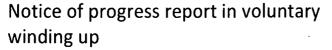
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## **Annual Progress Report**

### CON-FUSED ELECTRICAL LIMITED - IN CREDITORS VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION

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## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

A summary of key information in this report is detailed below.

### **Assets**

Asset	Estimated to realise per Statement of Affairs	Realisations to date	Anticipated future realisations	Total anticipated realisations
Motor Vehicles	2,350.00	1,950.00	Nil	1,950.00
Book Debts	100,000.00	15,016.80	Uncertain	15,016.80
Bank Interest Net of Tax	0.00	7.69	Uncertain	7.69
Sundry Refund	0.00	284.14	Nil	284.14
Deposit for Costs	0.00	4,800.00	Nil	4,800.00
Motor vehicles 2	6,825.00	0.00	Nil	0.00
Motor vehicles 3	13,650.00	0.00	· Nil	0.00
Motor vehicles 4	6,825.00	0.00	Nil	0.00
Total	129,650.00	22,058.63	uncertain	22,058.63

Expenses

Expenses	,			<del>,</del>	
Expense	Amount per fees and expenses estimates	Expenses incurred to date	Expense recovered from estate to date	Anticipated further expense to closure	Total anticipated expense
Solicitors' fees	0.00	11,700.00	0.00	uncertain	uncertain
Agents" fees	0.00	500.00	500.00	0.00	500.00
Case Management Fee	110.00	110.00	110.00	0.00	110.00
Commissions on Realisations	0.00	424.27	424.27	0.00	424.27
Liquidator Remuneration	32,500.00	48,328.00	4,000.00	uncertain	uncertain
Specific Bond	580.00	1,064.00	1,064.00	0.00	1,064.00
Statement of Affairs Fee	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	0.00	4,000.00
Statutory Advertising	238.00	238.35	238.35	0.00	238.35

Dividend prospects	Distribution / dividend paid to date	Anticipated distribution / dividend, based upon the above
Creditor class		above
Secured creditor	nil	nil
Preferential creditors	nil	nil
Unsecured creditors	nil	nil

### Closure

Based on current information, it is anticipated that the liquidation will be concluded within the next 18 months.

#### **ADMINISTRATION AND PLANNING**

#### Statutory information

Statutory information may be found at Appendix I.

The Liquidator is required to meet a considerable number of statutory and regulatory obligations. Whilst many of these tasks do not have a direct benefit in enhancing realisations for the insolvent estate, they assist in the efficient and compliant progressing of the administration of the case, which ensures that work is carried out to high professional standards. A detailed list of these tasks may be found in Appendix III.

#### Other administration tasks

During the review period, the following material tasks in this category were carried out:

Periodic case reviews etc.

#### **ENQUIRES AND INVESTIGATIONS**

During the review period, the Liquidator continued communications with the solicitors instructed to assist with enquiries into certain payments made to or on behalf of the director. These matters are still with the solicitors, with a view to possibly taking matters forward subject to funding requirements.

Although this work has not generated any financial benefit to creditors to date, it was necessary to meet the Liquidator's statutory duties as well as conduct appropriate enquiries and investigations into potential rights of actions to enhance realisations.

#### **REALISATION OF ASSETS**

Detailed below is key information about asset realisation and strategy, however, more details about the work undertaken may be found at Appendix III. The Liquidator formulated and worked through a realisation strategy that sought to maximise realisations net of costs. The financial benefit of those efforts is described further below.

## Book debts

As previously reported and detailed in the statement of affairs, the company had book debts with a book value of £158,000 and £100,000 estimated to realise value. No realisations have been made during this reporting period, however as you are aware, the major debtor is in liquidation. It is our understanding that a small distribution may be made to creditors.

#### **TRADING**

The company has not traded post liquidation.

#### **CREDITORS**

Notwithstanding whether sufficient realisations are achieved to pay a dividend to creditors, the Liquidator has had to carry out key tasks which are detailed in the list at Appendix III. The following sections explain the anticipated outcomes to creditors and any distributions paid.

The Liquidator has met his statutory and regulatory duties to report to creditors, as listed below. In consideration of the need for transparency and engagement with creditors, care has been taken to ensure that reports and other communications with creditors have provided useful details of the strategies pursued and the outcomes anticipated. During the review period, the following key documents have been issued:

This progress report

#### **Secured creditors**

The Company has not granted any charges over its assets.

#### **Preferential creditors**

#### **Employee claims**

Five employees were made redundant with the liquidation of the company. The relevant information for employees to submit claims has been made to the Redundancy Payments Office and information and help has been given to employees to enable them to submit their claims online.

Employees were shown to be owed £3,191. A claim of £1,303 has been received from the Redundancy Payments Office.

It is not anticipated that there will be a distribution to preferential creditors unless there are further significant realisations in the case.

#### **Unsecured creditors**

HMRC was shown to be owed £124,136, however a claim of £104,138 has been received.

Employees were shown to be owed £8,801. A claim of £7,243 has been received from the Redundancy Payments Office.

The remaining trade and expense creditors as per the statement of affairs totalled £773,992. Please be advised that proofs of debt are still being received and therefore the total value of unsecured claims is not known at present.

#### **Dividend prospects**

It is not anticipated that a distribution will be made to unsecured creditors.

Where a floating charge is created after 15 September 2003 a prescribed part of the company's net property shall be made available to unsecured creditors.

The Company has not granted a floating charge to any creditor after 15 September 2003 and consequently there will be no prescribed part in this liquidation.

# FEES AND EXPENSES Pre-Appointment Costs

The creditors authorised the fee of £4,000 plus VAT for assisting the directors in calling the relevant meetings and with preparing the Statement of Affairs on 24 September 2018.

A payment of £2,000 from this fee was paid by T H Financial Recovery to Raven & Co for their assistance with preparing information and documents in connection with the Statement of Affairs. NB this is not an additional fee.

The costs associated with the statement of affairs fee of £4,000 was paid by Con-fused Installations Limited. The third party who paid the fee is connected by way of common director and shareholder, namely Mr Nice.

### The Liquidator's fees

It is the firm's practice to ensure that work is conducted by the appropriate staff member at the appropriate level of experience. Staff Administrators deal with the day to day administration on cases and a manager and subsequently Director/Partner then oversees the work undertaken. Where the issues are complex and litigious, the work will be closely supervised or undertaken by the Office Holder (the liquidator).

The basis of the Liquidator fees was approved by creditors on 24 September 2018 in accordance with the following resolution:

"that the Liquidator be authorised to draw his remuneration on the basis of time properly spent by him and his staff, and such time costs to be drawn on account from to time as funds permit"

The liquidator's original fee estimate was £32,500.

The time costs for the period 24 September 2021 to 23 September 2022 total £2,307, representing 13.8hours at an average hourly rate of £167.21.

The total time costs during the period of appointment amount to £48,328 representing 261.5hours at an average hourly rate of £184.81. The sum of £4,000 has been drawn on account of time costs incurred. The time costs for the period are detailed at Appendix IV. A comparison between the original estimate and time costs to date is given at Appendix V.

Having regard for the costs that are likely to be incurred in bringing this liquidation to a close, the Liquidator considers that:

- the original fees estimate has been exceeded; and
- the original expenses estimate has been exceeded

The main reason why the fees estimate has been exceeded is due to the significant additional time in dealing with debtors and complications arising due to the work required to clarify which receipts are for the benefit of the company in liquidation or the connected company, Con-fused Installations Limited. In addition, significant additional time in excess of the estimate has been spent on investigations into transactions between the company and the director. However, given the limited realisations in this case to date, the Liquidator does not propose to draw fees in excess of the fees estimate at present. The Liquidator will review the position as regards fees when the prospects of realising the remaining assets become clearer.

#### **Disbursements**

The disbursements that have been incurred and not yet paid during the period are detailed on Appendix VI. Also included in Appendix VI is a comparison of the expenses likely to be incurred in the Liquidation as a whole with the original expenses estimate, together with reasons where any expenses are likely to exceed that estimate.

There were no category 1 and 2 disbursements paid in the period 24 September 2021 to 23 September 2022.

A copy of 'A Creditors' Guide to Fees' together with the firm's charge-out rate and disbursement policy may be found at www.thfr.co.uk , click "Stakeholders" followed by "Creditor Guide to Fees". A hard copy of both the Creditors' Guide and the firm's charge-out rate and disbursement policy may be obtained on request.

#### **Specialist Advice and Services**

When instructing third parties to provide specialist advice and services or having the specialist services provided by the firm, the Liquidator is obligated to ensure that such advice or work is warranted and that the advice or work contracted reflects the best value and service for the work undertaken. The specialists chosen usually have knowledge specific to the insolvency industry and, where relevant, to matters specific to this insolvency appointment. Details of the specialists specifically chosen in this matter are detailed below.

# Other professional costs Solicitors

Farleys Solicitors have been instructed as legal advisors in relation to the director's loan account and certain payments made to or on behalf of the director. Their costs have been agreed on the basis of their standard hourly charge out rates, plus disbursements and VAT. The solicitors' fees for the period 24 September 2021 to 23 September 2022 amount to £3,500 plus VAT, together with contingent

Counsel costs of £1,000 pls VAT. No sums have been paid to them. Total overall costs of £8,200 plus VAT have been incurred outside that period.

#### Agents and valuers

JPS Chartered Surveyors were instructed as agents and valuers in relation to providing a valuation on the company's vehicles. Their costs have been agreed on the basis of their standard sales commission rate, plus disbursements and VAT. The agents' fees for the period of appointment amount to £500 plus VAT and have been paid in full.

#### **Debt collectors**

Contract Recovery Solutions Limited were instructed to assist in relation to debt collections. Their fees have been agreed at 25% plus VAT of all book debts collected, on a no win/no fee basis. Their fees from the date of appointment amount to £424.27 plus VAT and have been paid in full.

#### **CREDITORS' RIGHTS**

An unsecured creditor may, with the permission of the court or with the concurrence of 5% in value of the unsecured creditors (including the creditor in question) request further details of the Liquidator's remuneration and expenses, within 21 days of receipt of this report. Any secured creditor may request the same details in the same time limit.

An unsecured creditor may, with the permission of the court or 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 or 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.

#### **ETHICS**

#### General ethical considerations

Please be advised that I am bound by the Insolvency Code of Ethics when carrying out all professional work relating to an insolvency appointment. Prior to the Liquidator's appointment, a review of ethical issues was undertaken and no ethical threats were identified. A further review has been carried out and no threats have been identified in respect of the management of the insolvency appointment over the review period.

During the review period, no new threats to compliance with the Code of Ethics have been identified.

#### **COMPLAINTS**

Any complaint should in the first instance be directed to my office. If not satisfactorily resolved then you may contact the Insolvency Complaints Gateway by visiting their website <a href="https://www.gov.uk/complain-about-insolvency-practitioner">https://www.gov.uk/complain-about-insolvency-practitioner</a> and completing and submitting their online form.

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#### EC REGULATIONS (WHETHER PROCEEDINGS ARE MAIN PROCEEDINGS OR TERRITORIAL)

The Company's centre of main interest and registered office was 318c High Road, Benfleet, Essex, SS7 5HB and therefore it is considered that the EC Regulations will apply. These proceedings are main proceedings as defined in Article 3 of the EC Regulation.

#### CONCLUSION

The administration of the case will be continuing to finalise the following outstanding matters that are preventing this case from being closed:

Continuing investigations

Awaiting possible distribution from book debt debtor

## Annual Progress Report of Con-fused Electrical Limited in Creditors Voluntary Liquidation

Signed	Date 8/11/22
Signed Timethy John Hargrayes Liquidates	Date: 01112
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If you require any further information, please contact this office.

## Appendix i

## **Statutory Information**

Company Name

Con-fused Electrical Limited

Former Trading Name

Company Number

07480311

Registered Office

Suites 16 & 17, 317 Golden Hill Lane, Leyland, PR25 2YJ

Former Registered Office

318c High Road, Benfleet, Essex, SS7 5HB

Officeholders

**Timothy John Hargreaves** 

Officeholders address

Suite 16 & 17, Oak House, 317 Golden Hill Lane, Leyland, PR25 2YJ,

**United Kingdom** 

Date of appointment

24/09/2018

Changes to Officeholder

Not applicable

## Appendix II

Receipts and Payments account for the period 24 September 2021 to 23 September 2022

# Con-fused Electrical Limited - In Creditors Voluntary Liquidation Liquidator's Abstract of Receipts & Payments

## From 24 September 2021 To 23 September 2022

S of A £		As Previously Reported	24/09/21 to 23/09/22	Total £
	RECEIPTS			
6,825	Motor Vehicles 2	NIL	· NIL	NII
13,650	Motor Vehicles 3	NIL	NIL	NII
6,825	Motor Vehicles 4 Ford Connect EG16 GOA	NIL	NIL	NII
2,350	Motor Vehicles	1,950.00	NIL	1,950.00
100,000	Book Debts	15,016.80	ŊIL	15,016.80
NIL	Bank Interest Net of Tax	2.31	5.38	7.69
NIL	Sundry Refund	284.14	NIL	284.14
NIL	Déposit for Costs	4,800.00	NIL	4,800.00
NIL	Vat Control Account	(200.00)	1,632.53	1,432.53
129,650		21,853.25	1,637.91	23,491.16
	PAYMENTS			
NIL	Agents/Valuers Fees	(500.00)	NIL	(500.00)
NIL	Statement of Affairs Fee	(4,000.00)	NIL	(4,000.00
238	Statutory Advertising	(238.35)	NIL	(238.35)
NIL	Commissions on Realisations	(424.27)	NIL	(424.27)
NIL	Liquidator Remuneration	(4,000.00)	NIL	(4,000.00)
NIL	Fixed Ch Vat Receivable	(100.00)	NIL	(100.00)
NIL	Vat Receivable	(1,532.53)	NIL	(1,532.53)
NIL	Specific Bond	(1,064.00)	NIL	(1,064.00)
, 110	Case Management Fee	(110.00)	NİL	(110.00)
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129,302	CASH IN HAND	9,884.10	1,637.91	11,522.01

## Appendix III

## Detailed list of work undertaken for Con-fused Electrical Limited in Creditors' Voluntary Liquidation for the review period 24 September 2021 to 23 September 2022

Below is detailed information about the tasks undertaken by the Liquidator.

General Description	Includes
Statutory and General Administration	
Statutory/advertising	Annual corporation tax returns
Document maintenance/file review/checklist	Filing of documents Periodic file reviews Periodic reviews of the application of ethical, anti-money laundering and anti-bribery safeguards Maintenance of statutory and case progression task lists/diaries Updating checklists
Bank account administration	Bank account reconciliations Maintenance of the estate cash book
Investigations	
Litigation / Recoveries	Liaising with solicitors regarding recovery actions Attending to negotiations
Realisation of Assets	
Debtors	Correspondence with agents regarding debtor dividend
Other assets: motor vehicles, intangibles, intellectual property, VAT/corporation tax refunds	Exchanges with government departments
Creditors and Distributions	
Creditor Communication	Receive and follow up creditor enquiries via telephone Review and prepare correspondence to creditors and their representatives via facsimile, email and post
Reports	Preparing annual progress report
Processing proofs of debt	Receipt of POD

## **Current Charge-out Rates for the firm**

**Time charging policy**The minimum unit of time recorded is 6 minutes.

Staff	Charge out rates
Insolvency Practitioner/Director	275
Manager	200
Administrator	150
Junior Administrator	90
Cashier	90

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## **Category 2 Disbursements**

Disbursement	£
Mileage expenses incurred specifically relating to the case (up to 10,000 miles – 0.25 per mile thereafter)	0.45 per mile
Money laundering search (per case)	12
Company search (per case)	10
Document storage (per box for the life of the case)	50
Use of Board Room (meeting / virtual meeting)	60
Postage - each item issued by First Class post via Royal Mail	- current rate specified by Royal Mail

## Appendix IV

Time cost information for period 24 September 2021 to 23 September 2022

## Liquidator's Remuneration Schedule Con-fused Electrical Limited Between 24 September 2021 and 23 September 2022

Classification of work function	Partner/ Director	Manager	Other Senior Professionals	Assistants & Support Staff		Time Cost	Average Hourly Rate
Administration & Planning	0.00	0.00	2.50	0.00	2.50	375.00	150.00
Investigations	0.30	0.00	4.40	0.00	4.70	742.50	157.98
Realisation of Assets	0.00	0.00	0.80	0.00	0.80	120.00	150.00
Trading	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Creditors	1.60	0.00	4.20	0.00	5.80	1,070.00	184.48
Case Specific Matters	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Prescribed Part	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Fixed Charge Asset Administration	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	. 0.00	0.00	0.00
Total hours	1.90	0.00	11.90	0.00	13.80		
Time costs	522.50	0.00	1,785.00	0.00		2,307.50	
Average hourly rate	275.00	0.00	150.00	0.00			167.21

Description	Total Incurred £	Total Recovered £
	0.00	0.00
Totals	0.00	0.00

## **Summary of Fees**

Time spent in administering the Assignment	Hours	13.80
Total value of time spent to 23 September 2022	£	2,307.50
Total Liquidator's fees charged to 23 September 2022	£	4,000.00

## Liquidator's Remuneration Schedule Con-fused Electrical Limited Between 24 September 2018 and 23 September 2022

Classification of work function	Partner/ Director	Manager	Other Senior Professionals			Time Cost	Average Hourly Rate
Administration & Planning	4.80	9.90	33.50	1.50	49.70	8,460.00	170.22
Investigations	22.10	0.70	36.00	8.00	66.80	12,337.50	184.69
Realisation of Assets	29.20	1.90	50.70	0.00	81.80	16,015.00	195.78
Trading	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Creditors	15.50	3.40	43.10	1.20	63.20	11,515.50	182.21
Case Specific Matters	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Prescribed Part	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Fixed Charge Asset Administration	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total hours	71.60	15.90	163.30	10.70	261.50		
Time costs	19,690.00	3,180.00	24,495.00	963.00		48,328.00	
Average hourly rate	275.00	200.00	150.00	90.00			184.81

Description	Total Incurred £	Total Recovered £
	0.00	0.00
Totals	0.00	0.00

## Summary of Fees

Time spent in administering the Assignment	Hours	261.50
Total value of time spent to 23 September 2022	£	48,328.00
Total Liquidator's fees charged to 23 September 2022	£	4,000.00

Appendix V

# Time costs summary for period, cumulative & comparison with estimate for CON-FUSED ELECTRICAL LIMITED - IN CREDITORS VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION

	Original fees estimate			Actual time costs incurred during the review period			Total time costs incurred to date		
Work category	Number of hours	Blended hourly rate £ per hour	Total fees	Number of hours	Average hourly rate £ per hour	Total time costs	Number of hours	Average hourly rate £ per hour.	Total time costs
Administration (including set, reviews and strategy	33	197.35	6,512.50	2.5	150.00	375.00	49.7	170.22	8460.00
Realisation of assets	22	189.20	4,162.50	0.8	150.00	120.00	81.8	195.78	16015.00
Creditors (reporting, claims and distribution)	61.5	216.87	13,337.50	5.8	184.48	1070.00	63.2	182.21	11515.50
Investigations	42	202.08	8,487.50	4.7	157.98	742.50	66.8	184.69	12337.50
TOTAL	158.5		32,500.00	13.8		2307.50	261.50		48328.00

## Appendix VI

# Expenses summary for period, cumulative & comparison with estimate for Con-fused Electrical Limited in Creditors' Voluntary Liquidation

Below are details of the Liquidator's expenses for the period under review and the total to date.

Expenses	Original expenses estimate £	Actual expenses incurred in the review period £	Actual expenses incurred to date £	Reason for any excess (if the expenses are likely to, or have, exceeded the original estimate)
Category 1 Expenses				
Case Management fee	110		110	
Advertising	238		238	
Bonding	580		1,064	
Agents fees			500	
Commission on realisations			424	
Category 2 Expenses				
Money laundering search	12			
Company search	10			
Document storage (per box)	50			
Use of office (for meetings)	60			
Mileage (own car usage) per mile,	0.45			

<sup>\*</sup>Denotes expenses not recovered from the estate and paid by the Liquidator personally