# Liquidator's Progress Report

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Pursuant to Sections 92A and 104A and 192 of the insolvency Act 1986

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Company	Number
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06508330

Name of Company

Carpe Diem Group Holdings Limited

1/We

Neil Chesterton, 4th Floor, 100 Fenchurch Street, London EC3M 5JD

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 18/06/2013 to 17/06/2014

NSUNUTE. Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date 15/08/14

The MacDonald Partnership Plc 4th Floor 100 Fenchurch Street London EC3M 5JD

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# Carpe Diem Group Holdings Limited (In Liquidation) Liquidator's Abstract of Receipts & Payments

Statement of Affairs		From 18/06/2013 To 17/06/2014
	SECURED CREDITORS	
(2,078,342 00)	Areeney Ventures	NIL
(543,655 00)	Yerrick Holdings	NIL
		NIL
	ASSET REALISATIONS	
	Funds from Administration	3,572 24
Uncertain	Book Debts	NIL
76,985 00	Directors Loan	11,500 00
	Bank Interest Gross	3 11
		15,075 35
	COST OF REALISATIONS	
	Office Holders Fees	3,361 50
	Legal Fees & Disbursement	764 40
	Corporation Tax	2 34
	Stationery & Postage	47 24
	Statutory Advertising	<u>84 60</u> (4,260 08)
		(4,260 06)
(0.400.00)	PREFERENTIAL CREDITORS	
(2,400 00)	Employees Wage Arrears	NIL NIL
		NIL
	UNSECURED CREDITORS	
(38,806 52)	Trade & Expense Creditors	NIL
(97,293 99)	Employees	NIL
(210,511 00)	Directors	NIL
(1 00)	Inland Revenue	NIL
(103,666 00)	Accruals Customs & Excise	NIL
(1 00) (398,500 00)	IDT Corporation	NIL NIL
(193,670 00)	Mr & Mrs Warburton	NIL NIL
(100,070 00)	Wil a trio valuation	NIL
	DISTRIBUTIONS	
(1,793,728 00)	Ordinary Shareholders	NIL .
	·	NIL
(5,383,589.51)		10,815.27
	REPRESENTED BY	<del></del>
	Bank Current + Interest	10,815 27
		10,815.27



# Carpe Diem Group Holdings Limited (In Liquidation) Company Number. 06508330 Liquidator's First Annual Progress Report Pursuant to Section 104(A) of the Insolvency Act 1986 (as amended) and Rule 4.49C of the Insolvency Rules 1986 (as amended)

#### INTRODUCTION

I, Neil Chesterton, was appointed as Administrator of Carpe Diem Group Holdings Limited on 3 July 2012 by the directors of the company pursuant to Paragraph 22 of Schedule B1 to the Insolvency Act 1986

The company moved from Administration to Liquidation on 18 June 2013 and I issued my final report under the Administration on 18 June 2013

Prior to the administration, the company's former registered office was Prospect House, 11-13 Lonsdale Gardens, Tunbridge Wells, Kent, TN1 1NU and the trading address was 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, 48-54 Moorgate, London, EC2R 6EJ. The current registered office is c/o The MacDonald Partnership Plc, 4th Floor, 100 Fenchurch Street, London, EC3M 5.ID.

I am licensed in the UK by the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales

There has been no change in office-holder since the date of liquidation

The report provides an update on the conduct of the liquidation for the period from 18 June 2013 to 17 June 2014 as required by Section 104A of the Insolvency Act 1986 (as amended). It contains details of the progress made, the expected outcome for creditors and other information that the liquidator is required to disclose.

# **PROGRESS OF LIQUIDATION**

The liquidator's focus has mainly centred on realising the assets mentioned in the director's statement of affairs, namely the director's loan account and the book debts

# Asset Realisations

## **Book Debts**

The book value of the book debts is £400,000, however, the realisable value is uncertain. Investigations are ongoing in respect of the alleged debtor and the possibility of taking action against any party in connection with the debt Significant investigation has been undertaken in respect of the background and history as to how the debt arose. The Liquidator has received copy documentation and email traffic relating to the transaction's history and background. The company's directors have assisted in this regard. These documents are currently being reviewed and an outline is being prepared for consideration by solicitors. The potential claim involves cross jurisdictional parties and could be difficult to pursue. It is considered necessary to seek advice from solicitors in this matter to establish the ments of any potential claim.

# **Directors Loan**

The company's records indicate that there is an overdrawn director's loan account of £76,985

The Liquidator continues to pursue the outstanding director's loan account with the assistance of Nelson Solicitors

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Following an uncontested statutory demand and a bankruptcy petition, it was agreed that the petition would be withdrawn. The debtor was very co-operative with the Liquidator and his solicitors and agreed to pay monthly instalments of £2,000 per month, provide security over his matrimonial home until the debt was repaid and deliver up the proceeds of an endowment policy which is due to mature in August 2014. Due to the number of adjourned hearings in this matter, the Court made it clear that a final hearing would be held on 10 April 2014. In order to secure the deal offered by the debtor as described above, and following a goodwill payment of £7,500, the Liquidator agreed to withdraw the petition with a costs order being made against the debtor.

The debtor failed to adhere to the agreement and as a consequence, the Liquidator has reissued a statutory demand. The debtor is currently in communication with the Liquidator's solicitors, however, it has been made clear to the debtor that the Liquidator will pursue a bankruptcy petition and not agree to any adjournments.

#### **Bank Interest**

Bank interest of £3 11 has accrued on the liquidation account during the reporting period

#### Other Assets

There are no further assets to be realised in the liquidation, other than those detailed above

#### RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

A summary of my receipts and payments account from 18 June 2013 to 17 June 2014 is attached to this report

Please note that the figures included within the receipts and payments account are stated net of VAT

Estate funds were banked in the designated client's account at a UK bank and accordingly there is no account held by the Secretary of State

# LIABILITIES

### **Secured Creditors**

There are no secured creditors as the secured creditors were paid in the Administration

The legislation requires that if the Company has created a floating charge after 15 September 2003, a prescribed part of the Company's net property (i.e. the money that would otherwise be available to the charge holder) should be ring-fenced for distribution to unsecured creditors. As there is no floating charge, the provisions of the prescribed part do not apply

# **Preferential Creditors**

The only categories of claims which have preferential status are those of employees in respect of wages and accrued holiday pay. At the time of the administration and subsequent liquidation, it was anticipated that there could be 3 potential preferential claims from unpaid wages amounting to £2,400. I can confirm that no preferential claims have been received from creditors.

# **Unsecured Creditors**

According to the original statement of affairs provided by the director at the time of the administration the company has approximately 18 unsecured creditors with estimated claims of £1,042,449. The table below illustrates the position regarding the claims of the unsecured creditors



	Date of the statement of affairs	Claims Received
	£	£
Trade & Expense	38,806 52	-
Employees	97,293 99	-
Accruals	103,666 00	-
Directors	210,511 00	-
HM Revenue & Customs PAYE	1 00	+
HM Revenue & Customs VAT	1 00	Nil
IDT Corporation	398,500 00	-
Mr & Mrs Warburton	193,670 00	
	1,042,449 51	Nil

# **DIVIDENDS**

Due to insufficient realisations, it has not been possible to make a distribution to unsecured creditors. The funds realised have been utilised to defray the Liquidator's fees and expenses.

No monies have been paid to ordinary unsecured creditors by virtue of the application of Section 176(A) of the Insolvency Act 1986 (as amended) ("the prescribed part")

It is uncertain as to whether any further dividends will be paid as this will be wholly dependent on further asset realisations

#### INVESTIGATION

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

I concluded that no there were no matters that justified further investigation in the circumstances of this appointment. If however, any creditor is aware of any particular matters which they consider requires investigation, they should send full details to this office.

As Liquidator, I was obliged to investigate the affairs of the company during the three years prior to insolvency. I would confirm that I have complied with my statutory obligations under the Company Directors Disqualification Act 1986 and that the appropriate report has been submitted to the Insolvency Service.

# LIQUIDATOR'S REMUNERATION

The fee resolution approved at the time of the administration remains the same in the liquidation. On 12 August 2012, when the company was in administration, it was resolved that my remuneration would be payable by reference to time properly given by me and my staff in attending to matters.

My time costs for the period of 18 June 2013 to 17 June 2014 amounted to £14,639, which represents 58 9 hours at an average hourly rate of £249 Fees of £3,362 have been drawn during the reporting period

A description of the routine and specific work undertaken in the liquidation to date is as follows

# 1 Administration and Planning

- Preparing the documentation and dealing with the formalities of appointment
- Statutory notifications and advertising
- Preparing documentation required



- Dealing with all routine correspondence
- Maintaining physical case files and electronic case details on IPS
- · Review and storage
- Case bordereau
- Case planning and administration
- Preparing reports to members and creditors
- Convening and holding meetings of members and creditors

### 2 Cashiering

- Maintaining and managing the liquidator's cashbook and bank account
- Ensuring statutory lodgements and tax lodgement obligations are met

# 3 <u>Creditors</u>

- · Dealing with creditor correspondence and telephone conversations
- · Preparing reports to creditors
- Informal creditors meeting to update them on progress generally
- Maintaining creditor information on IPS
- Reviewing and adjudicating on proofs of debt received from creditors

# 4 <u>Investigations</u>

- Review and storage of books and records
- Prepare a return pursuant to the Company Directors Disqualification Act
- Conduct investigations into suspicious transactions
- Review books and records to identify any transactions or actions a Liquidator may take against a third party in order to recover funds for the benefit of creditors

# 5 <u>Asset Realisations</u>

- Liaising extensively with my solicitors and the director in regard to the overdrawn director's loan account. This included the issue of two statutory demands and issuing a bankruptcy petition.
- Review the company's books and records and liaising with my solicitor and the directors in the course of the investigation of the foreign book debt

A copy of 'A Creditors Guide to Liquidators' Fees' published by the Association of Business Recovery Professionals and 'A Statement of Insolvency Practice 9 (Revised)' is available at the link <a href="http://tmp.co.uk/downloads/creditors-guide/guide-to-insolvency-practitioners-fees-post-nov-2011/">http://tmp.co.uk/downloads/creditors-guide/guide-to-insolvency-practitioners-fees-post-nov-2011/</a> A hard copy can be obtained on request from the address above

# LIQUIDATOR'S DISBURSEMENTS

Category 1 disbursements (payments to independent third parties that do not require creditors' consent are as follows)

Description	Amount incurred to 17 Jun 13	Amount reimbursed	Amount still to be reimbursed
Legal Fees - Nelsons Corporation Tax Statutory Advertising Postage	11,662 60 2 34 84 60 1 94	764 40 2 34 84 60 0 94	10,898 20 - - 1 00
<b>.</b>	11,751 48	852 28	10,899 20



During the liquidation the following professional advisors, including subcontractors were used

Name Nelson Solicitors Spring Law Services Provided Director's Loan Debt Collection

Fee Basis Time Basis TBC

The solicitors were employed as they were considered experienced in the nature of the work that they were employed to do

Creditors also approved the basis for recharging disbursements that include payments to outside parties in which the Liquidator or The MacDonald Partnership Plc have an interest, also known as Category 2 disbursements Category 2 disbursements incurred for the reporting period to £56 65 of which £10 35 remains unpaid. I have attached a schedule of the Category 2 disbursements for your information.

I have attached additional information in relation to the firm's policy on staffing, use of subcontractors, disbursements and details of our current charge-out rates by staff grade

# **CREDITORS RIGHTS**

Within 21 days of receipt of this report, a creditor may request the liquidator to provide further information about the remuneration and expenses set out in this report. A request must be in writing, and may be made by a secured creditor, or an unsecured creditor with the concurrence of at least five per cent in value of the creditors (including that creditor), or the permission of the Court

Any secured creditor, or any unsecured creditor with either the concurrence of at least 10 per cent in value of the creditors (including that creditor) or the permission of the Court, may apply to the Court, on the grounds that the basis fixed for the Liquidator's remuneration is inappropriate, or the remuneration or expenses charged by the liquidator is excessive

The application must, subject to any order of the Court under the paragraph above, be made no later than eight weeks after receipt of the progress report that second reports the fee basis, the charging of the remuneration or the incurring of the expenses in question

Unless the Court orders otherwise, the costs of the application shall be paid by the applicant and are not payable as an expense of the liquidation

# SUMMARY

The Liquidation will remain open until I am satisfied that there are no more assets to be realised. Once resolved, the Liquidation will be finalised and our files will be closed.

Should you have any queries regarding this report, or the Liquidation in general, please contact Lisa Jenkins on 020 3298 0830

At The MacDonald Partnership Pic, we always strive to provide a professional and efficient service, however we recognise that it is in the nature of insolvency proceedings for disputes to anse from time to time. If you should have cause to complain about the way that we are acting, you should, in the first instance, put details of your complaint in writing to myself as the complaints officer. This will formally invoke our complaints procedure and we will endeavour to deal with your complaint under the supervision of a senior partner unconnected with the appointment.



Most disputes can be resolved amicably either through the provision of further information or following negotiations. However, in the event that you have exhausted our complaints procedure and you are not satisfied that your complaint has been resolved or dealt with appropriately, you may complain to the regulatory body that licences the insolvency practitioner concerned. Any such complaints should be addressed to The Insolvency Service, IP Complaints, 3rd Floor, 1 City Walk, Leeds, LS11 9DA, and you can make a submission using an on-line form available at www gov uk/complain-about-insolvency-practitioner; or you can email ip complaints@insolvency gsi gov uk, or you may phone 0845 602 9848 - calls are charged at between 1p and 10 5p per minute from a land line, or for mobiles, between 12p and 41p per minute if you're calling from the UK

## **NEXT REPORT**

The next report to creditors will be before or within two months of the 2nd anniversary which is 18 June 2015

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Neil Chesterton Liquidator

13 August 2014

# Carpe Diem Group Holdings Limited (In Liquidation) LIQUIDATOR'S RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

	Statement of affairs £	From 18/06/2013 To 17/06/2014 £	From 18/06/2013 To 17/06/2014 £
RECEIPTS			
Funds from Administration		3,572 24	3,572 24
Book Debts	Uncertain	0 00	0 00
Directors Loan	76,985 00	11,500 00	11,500 00
Bank Interest Gross		3 11	3 11
	76,985 00	15,075 35	15,075 35
PAYMENTS			
Office Holders Fees		3,361 50	3,361 50
Legal Fees & Disbursement		764 40	764 40
Corporation Tax		2 34	2 34
Stationery & Postage		47 24	47 24
Statutory Advertising		84 60	84 60
		4,260 08	4,260 08
DIVIDENDS			
Employees Wage Arrears	(2,400 00)	0 00	0 00
Trade & Expense Creditors	(38,806 52)	0 00	0 00
Employees	(97,293 99)	0 00	0 00
Directors	(210,511 00)	0 00	0 00
Inland Revenue	(1 00)	0 00	0 00
Accruals	(103,666 00)	0 00	0 00
Customs & Excise	(1 00)	0 00	0 00
IDT Corporation	(398,500 00)	0 00	0 00
Mr & Mrs Warburton	(193,670 00)	0 00	0 00
Ordinary Shareholders	(1,793,728 00)	0 00	0 00
	(2,838,577 51)	0 00	0 00
Net Receipts/(Payments)		10,815 27	10,815 27
MADE UP AS FOLLOWS			
Bank Current + Interest		10,815 27	10,815 27
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Neil Chesterton Liquidator Carpe Diem Group Holdings Ltd

(In Liquidation)

Liquidator:

**Neil Chesterton** 

Analysis of Fees

Up to

17/06/14

-	Hours						
Classification of work function	Partner	Director	Other Senior Professionals	Assistants & Support Staff	Total Hours	Time Cost	Average hourly rate
						£	£
Advice administration and planning	11		4 9	103	16 2	£3,154	£195
Investigations	0 5			15	20	£397	£204
Realisation of assets	1 5		24 1	12 3	37 9	£10,591	£280
Trading					00		£0
Creditors	0.5			24	29	£496	£174
Case specific matters	i	!		'	0.0		£0
Total hours	3 6	0.0	29 0	26 4	58 9		
Hourly charge out rate	£475	£0	£346	£111			
Total fees to date (£)	£1,686	£0	£10,025	£2,927	£14,639	£14,639	£249
Total fees drawn to date(£)						£3,362	
Total fees undrawn to date(£)						£11,277	

# Carpe Diem Group Holdings Ltd

(In Liquidation)

Analysis of Disbursements

Up to

17/06/14

Category 1 Disbursements			
1£	Unbilled £		
0 94	1 00		
0 94	1 00		
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Category 2 Disbursements				
Other amounts paid or payable to the office holder's firm or to any party in which the office holder or his firm or any associate has an interest	Billed £	Unbilled £		
Printing and stationery	46 30	10 35		
Total	46 30	10 35		

# THE MACDONALD PARTNERSHIP PLC CHARGE OUT RATES

# Effective date

The charge out rates are effective from 1st October 2010

# Charge out rates

Title	Grade	Rate
		£ph
Partner	1	475
Managers	2 1	350
	2 2	275
	23	225
Administrators	3 1	110
	3 2	95
	3 3	80
Support Staff	4 1	55
	4 2	50
	4 3	45

# NOTE

Time is recorded in three minute increments

# THE MACDONALD PARTNERSHIP PLC FEES, DISBURSEMENTS AND EXPENSES POLICY

# INTRODUCTION

The MacDonald Partnership Plc is a specialist firm of licensed Insolvency Practitioners

As a result, we have very specific and specialist billing structures

This schedule sets out our terms and conditions of billing to clarify the position

# **GENERAL PHILOSOPHY**

It is important to stress that the general philosophy of the firm's billing structure is as follows

- 1 To provide
  - (i) The highest possible quality in terms of (a) technical excellence
    - (b) delivery of service
  - (ii) The highest possible level of integrity and professionalism
  - (III) A personal service
- 2 To provide value for money and to reflect the need for a reasonable profit and return in providing our services

Given this, it is important to set a basic and reasonable pricing and billing structure to maximise the combined interests of our clients, third parties (such as banks and creditors) and the firm

# VARIATION FROM OUR BILLING STRUCTURE

The billing structure has been created to reflect the economic substance of providing the quality of service that we give

To charge lower or different fees would be unprofitable for the firm. We will therefore only allow variations from our billing structure in extreme circumstances. Any such variation must be approved by either one of the managing or finance directors.

## **DEFINITIONS**

# **FEES**

Fees are the time charges that reflect the time spent on a case by a partner, director or staff member of the firm Our general approach to resourcing our assignments is to allocate staff with the skills and experience to meet the specific requirements of the case. The exact constitution of the case team will depend on the anticipated size and complexity of the assignment.

With regard to support staff, we advise that time spent by cashiers and other support staff in relation to specific

tasks on an assignment is charged. All activity on cases is charged and recorded in three minute increments

In corporate recovery and insolvency cases fees can be charged on a time cost basis, a set fee basis, on a percentage of the assets realised and distributed or a mixture of the above. The fees charged are based on the Scale Rates charges (which are detailed below)

A schedule of Charge Out Rates applies to each grade of staff and is available for inspection at any time

#### PROFESSIONAL ADVISORS

We use professional advisors on some of our assignments. The basis of our fee arrangements with advisors, which is subject to review on a regular basis, is generally on an hourly rate basis plus disbursements. Fixed fee arrangements will be disclosed where applicable. Our choice of professional advisors is based on our perception of their experience and ability to perform the type of work required, the complexity and nature of the assignment and the basis of our fee arrangement with them.

# **DISBURSEMENTS & EXPENSES**

For the purposes of compliance with Statement of Insolvency Practice 9 (SIP 9) and R3's best practice guidelines, disbursements and expenses are split into two categories

# Category 1 Disbursements

Generally comprise those external supplies of incidental services specifically identifiable to a specific job or case (including agents, insurances, as well as other outsourced services such as room hire, statutory advertising, court fees, couriers, postage, printing, travel and document storage)

# Category 2 Disbursements

Generally comprise costs, which whilst being in the nature of expenses or disbursements, include elements of shared or allocated costs. Such disbursements are listed below.

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	1	Binders	£1 15	Per item
	2	Car	£0 50	Per mile
	3	Copies (black)	£0 15	Per page
	4	Dividers	£1 00	Per item
	5	Envelopes	£0 10 - £0 15	Per item
	6	Files	£6 00	Per item
	7	Labels	£0 25	Per sheet
	8	Letters	£2 20	Per letter
	9	Printouts	£0 20	Per page

# AGREEMENT OF FEES, DISBURSEMENTS AND EXPENSES

#### CORPORATE RECOVERY AND INSOLVENCY

For corporate recovery and insolvency work, the following fee structure applies. For this specialist type of work, fees can either be charged on a time basis or on a scaled percentage charge of assets realised and distributed. Unless otherwise stated, all corporate recovery and insolvency work is done on a time basis.

# 1. Pre-appointment work

Pre-appointment work includes (for example)

- (1) Nominees fees in individual and company voluntary arrangements
- (2) Assistance and preparation in holding a section 98 meeting
- (3) Assistance in placing a company into administration
- (4) Investigation work prior to a formal insolvency procedure, or general advisory work

Pre-appointment work will be charged on the following basis

- (1) Fees will be agreed with the firm's client in advance
- (2) A standard engagement letter will be produced and it will refer to the fees, disbursements and expenses policy, as a source of reference
- (3) In cases where (due to urgency or unusual circumstances) no engagement letter has been drawn up, all fees will be charged according to this schedule

## 2. Post appointment work

Post appointment work includes all work done as required by the Insolvency Act 1986 (as amended) and by the Insolvency Rules 1986 (as amended)

All post appointment fees and disbursements must be approved by

- (1) a general meeting of creditors, or
- (2) a meeting of a creditor or liquidation committee, or
- (3) both of the above, or
- (4) where there is a disagreement on the level of fees, by the procedure available in the Insolvency Rules 1986 (as amended)
- (5) in the case of an administrative receivership, by the debenture holder

# 3. Scale charges

Where fees are taken on a realisation basis (other than a time charge basis) the scale charges are charged on the basis of the Scale Charges laid out in schedule 6 of the Insolvency Rules 1986, which is detailed as follows

The realisations scale

(1)	On the first £5,000 or fraction thereof				
(n)	On the next £5,000 or fraction thereof				
(111)	On the next £90,000 or fraction thereof				
(iv)	On all further sums realised				

The distribution scale

(1)	Of the first £5,000 or fraction thereof	10%
(11)	On the next £5,000 or fraction thereof	71/2%
(m)	On the next £90,000 or fraction thereof	5%
(IV)	On all further sums realised	21⁄2%

# 4 Realisation and distribution for secure creditors

The realisation and distribution fees for any secured creditor (other than an appointing debenture holder) are based on the Official Receivers scale charges as detailed above

# **MAINTENANCE OF RECORDS**

The MacDonald Partnership Plc maintains complete records on both time recording, disbursements and expenses to ensure accuracy of charges

# **DATA PROTECTION**

Confidentiality of information is an important concern for The MacDonald Partnership Plc We are registered and comply with the data protection laws of the United Kingdom Information about clients and creditors are held on databases. If you wish to know what information we hold about you please write to The Data Protection Officer, The MacDonald Partnership Plc, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, 100 Fenchurch Street, London, EC3M 5JD to request details

# **MONEY LAUNDERING**

The MacDonald Partnership Plc is required, by law, to assist the authorities in eradicating the laundering of proceeds of illegal activity. We may therefore ask certain questions in respect of the source of funds or other monies provided, as well as the identification of clients. We may also be required, in certain circumstances, to report to the relevant authorities on any suspicious activity. We are not required to inform any party of any report made about them.

