14. Joint Administrators' Investigations

Under the insolvency legislation, the Joint Administrators have a duty to consider the conduct of those who have been directors of the Company at any time within three years preceding the Administration and to report to the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills accordingly. As this is a confidential document between the BIS and myself, I am precluded from divulging its contents in this report.

We are also required to consider whether any civil proceedings should be taken. Please do not hesitate to contact us if there is any matter of which you believe we should be aware when considering the directors conduct. We should stress that this request for information forms part of our usual investigation proceedings.

## 15. EC Regulation on Insolvency Proceedings 2000

For the following reason it is considered that the EC Regulation on Insolvency Proceedings 2000 will apply of it it does apply, these proceedings will be the main proceedings as defined in article 3 of the EC regulation

The Company's registered office is from where the Company carries on its business. Therefore in the absence of proof to the contrary, the Company's centre of main interests is in the United Kingdom.

#### 16. Further Information

Should you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact Simon Smith or Laura Baxter on the telephone number shown at the head of this report

Yours faithfully

For and on behalf of Arctic Jet Cold Store Limited

<sub>∆</sub>W Duncan

Joint Administrator

William Duncan is a licensed Insolvency Practitioner authorised by The Institute of Chartered Accountants of Scotland Jonathan Paul Philmore is a licensed Insolvency Practitioner authorised by the Insolvency Practitioners' Association

William Duncan and Jonathan Paul Philmore were appointed joint administrators to manage the affairs, business and property of Arctic Jet Cold Store Limited on 17 July 2009

The joint administrators act as agents of the Company, without personal liability

# <u>Arctic Jet Cold Store Limited – in Administration</u> Statutory Information

**Company Number:** 

06091070

Date of Incorporation:

8 February 2007

**Registered Office:** 

c/o RSM Tenon Recovery Europarc Innovation Centre

Innovation Way

Grimsby DN37 9TT

Formerly

Hangar 2 Caenby Corner Estate

Hemswell Cliff Gainsborough Lincolnshire DN21 2TJ

Trading Address.

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#### Issued Share Capital:

100 Category A shares of £1 each, fully paid and issued to

Stephen John Hill

100 Category B shares of £1 each, fully paid and issued to

Donald Jeffrey Urquhart

1 Category C Non Voting share of £1 each, fully paid and issued to

Michelle McClurey

Directors.

Stephen John Hill 08/02/2007 N/A

Donald Jeffrey Urquhart 08/02/2007 N/A

Michelle McClurey 08/02/2007 N/A

Company Secretaries: Stephen John Hill 08/02/2007 N/A

Mortgages and Charges: HSBC Bank PLC - Debenture conferring fixed and floating

charges over the undertaking and all property and assets present and future, including goodwill, book debts, uncalled capital, buildings, fixtures and fixed plant and machinery created on 6 May 2008 and registered at Companies House

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on 8 May 2008

Skipton Business Finance Limited – Debenture conferring a fixed charge over all specified and other debts and a floating charge over the floating assets of the Company created 30 June 2008 and registered at Companies House on 1 July 2008

#### **Last Accounts Filed:**

Report of the directors and unaudited financial statements for the period ending 29 February 2009 and filed at Companies House on 29 January 2009

#### Arctic Jet Cold Store Limited - In Administration

# Joint Administrators' Abstract of Receipts and Payments from 17 July 2009 to 16 January 2010

Statement of Affairs		Trading Receipts/Payments from 17 July 2009 to 16 January 2010 £
	Receipts	
	Sales	173,923 14
	Cardboard Recycling	340 00
	Sale of Unclaimed Meat	9,893 50
	Sale of Pallets	62 17
	Cash at Bank	33 54
	Total Trading Receipts	184,252 35
	Payments	
	Employees Wages	42,555 69
	PAYE/NIC Payments for Employees Wages	14,573 80
	Flexible Wrapping	165 00
	Rates	6,547 50
	Electricity Teams Coats	48,534 14 246 50
	Travel Costs Insurance	1,297 97
	Bank Charges	279 00
	Hire of Equipment	9,352 26
	Sundry Expenses	162 65
	Stationary	128 64
	Frozen Foods Disposal	1,500 00
	Waste Disposal	112 00
	Environmental Services	300 00
	Cold Store Maintenance	3,443 00
	Legal Fees	3,000 00
	Total Trading Payments	132,198 15
	Total Trading Surplus	52,054 20
		General
		Receipts/Payments
Statement of		from 17 July 2009 to
Affairs		16 January 2010
,		£
	Receipts	
•	Fixed Assets	-
•	Debtors Trading Combine	52,054 20
	Trading Surplus Book Debts	788 79
	VAT	26,067 12
	Total General Receipts	78,910 11
	Payments	
	Electricity	11,206 67
	Hire of Equipment	516 00
	Consultancy Charges	672 80
	Skipton Business Finance re Book Debts	788 78
	VAT	28,587 38
	Total General Payments	41,771 63
	Balance in hand	37,138 48
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NB. The trading surplus shown above is subject to the future payment of outstanding costs and does not represent a trading profit.

#### Arctic Jet Cold Store Limited - In Administration

## Time Cost information to 16 January 2010

Detailed below is a summary of time charged by each grade of our staff

Classification of work function	Director	Manager	Other senior professionals	Assistants & support staff	Total hours	Time Cost	Average hourly rate £
Administration and planning	38	48 7	61 3	55 7	169 5	22,706 00	133 96
Realisation of Assets	12	27 4	66	70	42 2	7,927 00	187 84
Creditors	3 4	31 1	86 7	3 1	1243	17,355 00	139 62
Investigations	-	0.5	36	_	41	467 00	113 90
Trading	10 2	224 7	216 1	-	4510	66,185 50	146 75
Total	18 6	332 4	374 3	65 8	7911	114,640 50	144 91

The hourly charge-out rates for each level of staff applicable from 1 November 2008 to 9 January 2010 are

Grade	Rate per hour	
	£	
Directors / Associate Directors	275 - 360	
Managers	165 – 300	
Technical Staff	95 - 175	

With effect from 10 January 2010 the following charge-out rates have applied to each level of our staff

Grade	Rate per hour	
	£	
Directors / Associate Directors	290 - 300	
Managers	190 – 265	
Technical Staff	120 - 170	
Assistants and Support Staff	95-120	

## Arctic Jet Cold Store Limited - In Administration

#### RMS Tenon - Grimsby Office

Category 1 disbursements		Category 2 disbursements.	
	£		£
Company searches	3 00	Postage	46 00
Bordereau	47 00	General expenses	9 53
Statutory advertising	178 20	Photocopying	38 10
Storage costs	37 50		
Travel	1,702 05		
Land Registry Services	16 00		
Total	1,983 75	Total	93 63

### **CATEGORY 1 AND CATEGORY 2 DISBURSEMENTS**

Category 1 disbursements relate to external services provided which are directly attributable to the case

Category 2 disbursements relate to internal charges made for items such as postage, faxes, room hire and mileage

The rates at which these charges are made are listed below and in my opinion are in line with the cost of external provision of these charges and (where applicable) in accordance with Rule 13 11(b) of the Insolvency Rules 1986

Disbursement	Charge
Postage – 1 <sup>st</sup> Class	50p — £1 00
(circulars only, per copy and depending on size)  Postage – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Class	40p – 75p
(circulars only, per copy and depending on size) Photocopying (circulars only, per page) Faxes (incoming & outgoing, per page) Room Hire (per hour, minimum charge £25)	15p 25p £25 00
Mileage (per mile)	40 - 50p

Creditor approval is required for Category 2 disbursements to be charged as an expense of the case in accordance with best practice guidelines as set out in Statement of Insolvency Practice 9 (as amended in April 2007)