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

06324456

Name of Company

Biddle Innovations Limited T/A Content and Calm

I/We Neil Charles Money CBA 39 Castle Street Leicester LE1 5WN

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 29 August 2013 to 28 August 2014

Date 22 September 2014

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## To All Members and Creditors

22 September 2014

## Biddle Innovations Limited T/A Content and Calm - In Creditors' Voluntary Liquidation

I refer to my appointment as Liquidator of the above company. I am required to report to members and creditors on the progress of the Liquidation, and I make this report to you in discharge of that duty. This report covers the period 29 August 2013 to 28 August 2014.

## Company Information

Company Name

Biddle Innovations Limited T/A Content and Calm

Registered Number

06324456

Registered Office

CBA 39 Castle Street Leicester LE1 5WN

## Liquidator

The Liquidator of the company was appointed on 29 August 2013 and is

Neil Charles Money CBA 39 Castle Street Leicester LE1 5WN

IP Number 8900

## Liquidators' Actions

Following initial meetings with the company's director, it was found that the company had ceased to trade. It was decided that the Company should be wound up as it was unable to settle its liabilities and that liquidation was the best route to take.







Neil Charles Money was appointed as Liquidator of the Company on 28 August 2013 and sought to take control of the assets of the company A review of the company's books and records was undertaken, as were discussions with the director and the accountant, in order to compile a full schedule of the company's assets and a basis and strategy for realising the same for the benefit of creditors generally

The assets of the assets of the company were identified and the necessary steps were taken to realise each of the assets for the benefit of creditors

Statutory investigations were commenced and completed and the necessary report was submitted to the Insolvency Services as required. Investigations are still ongoing

## Receipts and Payments Account

A Receipts and Payments Account for the period 29 August 2013 to 28 August 2014 is attached at Appendix A and includes a cumulative account for the period from commencement of the Liquidation

## Asset Realisations

Asset realisations to date are as follows,

| Description             | Statement of Affairs Estimate (£) | Realisation in period (£) | Anticipated Future Realisations (£) | Note |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|------|
| Plant &<br>Equipment    | 500                               | Nıl                       | Nel                                 | 1    |
| Stock                   | 10,000                            | 14,565 91                 | Uncertain                           | 2    |
| Surplus from<br>Factors | 15,309 76                         | 7,910 92                  | Nıl                                 | 3    |
| Sundry Refund           | Nıl                               | 317 19                    | Nıl                                 | 4    |
| Trademark               | Nel                               | 100                       | Nel                                 | 5    |

## <u>Notes</u>

- 1 It was anticipated that £500 would be received for the nominal amount of plant and equipment. However, upon review of the assets, it was noted that due to the age and condition of the items, these did not have any commercial value. Therefore, no realisations are expected in this matter.
- 2 The Statement of Affairs anticipated that £10,000 would be realised in respect of stock Agents, Business Asset Solutions have been dealing with the stock on our behalf. The remaining stock was sold to various unconnected parties and to date £14,565.91 has been realised. It is uncertain at present whether any future realisations will made in this respect.
- 3 The company's debtors were subject to a factoring agreement HSBC Invoice Finance UK Ltd A surplus of £7,910 92 has been received from them
- 4 A sundry refund of £317 49 has been received from Marks & Clerk LLP in respect of a credit balance held in their client account for the company
- The company owned various trademarks for a number of items sold by the company These trademarks were sold to Solve Biddle on 20 November 2013 for £100

## SIP 13 Disclosure

I am required, in accordance with Statement of Insolvency Piactice 13 ("SIP 13"), to disclose to creditors the details of any asset sold by the Liquidator to connected parties

I can confirm that the trademarks of the company were sold to Solvej Biddle, on 20 November 2013 for £100 As a former director of the Company, pursuant to Section 249 of the Insolvency Act 1986, Solvej Biddle is considered to be connected to it

Consideration was received in full on 7 January 2014

## Creditors Claims, Dividend Prospects and the Prescribed Part

## **Secured Creditors**

A debenture was created in favour of HSBC Bank Plc on 22/11/2010 and delivered on 23/11/2010 A claim of  $f_{37,307}$  60 has been received to date

## **Preferential Creditors**

Crown preference in relation to VAT and PAYE was abolished in 2003 and consequently in the majority of cases preferential creditors relate to certain liabilities in respect of wages, holiday pay and pension contributions due

It was anticipated that preferential claims would total £325 71 in respect of amounts due to former employees of the company. However, no preferential claims have been received to date

## **Unsecured Non-Preferential Creditors**

The Statement of affairs anticipated unsecured would total £276,892 30 To date, claims totalling £286,953 99 have been received

## Prescribed Part

The 'Prescribed Part' provisions of Section 176A of the Insolvency Act apply to this case. This section provides that a proportion of the net assets which would otherwise be paid to the floating chaige holder are set aside for the benefit of the unsecured creditors.

## Investigations into the Affairs of the Company

Within six 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 him unfit to be concerned with the management of the Company I would confirm that my report has been submitted

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

Further investigations where conducted into a number of transactions made from the company's bank account. Further explanations have been sought and the matter has been passed onto solicitors to pursue further.

## Liquidation Expenses

An unsecuted creditor with the concurrence of at least 5% in value of the unsecured creditors, or any unsecured creditor with the permission of the Court, may make a request in writing to the liquidator for further information about remuneration or expenses set out in this progress report. Any such request must be made within 21 days of receipt of this report.

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

Expenses paid to date are as detailed on the attached receipts and payments account, with any further sums incurred detailed below, and comprise the following

## Specific Bond

Every insolvency practitioner in every case is required by law to take out a specific bond which will reimburse the estate in the event of fraudulent activity by the office holder Bonds are renewed on an annual basis, and we are bonded for the sum of £25,000

## Statement of Affairs Fee

You will recall that the statement of affairs fee of £5,000 was agreed at the initial meeting of creditors

## Liquidators Remuneration

Creditors originally resolved that the Liquidators be remunerated in accordance with the time properly spent by them and their staff in attending to matters arising from the Liquidation, and that they be entitled to draw their remuneration on account

A detailed analysis of the time spent in dealing with this case is attached at Appendix 2, which includes analysis of time spent during the reporting period and also a cumulative account from the commencement of the Liquidation

## Agents/Valuers Fees

Business Assets Solutions ('BAS'), Consultant Valuers & Auctioneers, have been retained to value, secure and dispose of the company's stock. Their fees are being charged on a percentage basis, being 15% of icalisations, and during the period of this report £1,928 78 has been paid to them

In addition 'BAS' were also retained on a time costs basis. The fees charged by the agents have been reviewed and I am satisfied that they are reasonable in the circumstances of this case.

The choice of agents used 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 my fee arrangement with them

## Legal Fees

Smith & Wells Solicitors have been retained to advise the Liquidators in respect of the ongoing investigations matters. Fees are being chaiged on a time costs basis

The choice of solicitors used 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 my fee arrangement with them To date, £160 has been paid to the solicitors in respect of their disbursements

## Company Search

Insolvency Practitioners carry out searches on the Companies House website for statutory information before they accept the instruction to act as liquidators

## Storage Costs

The Company's books and records have been collected as required but are not stored at CBA's offices due to space limitations. They are held by external storage agents and the costs attributed to the service are reflected. The initial cost paid also takes into account the required storage period once the liquidation is concluded and the costs of secure destruction of the records at the appropriate time.

## Statutory Advertising

Statutory advertisements have been placed in the London Gazette as required

If you should have any queries please contact Pooja Ghelani at this office

Yours faithfully

Neil Morréy

Biddle Innovations Limited T/A Content and Calm

## APPENDIX 1 RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

## Biddle Innovations Limited T/A Content and Calm (In Liquidation) Liquidator's Abstract of Receipts & Payments

| NIL   NIL   |     |               |
|---|-----|---------------|
| Book Debts         NIL  |     |               |
| SECURED CREDITORS   |     | 26,609 76     |
| NiL   NiL |     | ·             |
| NIL   NIL   |     |               |
| ASSET REALISATIONS  0   | 00) | (11,300 00)   |
| 0       Plant & Equipment       NIL       NIL         0       Stock       14,565 91       14,565 91         L       Intangible Assets       NIL       NIL         Book Debts       NIL       NIL         Surplus from factors       7,910 92       7,910 92         Cash at Bank       NIL       NIL  |     |               |
| 0         Stock         14,565 91         14,565 91           L         Intangible Assets         NIL         NIL           Book Debts         NIL         NIL           Surplus from factors         7,910 92         7,910 92           Cash at Bank         NIL         NIL  |     |               |
| L         Intangible Assets         NIL         NIL           Book Debts         NIL         NIL           Surplus from factors         7,910 92         7,910 92           Cash at Bank         NIL         NIL  |     | 500 00        |
| Book Debts NIL NIL Surplus from factors 7,910 92 7,910 92 Cash at Bank NIL NIL  |     | 10,000 00     |
| Surplus from factors 7,910 92 7,910 92 Cash at Bank NIL NIL   | NIL | NIL           |
| Cash at Bank NIL NIL  |     |               |
|   |     |               |
|   |     |               |
| Sundry Refund   |     |               |
| 22,894 32 22,894 32   |     |               |
| COST OF REALISATIONS  |     |               |
| Specific Bond 184 00 184 00   |     |               |
| Nominees Fee 5,000 00 5,000 00  |     |               |
| Office Holders Fees 4,000 00 4,000 00   |     |               |
| Office Holders Expenses 208 27 208 27   |     |               |
| Company Search 1 00 1 00  |     |               |
| Agents/Valuers Fees 1,928 78 1,928 78   |     |               |
| Legal Fees (1)       160 00       160 00         Stationery & Postage       7 05       7 05   |     |               |
|   |     |               |
| Storage Costs 21 00 21 00<br>Storage Costs in respect of stock 9,380 86 9,380 86  |     |               |
| Statutory Advertising 134 00 134 00   |     |               |
| Delivery Costs 458 95 458 95  |     |               |
| (21,483 91) (21,483 91)   |     |               |
| PREFERENTIAL CREDITORS  |     |               |
| 1) Redundancy Payments Office NIL NIL NIL   | 71) | (325 71)      |
| NIL NIL   | •   |               |
| FLOATING CHARGE CREDITORS   |     |               |
|   | 87) | (36,950 87)   |
| NIL NIL   |     |               |
| UNSECURED CREDITORS   |     |               |
|   | 54) | (105,982 54)  |
|   |     | (307 70)      |
|   |     | (42,265 00)   |
|   |     | (100,000 00)  |
| 4) HM Revenue & Customs - PAYE & NI NIL NIL NIL   | 24) | (16,870 24)   |
| DISTRIBUTIONS   |     |               |
|   | 00) | (828,168 00)  |
| NIL NIL   | 00) | (020, 100 00) |

| (1,105,060.30)   | 1,410 41 | 1,410.41                         |
|--|----------|----------------------------------|
| REPRESENTED BY VAT Receivable Bank 2 - Current VAT Payable |          | 4,268 38<br>55 21<br>(2,913 18)  |
|  | =        | 1,410.41                         |
|  |          | Neil Charles Money<br>Liquidator |

# APPENDIX 2 ANALYSIS OF LIQUIDATOR'S TIME COSTS

## Office Holders Remuneration

An amount of £4,000 has been drawn in the period of this report

All staff, including support staff, are charged directly to cases for the time spent on that case at the hourly rates detailed below. Charge out rates and staff grades are reviewed periodically and may change during the course of the administration. Time is charged in 6 minute units.

|                      | Charge Out           |
|----------------------|----------------------|
| Grade of Staff       | Rate per Hour<br>(£) |
| Licensed Insolvency  | 315                  |
| Practitioner         |                      |
| Senior Manager       | 255                  |
| Managei              | 210                  |
| Senior Administrator | 180                  |
| Administrator        | 150                  |
| Support Staff        | 90                   |

You are advised that a guide to Liquidatois fees is available for download, without charge, from <a href="http://www.insolvency-practitioneis.org.uk/regulation-and-guidance/guides-to-fees">http://www.insolvency-practitioneis.org.uk/regulation-and-guidance/guides-to-fees</a> If you require a paper copy of this guide please contact this office and a copy will be sent to you

## Office Holders Expenses and Disbursements

Statement of Insolvency Piactice 9 ("SIP9"), requires that the office holder provide a statement of the office-holder's policy in relation to recharges of disbursements. SIP9 defines disbursements as either Category 1 or Category 2 disbursements.

Category 1 disbursements will generally comprise external supplies of incidental services specifically identifiable to the case, typically for items such as postage, case advertising, invoiced travel and properly reimbursed expenses incurred by personnel in connection with the case. Also included will be services specific to the case where these cannot practically be provided internally such as printing, room hire and document storage.

Category 2 disbursements will generally compuse costs which, whilst being in the nature of expenses or disbursements, include elements of shared or allocated costs

Category 1 disbutsements are recoverable without approval, and it is the policy of CBA to recover Category 1 disbutsements when they are incurred and when funds permit

The Category 1 disbursements incurred by and reimbursed to CBA are detailed below

|                | Incurred | Reimbursed |
|----------------|----------|------------|
|                | by CBA   | to CBA     |
|                | £        | £          |
| Advertising    | 209 00   | 134 00     |
| Postage        | 23 28    | 7 05       |
| Specific bond  | 184 00   | 184 00     |
| Company search | 1 00     | 1 00       |
| Travel costs   | 208 27   | 208 27     |
| Storage        | 60 96    | Nıl        |
| Total          | 686.51   | 534.32     |

A total of 67 70 hours have been spent at an average hourly rate of £206 57 per hour A summary of work undertaken in this case is as follows

## Case Progression

File Reviews Correspondence with the director Cashiering

## Creditors

Employee claims, correspondence and telephone calls Creditor correspondence and telephone calls Review of creditor claims Creditor updates on computer system

## Investigations

Investigations into the affairs of the Company and submission of a director's conduct report

Completion of CDDA checklists

## Assets

Correspondence with regards to realisation of assets Review valuations Correspondence with agents with regards to asset realisations and valuations Correspondence with Bank

## Statutory

Statutory meetings Bonding Post appointment formalities and submission of forms

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# Time Entry - SIP9 Time & Cost Summary

002153 - Biddle Innovations Limited T/A Content and Calm Project Code POST To 28/08/2014

|                                 |         |         |                               |                            |             |               | -                          |
|---------------------------------|---------|---------|-------------------------------|----------------------------|-------------|---------------|----------------------------|
| Classification of Work Function | Partner | Manager | Other Senior<br>Professionals | Assistants & Support Staff | Total Hours | Time Cost (£) | Average Hourly<br>Rate (E) |
|                                 |         |         |                               |                            |             |               |                            |
| Administration & Planning       | 00 00   | 000     | 00 0                          | 00 0                       | 800         | 800           | 00 0                       |
| Case Progression                | 7 00    | 3 00    | 4 90                          | 3 10                       | 00 81       | 4 128 00      | 229 33                     |
| Case Specific Matters           | 000     | 000     | 0000                          | 000                        | 000         | 00 0          | 00 0                       |
| Creditors                       | 00 0    | 000     | 11 70                         | 0000                       | 11 70       | 2 097 00      | 179 23                     |
| Investigations                  | 00 0    | 0000    | 19 10                         | 00 0                       | 19 10       | 3 435 00      | 179 84                     |
| Realisation of Assets           | 0.50    | 000     | 8 60                          | 0000                       | 9 10        | 1 705 50      | 187 42                     |
| Statutory                       | 90 9    | 090     | 3 20                          | 000                        | 08 6        | 2,619 00      | 267 24                     |
| Trading                         | 00 0    | 800     | 00 0                          | 00 0                       | 000         | 000           | 00 0                       |
| Total Hours                     | 13 50   | 360     | 47 50                         | 3 10                       | 67 70       | 13,984 50     | 206 57                     |
| Total Fees Claimed              |         |         |                               |                            |             | 4,000 00      |                            |
| Total Disbursements Claimed     |         |         |                               |                            |             | 534 32        |                            |

# Time Entry - SIP9 Time & Cost Summary Category 2 Disbursements

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Other amounts paid or payable to the office holders firm or to party in which the office holder or his firm or any associate has an interest

| Amount           | 90 00<br>84 60                       | 174 60 |
|------------------|--------------------------------------|--------|
|                  |                                      |        |
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| Type and Purpose | NM Exes 29 08 13<br>NM Exes 07 08 13 | Total  |
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| saction Date     |                                      |        |
| Transaction Date | 03/09/2013                           |        |