# 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

07418174

Name of Company

Altius Support Services Limited

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the liquidator(s) of the company attach a copy of paylour Progress Report under section 192 of the insolvency Act 1986

The Progress Report covers the period from 06/12/2015 to 05/12/2016

Signed

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Date 31 JAN 17

Antony Batty & Company LLP 3 Field Court Grays Inn London WC1R 5EF

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# Altius Support Services Limited (In Liquidation) Joint Liquidators' Abstract of Receipts & Payments

From 06/12/2013 To 05/12/2016	From 06/12/2015 To 05/12/2016		Statement of Affairs
	<u>.</u> .	HIRE PURCHASE	
NIL	NIL	Motor Vehicles	NIL
NIL	NIL		,,,,
		ASSET REALISATIONS	
93,200 39	NIL	Transfer from Administration	
31,755 95	NIL	VAT Refund from Administration	
NIL	NIL	Equipment, Fixtures & Fittings	Uncertain
NIL	NIL	Contracts & WIP	NIL
NIL	NIL	Book Debts/Prepayments	Uncertain
NIL	NIL	R & M Debtors/Retentions	Uncertain
NIL	NIL	Camden WIP/Debtors	NIL
NIL	NIL	New Build Debtors/Retentions	Uncertain
NIL	NIL	Partnership Debtor	Uncertain
NIL	NIL	Cash at Bank	4,090 00
15,104 57	NIL	Rent Deposit	
371 85	<u>71 79</u>	Bank Interest Gross	
140,432 76	71 79		
		COST OF REALISATIONS	
24 00	NIL	The Creditor Gateway	
500 00	NIL	Agents - De Vere Intellica	
38,354 50	12,018 75	Legal Fees - Isca Legal	
35 74	NIL	Corporation Tax	
106 00	NIL	Insurance of Assets	
(39,020 24)	(12,018 75)		
		UNSECURED CREDITORS	
NIL	NIL	Trade & Expense Creditors	(1,412,736 68)
NIL	NIL	Directors	(80,000 00)
NIL	NIL	HM Revenue & Customs - PAYE	(370,000 00)
NIL	NIL	HM Revenue & Customs - VAT	(183,000 00)
NIL	NIL	Shareholder/Director Loans	4,772,509 48)
NIL	NIL		
		DISTRIBUTIONS	
NIL	NIL	Ordinary Shareholders	(13,550 00)
NIL	NIL		
404 442 52	(44.040.00)		C 927 700 40)
101,412.52	(11,946.96)		6,827,706.16)
		REPRESENTED BY	
7,875 61		Vat Receivable	
93,636 91		Bank 1 Current	
(100 00)		Vat Payable	
101,412.52			



# ALTIUS SUPPORT SERVICES LIMITED - IN LIQUIDATION JOINT LIQUIDATORS' PROGRESS REPORT

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This report is prepared in accordance to the provisions of the Insolvency Act 1986, which require the Joint Liquidators to provide creditors with an update of the progress of the liquidation. The report has been prepared for the purpose of advising creditors. The report is private and confidential and may not be relied upon, referred to, copied or quoted from, in whole or in part, by creditors for any purpose other than advising them, or by any other person for any purpose whatsoever.

W A Batty and S J Evans were appointed as Joint Liquidators of Altius Support Services Limited on 06 December 2013

W A Batty, S J Evans and H F Jesseman are licensed as Insolvency Practitioners in the UK by The Institute of Chartered Accountants in England & Wales under S 390 (2) of the Insolvency Act 1986

#### Abbreviations used in this report

- Altius Support Services Limited ("Altius" or "the Company")
- W A Batty & S J Evans ("the Joint Liquidators")
- HM Revenue & Customs ("HMRC")
- Redundancy Payments Office ("RPO")

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#### 1 INTRODUCTION

#### 11 Purpose of Report

This report is prepared pursuant to the provisions of the Insolvency Act 1986, which require us as Joint Liquidators to provide creditors and members with an update on the progress of the Liquidation

This report covers the period from 6 December 2014 to 5 December 2015. The following information is included in this report.

- Details of asset realisations
- Details of any distributions made to creditors and likely further distributions
- Details of the Joint Liquidators' receipts and payments including details of assets realised and any costs paid
- Information regarding fees and expenses
- Other information for creditors

#### 2 ASSET REALISATIONS

We have made the following realisations during the period of this report

#### 2.1 On-going Litigation/Investigations

The Joint Liquidators are continuing their investigations with the assistance of Isca Legal LLP, a firm of experienced insolvency solicitors and the Creditors Committee. The following potential recovery actions are being pursued

#### Camden Debt

It has recently been established that Camden paid £680,000 to a solicitor acting for the Tomkins and May Partnership ("The Partnership") It is claimed that this payment represented settlement of the "Camden Debt", although clearly Altius have not received any of this sum Subsequently Messer's D & J May have been made Bankrupt and it is understood that Mrs May, the third member of the Partnership has passed away

Altius were the beneficial owner of the debt, either by way of an assignment of the debt or a trust whereby the May Partnership held the debt on trust for Altius

The Joint Administrators have assigned Altius's interest in this debt to Henderson & Jones, a firm who specialise in purchasing litigious claims from insolvent companies. Henderson & Jones will pursue Camden for the debt and bear any cost, including any adverse costs. Although the the precise terms of the agreement with Henderson & Jones are confidential we can disclose that Altius will received a share of recoveries. We have recently been advised that Henderson & Jones are in detailed discussions with Camden regarding this debt.

Any funds not recovered in respect of the Camden litigation will be claimed in the bankruptcies of D & J May

### Chipstead Deposit

As previously advised a deposit in the sum of £28,000 is held by solicitors. Ownership of these funds was disputed. Mr D May claimed an interest as does the company

We have agreed with the May's Trustees that these monies will be recovered and will be split 50 50 between the estate of Mr D May and the Company

#### Other Claims

Advice has been taken on other claims which the Company may have, funding options are currently being investigated to establish if any actions can be brought

#### 3 CREDITORS - CLAIMS AND DISTRIBUTIONS

There are a number of different classes of creditors in insolvency matters. These include

Secured Creditors are creditors who hold fixed and or floating charge debenture security, they are paid in priority to other creditors, subject to preferential creditors and unsecured creditors under the prescribed part

Preferential creditors comprise employees' claims for holiday pay and some arrears of wages Preferential creditors are paid in priority to the prescribed part, floating chargeholders and unsecured creditors

Unsecured creditors rank behind secured and preferential creditors. Unsecured creditors receive the surplus from net realisations after secured and preferential creditors and any payment which is made under the prescribed part.

#### 3 1 Secured Creditors

Christine, John and Darren May all hold separate fixed and floating charges dated 25 July 2011 over the assets of the Company

The extent of the Company's indebtedness to the Tomkins and May Partnership, if any is currently the subject to the on-going litigation as detailed above in point 2.1

#### 3 2 Preferential creditors

As all employees were transferred under the TUPE regulations there are no anticipated preferential claims in this matter

#### 3 3 Prescribed Part

There are provisions of the insolvency legislation that require an Administrator to set aside a percentage of a Company's assets for the benefit of the unsecured creditors in cases where the Company gave a "floating charge" over its assets to a lender on or after 15 September 2003. This is known as the "prescribed part of the net property." A Company's net property is that left after paying the preferential creditors and the costs of the Administration, but before paying the lender who holds a floating charge. An Administrator has to set aside.

- 50% of the first £10,000 of the net property, and
- 20% of the remaining net property up to a maximum of £600,000

The Prescribed Part provision will only apply if the Partnership is a creditor of the Company as detailed in point 3-1 above

#### 3 4 Unsecured Creditors

Based on the information from the Company's records, unsecured creditors were estimated to total £7,422,213

To date the Joint Administrators have received claims from unsecured creditors totalling £7,692,329, including claims from HM Revenue & Customs for £115,560 in respect of VAT and £113,007 in respect of PAYE & NIC

Cregg Investments LLP are the largest unsecured creditor, they have submitted a claim for £4,772,509

The Joint Administrators currently anticipate that there will be sufficient funds to make distribution to creditors although at present they are unable to indicate the likely dividend

No distribution can be made to any class of creditor until the amount due to or from the Partnership is either agreed or ruled on

#### 4 JOINT LIQUIDATORS' RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

A summary of our receipts and payments relating to the Company for the period from 6 December 2014 to 5 December 2015 is enclosed at Appendix III. We confirm that no account was held with the Secretary of State, therefore the account has not been reconciled with the Insolvency Services Account. Please note that receipts and payments in the account are shown net of VAT.

During the period of this report we have made the following significant payments not detailed elsewhere in this report

IscaLegal LLP have been paid £7,473 plus VAT in respect of for their assistance in progressing the litigation as detailed in the asset section of the report. IscaLegal are a firm of solicitors experienced in providing advice in insolvency situations. Their fee was agreed at a 50% discounted rate on their time costs.

De Vere Intellica have been paid £500 plus VAT for their assistance with the on-going litigation De Vere Intellica are agents experienced in providing services in insolvency situations

The choice of professionals was based on the Joint Liquidators' perception of their experience and ability to perform this type of work, the complexity and nature of the assignment and the basis of the agreed fee arrangement with them. The fees charged have been reviewed and the Joint Liquidators are satisfied that they are reasonable in the circumstances of this case.

We have previously made the following significant payments

- IscaLegal LLP have been paid £18,863 plus VAT for the on-going assistance with our investigations
- The Creditor Gateway have been paid £24 plus VAT for the online access to our published reports

Details of the significant receipts are shown in the Asset section of this report

#### 5 JOINT LIQUIDATORS' REMUNERATION & EXPENSES

## 5 1 Approval of Basis of Remuneration & Expenses

Where a Company moves from Administration to Liquidation and the Joint Administrators become the Joint Liquidators the basis of the remuneration fixed in the Administration will be the basis on which the Joint Liquidators may draw their fees

The Creditors Committee have approved the unpaid fees and disbursements of the Administration and Liquidation

Category 1 expenses are payable without approval from creditors

#### 5 2 Joint Liquidators' Time Costs

Time costs for period amount to £15,769 representing fifty hours work, at an average charge out rate of £314. The total time costs for the liquidation amount to £30,158 representing one hundred and eight hours work, at an average charge out rate of £279.

Appendix IV contains further information about time spent on the Liquidation and has been categorised into the following headings

 Administration and Planning includes case planning, administrative set-up, appointment notification, statutory reporting, compliance, cashiering, accounting and administrative functions

- Realisation of Assets' includes identifying, securing, insuring assets, retention of title
   issues, debt collection, property, business and asset sales.
- Investigations includes reporting on the conduct of directors, investigating antecedent transactions and any other investigations that may be deemed appropriate
- Trading includes planning, strategy, trading accounting, managing operations on site, corresponding with suppliers and customers, and on-going employee matters
- Creditors includes creditor set up, communication and meetings, reviewing and agreeing
  preferential and unsecured claims, corresponding with secured creditors, reviewing and
  obtaining advice in relation to security granted by the Company

For the period of this report the time spent on this matter has predominantly been spent on tending to matters arising from the investigations. The Joint Liquidators have spent time corresponding with the Creditors Committee who have been involved in case strategy and ensuring the funds available in the Liquidation are being utilised appropriately. Further time has been spent on the obligatory tasks of the Liquidation

Work such as preparing the necessary reports to the creditors and case management on this assignment has predominantly been carried out by a manager with the suitable level of experience and authority necessary to progress the Liquidation and who have worked on the assignment since the appointment, which avoids unnecessary duplication. Less complex areas of work such as administrative functions have been carried out by junior grades of staff

A Guide to Liquidators' fees may be found at http://www.antonybatty.com/resource I would also be pleased to send you a copy by e-mail or post on request. Details of current charge out rates are given at Appendix VI

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#### 5.3 Joint Liquidators' Expenses

A summary of our expenses for the period of this report is given at Appendix V. Details of the disbursements policy are given at Appendix VI.

- 5.4 Creditor's Request for Further Information about Remuneration & Expenses
  Under insolvency legislation, creditors have the right to request in writing further information
  regarding the remuneration or expenses set out in this report. The request can be made by
  either
  - a) a secured creditor, or
  - b) an unsecured creditor with concurrence of at least 5% in value of unsecured creditors (including that creditor) or the permission of the Court

The request must be made in writing within 21 days of receipt of this report

- 5 5 Creditor's Claim that Remuneration and/or Expenses are Excessive
  Under insolvency legislation, creditors have the right to challenge our remuneration and
  expenses by making an application to court. The application can be made by either
  - a) a secured creditor, or
  - b) an unsecured creditor with concurrence of at least 10% in value of unsecured creditors (including that creditor) or the permission of the Court

The application may be made on the grounds that our remuneration is, in all the circumstances, excessive, the basis of fixing the remuneration is inappropriate, or our expenses are, in all the circumstances, excessive

Any such application must be made within 8 weeks of receipt of this report

If the court considers the application well founded, it may order that the remuneration be reduced, the basis be changed, or the expenses be disallowed or repaid. Unless the court orders otherwise, the costs of the application must be paid by the applicant and not out of the assets.

#### 5 6 Administration Costs

Any unpaid liabilities and expenses incurred in the Administration rank as a first charge on the funds and assets passed to the Liquidators

We have outstanding time costs of the Joint Administrators of £40,013

#### 6 FURTHER INFORMATION FOR CREDITORS

## 6.1 Investigations

We are required to submit a report to the Department for Business, Innovation, and Skills concerning the conduct of those who have been directors of the Company at any time in the three years preceding the Liquidation. Whilst the content of this report is confidential, we confirm that this report has been submitted. This is a standard part of our duties and does not imply any criticism of the directors.

I am also required to investigate the affairs of the Company in general in order to consider whether any civil proceedings should be taken on its behalf. Following a review of the books & records of the Company we are pursuing potential recoveries uncovered from our investigations as detailed above (Point 2.1)

If there are any matters which may not have already been brought to my attention, please contact Stephen Hole at my office

#### 6.2 EC Regulation on Insolvency Proceedings

We consider that the EC Regulation on Insolvency Proceedings apply to the Liquidation of the Company We also consider that they are "main" proceedings since the Company's registered office and trading address are in the United Kingdom

## 6.3 Third Party Assets

Should any creditor believe that they own assets that may have been in the Company's possession, they should contact our office as soon as possible

#### 7 CONCLUSION OF THE LIQUIDATION

The Joint Liquidators will continue to work with Isca Legal with the ongoing litigation

I will report to creditors again on the anniversary of the Liquidation or sooner if all matters have been finalised

Should you require any further information please contact Stephen Hole

W A Batty

Joint Joint Liquidator Dated 1 February 2016

#### APPENDIX I

## ALTIUS SUPPORT SERVICES LIMITED - IN LIQUIDATION

#### STATUTORY INFORMATION

Company Number

07418174

Date of Incorporation

25 October 2010

Trading Name

Altius Support Services Limited

Previous Registered Names

Tompkins & May Partnership Limited

Registered Office

3 Field Court, Gray's Inn, London, WC1R 5EF

Leret House, 4 Swan Court, Leatherhead, Surrey, KT22 8AH

Former Trading Address

Leret House, 4 Swan Court, Leatherhead, Surrey, KT22 8AH

Principle business activity

Building Repair and Maintenance

#### Directors

Formerly

<u>Name</u>	Appointed	Resigned
Timothy John Hancock	15/07/2011	In Office
Lawrence Edward Smith	25/10/2010	In Office
Richard Ian Wood	23/05/2011	In Office
Philip John Hutchinson	01/11/2010	02/06/2011

## **Company Secretary**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Appointed</u>	Resigned
Penelope Jane Smith	30/06/2011	In Office

Issued Share Capital

13,550 ordinary shares of £1 each

## Shareholders

<u>Name</u>	Ordinary Shares	<u>Percentage</u>
Lawrence Edward Smith	9,200	68%
Penelope Jane Smith	1,000	7%
Richard Ian Wood	800	6%
Timothy John Hancock	2,550	19%

## Chargeholders

<u>Name</u>	Type of Charge	Date of Charge
Christine May	Fixed & Floating	25/07/2011
John May	Fixed & Floating	25/07/2011
Darren Mav	Fixed & Floating	25/07/2011

## DETAILS OF APPOINTMENT OF THE JOINT LIQUIDATORS

Name and address of Joint Liquidators WA Batty & SJ Evans of 3 Field Court, Gray's Inn

London, WC1R 5EF

Date of Appointment 06/12/2013

By Whom Appointed Members and creditors

APPENDIX V

## ALTIUS SUPPORT SERVICES LIMITED - IN LIQUIDATION

## SUMMARY OF JOINT LIQUIDATORS' EXPENSES

	Category 1 For the period 6/12/14 to	Category 1	Category 2 For the period 6/12/14 to	Category 2
	5/12/15	Total	5/12/15	Total
Photocopying			£47	£118
Postage			£84	£163
Companies House search				£20
Statutory advertising		£75	<del></del>	
	£Nil	£75	£131	£301
Drawn		£75		ENII
Outstanding	£Nil	£75	£131	£301

## Altius Support Services Limited (In Liquidation) Joint Liquidators' Summary of Receipts & Payments

Statement of Affairs		From 06/12/2015 To 05/12/2016	From 06/12/2013 To 05/12/2016
£	<del></del>	£	<u>£</u>
	HIRE PURCHASE		
NIL	Motor Vehicles	NIL	NIL
		NIL	NIL
	ASSET REALISATIONS		
	Transfer from Administration	NIL	93,200 39
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Uncertain	Equipment, Fixtures & Fittings	NIL	NIL
NIL	Contracts & WIP	NIL NII	NIL
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1,000 00	Rent Deposit	NIL	15,104 57
	Bank Interest Gross	71 79	371 85
		71 79	140,432 76
	COST OF REALISATIONS		
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	Agents - De Vere Intellica	NIL	500 00
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	Corporation Tax	NIL	35 74
	Insurance of Assets	NIL	106 00
		(12,018 75)	(39,020 24)
	UNSECURED CREDITORS		
(1,412,736 68)	Trade & Expense Creditors	NIL	NIL
(80,000 00)	Directors	NIL	NIL
(370,000 00)	HM Revenue & Customs - PAYE	NIL	NIL
(183,000 00)	HM Revenue & Customs - VAT	NIL	NIL
(4,772,509 48)	Shareholder/Director Loans	NIL NIL	NIL NIL
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(40.550.00)	DISTRIBUTIONS	2111	A111
(13,550 00)	Ordinary Shareholders		NIL NIL
		NIL	NIL
(6,827,706.16)		(11,946 96)	101,412 52
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	REPRESENTED BY		7,875 61
	Vat Receivable Bank 1 Current		93,636 91
	Vat Payable		(100 00)
	•		101,412 52

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William Antony Batty Joint Liquidator 31 January 2017 17 35 Antony Batty & Company LLP Time Costs – Charge out rates per hour and disbursements policy 1 April 2013 – 31 March 2015

	2013\15
Office Holder (e.g. Liquidator) Senior Manager Case Manager Senior Administrator Administrator	£399 £335 £295 £235 £145
Junior Administrator	£80 2012\13
Office Holder (e.g. Liquidator) Senior Manager	£399 £325
Case Manager Senior Administrator	£295 £225
Administrator Junior Administrator	£135 £80

Please note that these rates may be increased from time to time. Creditors will be notified of changes in the annual report.

Time is recorded in units of six minutes, the minimum unit of time is therefore six minutes

Members of staff with the appropriate level of experience and authority have been and will be used for the various aspects of work necessary in this assignment

**Disbursement Policy** 

Please note that the Joint Liquidators' disbursements are charged out at the following rates -

Category 1 - represent recovery of necessarily incurred disbursements at the cost incurred

Sundry disbursements, such as advertising, where incurred appropriately, are recharged at 100% of the cost incurred

Insurance and bonding is recharged at 100% of the relevant charge to the office holder Travel costs with the exception of mileage costs are recharged at 100% of the cost incurred VAT is charged as appropriate

#### Category 2

Photocopying 15p per sheet

Postage Royal Mail postage rates (non-franked mail)

Faxes UK £1 per sheet International £2 per sheet

Internal meeting room hire - £100 per hour, (minimum 1 hour)

Storage £35 per box per annum

File set up, stationery & record retention £50 per folder

Companies House search £20 per case

Travel Where Antony Batty & Company LLP staff use their own vehicles in the company LLP staff use t

Travel where Antony Batty & Company LLP staff use their own vehicles in the course of their duties in this matter, the mileage is recharged at 45p per mile VAT is charged as appropriate