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Surname Murphy

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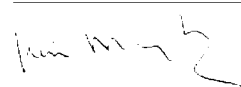
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**Allium Law Limited formerly t/a Child & Child
(In Administration)
Joint Administrators' Summary of Receipts & Payments**

Statement of Affairs £	From 02/05/2023 To 01/11/2023 £	From 02/11/2022 To 01/11/2023 £
SECURED ASSETS		
Goodwill	NIL	1.00
Intellectual Property	NIL	1.00
Cash at Bank	NIL	33,284.23
Secured Creditor Funding Advance	NIL	125,000.00
Holding in Subsidiary	NIL	1.00
	NIL	158,287.23
COSTS OF REALISATION		
Regulatory Body fees	NIL	23,188.00
	NIL	(23,188.00)
SECURED CREDITORS		
Hartford Growth Fund Limited	NIL	10,043.95
	NIL	(10,043.95)
ASSET REALISATIONS		
Bank Interest Gross	NIL	28.77
Client Contracts & Files	NIL	1.00
Furniture & Equipment	NIL	4,996.00
Stock/WIP	414,290.13	414,290.13
Sundry Refunds	614.95	890.86
	414,905.08	420,206.76
COST OF REALISATIONS		
Accountancy Services	NIL	440.00
Administrators' Expenses	344.21	344.21
Administrators' Fees	22,720.00	60,720.00
Administrators' Pre Administration Fee	NIL	42,039.00
Bank Charges	15.00	15.00
Debt collection fees	290,003.08	290,003.08
Hartford - Repayment of Funding Adva	75,000.00	75,000.00
Insurance of Assets	NIL	196.00
Legal Expenses & Disbursements	NIL	112.95
Legal Fees (1)	2,305.50	34,692.55
Stationery & Postage	NIL	185.64
Statutory Advertising	NIL	103.50
Storage Costs	NIL	1,004.10
	(390,387.79)	(504,856.03)
	24,517.29	40,406.01
REPRESENTED BY		
Accruals (Expenditure)		(2,766.60)
Barclays FL Current Acc NIB		12,733.79
Barclays FX Current Acc NIB		52.28
Vat Control Account		20,561.76
Vat Receivable		9,824.78
		40,406.01



Kevin Murphy
Joint Administrator

Kevin Murphy and Adrian Hyde were appointed joint administrators of the Company on 2 November 2022

The affairs, business and property of the Company are being managed by the joint administrators, who act as the Company's agents and without personal liability.

Allium Law Limited formerly t/a Child & Child (In Administration)

Progress report of the joint administrators

Period: 2 May 2023 to 1 November 2023

Important Notice

This progress report has been produced by the administrators solely to comply with their statutory duty to report to creditors on the progress of the administration. The report is private and confidential and may not be relied upon, referred to, reproduced or quoted from, in whole or in part, by creditors for any purpose other than this report to them, or by any other person for any purpose whatsoever.

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1. INTERPRETATION

<u>Expression</u>	<u>Meaning</u>
"the Company"	Allium Law Limited (formerly t/a Child & Child) (In Administration)
"the administration"	The appointment of administrators under Schedule B1 to the Insolvency Act 1986 on 2 November 2022
"the administrators" "we" "our" and "us"	Kevin Murphy and Adrian Hyde, both of Begbies Traynor (London) LLP, 31st Floor, 40 Bank Street, London, E14 5NR
"the Act"	The Insolvency Act 1986 (as amended)
"the Rules"	The Insolvency (England and Wales) Rules 2016 (as amended)
"secured creditor" and "unsecured creditor"	Secured creditor, in relation to a company, means a creditor of the company who holds in respect of his debt a security over property of the company, and "unsecured creditor" is to be read accordingly (Section 248(1)(a) of the Act)
"security"	(i) In relation to England and Wales, any mortgage, charge, lien or other security (Section 248(1)(b)(i) of the Act); and (ii) In relation to Scotland, any security (whether heritable or moveable), any floating charge and any right of lien or preference and any right of retention (other than a right of compensation or set off) (Section 248(1)(b)(ii) of the Act)
"preferential creditor"	Any creditor of the Company whose claim is preferential within Sections 386, 387 and Schedule 6 to the Insolvency Act 1986

2. STATUTORY INFORMATION

Name of Company	Allium Law Limited (formerly t/a Child & Child)
Trading name(s):	Child & Child
Date of Incorporation:	28 April 2011
Company registered number:	07617921
Company registered office:	c/o Begbies Traynor (London) LLP, 31st Floor, 40 Bank Street, London, E14 5NR

3. DETAILS OF APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATORS

Names of the administrators:	Kevin Murphy and Adrian Hyde, both Licensed Insolvency Practitioners of Begbies Traynor (London) LLP, 31st Floor, 40 Bank Street, London, E14 5NR
Date of administrators' appointment:	2 November 2022
Date of administrators' resignation:	Not applicable
Court:	Royal Courts of Justice
Court Case Number:	CR-2022-004049
Person(s) making appointment / application:	The Company's directors
Acts of the administrators:	The administrators act as officers of the court and as agents of the Company without personal liability. Any act required or authorised under any enactment to be done by an administrator may be done by any one or more persons holding the office of administrator from time to time
Type of Proceedings:	The proceedings will be COMI proceedings as defined by the Insolvency (England and Wales) Rules 2016 (as amended)
Extension of the administration period	The administration period was extended with the consent of creditors for a period of 12 months to 1 November 2024

4. PROGRESS DURING THE PERIOD

Receipts and Payments

Attached at Appendix 1 is our abstract of receipts and payments for the period from 2 May 2023 to 1 November 2023 ("the Review Period"). Full details of all receipts and payments made since the date of our appointment is also included at Appendix 1.

Receipts

Work in Progress ("WIP")

As set out in our statement of proposals ("Proposals"), the Company's business and certain assets were sold to Child and Child Law Limited (formerly Centurion Legal Holdings Limited) ("the Purchaser") on 2 November 2022. Under the terms of the sale agreement with the Purchaser, the purchase price for the Company's WIP as at the date of the sale was 30% of realisations. At that time, and as set out in the Administrators' Proposals, it was estimated that gross WIP realisations would realise £480,000, with 30% net realisations for the administration estate expected to amount to £144,000.

In the previous progress report we disclosed that the Purchaser had advised that gross WIP realisations of £280,777 had been achieved in the period to 31 March 2023. The Purchaser has provided information regarding WIP collections to 30 September 2023 which total £456,331. At the close of the Review Period realisations totalling £414,290.13 had been achieved by the Purchaser.

Sundry Refunds

The sum of £614.95 has been received from Canada Life during the Review Period in respect of a refund due to the Company from the Group Life Assurance Cover which was in place prior to the Company entering administration for the former employees.

Estimated Future Realisations

WIP

According to the Company's accounting records as at 30 September 2023, remaining outstanding WIP is £1,057,149. Future realisations are uncertain. The Administrators are shortly due to review the remaining WIP and discuss with the Purchaser how best to maximise realisations.

Book Debts

As set out in the Administrators' Proposals, at the date of administration, the Company's book debts had been assigned under a Receivables Purchase Agreement ("RPA") to Hartford Growth Fund Ltd ("Hartford"). The Purchaser entered into an agreement with Hartford as at the date of administration to collect the outstanding debtors for which the Purchaser is entitled to a fee of 70% of realisations. To the extent that there is any surplus from the collection of book debts after the debt due to Hartford under the RPA is repaid from net debtor realisations, this will be available to the Company.

As per information supplied by the Purchaser, to 30 September 2023 debtor collections totalled £490,447 with Hartford having received or being due to receive net realisations of £147,134. As set out in Section 5 below, once September net realisations are paid by the Purchaser to Hartford, Hartford's liability under the RPA will reduce to c£10k. It is therefore anticipated that the liability due to Hartford will shortly be repaid in full and the balance of the outstanding book debt ledger (i.e. less the 70% due to the Purchaser) will revert back to the Company. We do not currently have sufficient information to estimate the likely future debtor realisations which will be received into the administration estate.

Payments

Administrators' Expenses

£344.21 has been paid to Begbies Traynor (London) LLP in respect of the out-of-pocket expenses that have been incurred.

Administrators' Fees

£22,720.00 has been paid during the Review Period in relation to our remuneration. Further details in respect of the costs we have incurred since our appointment is detailed at Appendix 2.

WIP realisation

The sum of £290,003, being 70% of WIP realisations, has been 'retained' by the Purchaser in respect of its realisation and collection of the Company's WIP as detailed above. Please note that we have treated this 70% as a payment in our receipts and payments account for transparency purposes – we show gross WIP collections and 'payments' to the Purchaser. The strict legal position however is that the Company is only entitled to 30% of the WIP realisations.

Hartford – Repayment of Funding Advance

As set out in our Proposals, at the date of our appointment we entered into a funding agreement with Hartford, whereby the sum of £125,000 was provided to cover the expenses of the administration, including unpaid pre-appointment costs.

Pursuant to our agreement with Hartford, this amount is repayable to the extent that there are sufficient floating charge realisations from the Company's assets, including any surplus funds arising from the collection of the Company's debtors being collected by the Purchaser. We confirm that £75,000.00 has to date been paid to Hartford in this respect.

Statutory Advertising

The sum of £103.50 has been paid to Courts Advertising Limited in relation to advertising notice of our appointment in the London Gazette.

Storage Costs

The sum of £323.00 has been paid to RH Data Storage Ltd ("RHD") for the storage of the Companies books and records. The basis of RHD's charges was set out in our previous progress report.

Legal Fees

Legal advice was obtained from AMB Law Ltd at the end of the Review Period in relation to advice obtained as to the basis of Hartford's claim for amounts due under its fixed charge (see Section 5 below). The fees in relation to this advice, on the basis of time costs £2,305.50, were incurred but not paid at the end of the Review Period.

What work has been done in the period of this report, why was that work necessary and what has been the financial benefit (if any) to creditors?

Details of the types of work that generally fall into the headings mentioned below are available on our firm's website - <http://www.begbies-traynorgroup.com/work-details>. Under the following headings we have explained the specific work that has been undertaken on this case. Not every piece of work has been described, but we have sought to give a proportionate overview which provides sufficient detail to allow creditors to understand what has been done, why it was necessary and what financial benefit (if any) the work has provided to creditors.

The costs incurred in relation to each heading are set out in the Time Costs Analysis which is attached at Appendix 2. There is an analysis for the period of the report and also an analysis of time spent on the case since the date of our appointment.

The details below relate to the work undertaken in the period of the report only. Our previous report contains details of the work undertaken since our appointment.

General case administration and planning

Work undertaken falling under this heading includes:

- Dealing with the day-to-day running of the administration, including but not limited to maintaining case files, general information gathering and filing;
- Corresponding with various parties;
- Undertaking case compliance reviews;
- Case strategy meetings and discussions;
- Dealing with numerous telephone calls from various parties; and
- Dealing with correspondence as received, including e-mails.

Although the above work is of no direct financial benefit to creditors, this work is required to efficiently and effectively progress the administration and to ensure that the objective of the administration is being pursued.

Compliance with the Insolvency Act, Rules and best practice

The work undertaken falling under this heading includes ensuring compliance with professional standards and dealing with the below tasks for the administration:

- Preparing statutory and non-statutory notices;
- Maintaining the administration bank accounts;
- Reviewing bordereau cover for the administrations;
- Cashiering work, including the processing of receipts and payments; and
- Preparing and issuing our progress report for the first 6-month period of the administration.

Although the above work is of no direct financial benefit to creditors, this work is required to efficiently and effectively progress the administration and to ensure that the objective of the administration is being pursued.

Investigations

Minimal time has been charged under this heading in finalising with the remaining investigation work and dealing with queries as received.

Realisation of assets

Work undertaken falling under this heading includes liaising with the Purchaser in relation to the realisation of the Company's WIP, including the authorisation of any material write-offs. A monthly reporting process was set up and we have incurred time reviewing these reports and raising queries where necessary with the Purchaser. Additional time has recently been incurred corresponding with the Purchaser regarding the outstanding payments due for the net WIP collections.

We have also liaised with Hartford regarding the ongoing collection of debtors.

Dealing with all creditors' claims (including employees), correspondence and distributions

We have received and recorded unsecured creditors' claims received during the Review Period and continue to receive enquiries from creditors.

We have spent time corresponding with Hartford in relation to the progression of the administration and the realisation of the Company's debtors and WIP. During the Review Period, time has been incurred in liaising with the Hartford regarding the agreement of its outstanding liability due under the RPA (see section 5 below).

Other matters which includes seeking decisions of creditors via deemed consent procedure and/or decision procedures, meetings, tax, litigation, pensions and travel

We have continued to deal with a significant number of claims notified against the Company's Professional Indemnity Insurance ("PII") which have required the Administrators to liaise solicitors appointed the insurers to provide information for the review and defence of such claims. The Administrators have also incurred time assisting the Purchaser, who as successor practice, is liable to pay the excess under the Company's PII policy, to agree a settlement agreement in relation to one of these claims.

We have continued to correspond with HM Revenue & Customs ("HMRC") in order to submit reclaims for the VAT paid during the Review Period. The Administrators have also facilitated the reclaim of VAT in relation to the invoices raised by solicitors instructed by the Company's PII insurers.

5. ESTIMATED OUTCOME FOR CREDITORS

Details of the sums owed to each class of the Company's creditors were provided in our Proposals.

On the basis of realisations to date and estimated future realisations we estimate an outcome for each class of the Company's creditors to be as follows:

Secured creditor – Hartford

As set out in the Administrator's previous progress report, Hartford had indicated that the amount outstanding as at the date of administration was £335,496. However, in the process of reconciling Hartford's secured claim, it became apparent that there had been a misunderstanding as regards the amount of Hartford's secured claim.

On the date of administration, the above sum was outstanding to Hartford. However, there was also a balance remaining in the Company's office account, which was subject to a trust in favour of Hartford due to the operation of the RPA. The following payments were paid out of the trust funds:

- Funding Loan of £125,000 to the Administrators to meet the expenses of the Administration; and
- Loan Facility under which unsecured term loan provided to the Purchaser of £87,500

The terms of the Loan Facility provided for the amount loaned to the Purchaser to be repayable (by the Purchaser) only in the event that certain conditions concerning the Purchaser's annual turnover were met. The Loan Facility had been provided as part of the pre-pack sale and its inclusion was a condition of the sale completing, a requirement that had been introduced relatively late-on in the sale negotiations. It is now clear that the conditions for repayment by the Purchaser will not be met.

In discussions between Hartford and the Administrators, Hartford objected to the deduction of the amount of the Loan Facility from the total amount due under the RPA on the basis of its stated position that the Company had agreed to underwrite the amount due under the loan facility in the event that the conditions under which it is repayable by the Purchaser were not met. Whilst this was not reflected in the Loan Facility agreement, Hartford and its legal advisers contended that the underwriting by the Company was the overall intention of the parties.

In this regard, Hartford argued that during the sale negotiations which had been conducted by the prospective administrators' team, the late inclusion of the Loan Facility as a requirement for the completion of the pre-pack sale, meant that discussions between the Administrators and Hartford regarding this had been conducted by phone. Hartford contended that what it believed (i.e. that the monies lent were subject to Hartford's fixed charge security and the form of the Loan Facility would not prejudice Hartford's claim under its fixed charge in the event that the monies were not repaid by the Purchaser) had been agreed but not reflected in the final form of the Loan Facility. The member of the Administrators' team engaged in these negotiations confirmed that this was also his view of the intention of the parties during these negotiations.

The Administrators believe that a commercial settlement of the issues with Hartford was the most sensible course of action in order to avoid Court proceedings. Please note the issues with Hartford also included an initial objection to the proposed increase in the Administrators' fees estimate.

As regards the Loan Facility, a provisional agreement was reached with Hartford whereby it would be able to include 50% of the Loan Facility (i.e. £43,750) as part of its debt in the event it remained unpaid by the Purchaser. This provisional agreement was subject to the Administrators taking legal advice on the settlement (see below).

Given that the documented position was in conflict with Hartford's position, we sought legal advice as to whether the fact that the agreement was not reflected in the contractual documentation meant that Hartford would be prevented from making their claim. We were advised that 'As a matter of law, Hartford would not be prevented from asserting this claim even though it is apparently contrary to the written terms of the Facility Agreement'.

We were advised that '*Hartford has an arguable claim to the monies now held by the Company*' and we were advised that the proposed compromise with Hartford was course of action which the administrators '*probably should take*'.

Given the above, it had now been agreed with Hartford that the amount outstanding under the RPA at the date of administration was as follows:

	£
Amount due to Hartford at date of administration	335,496
Less: Funding Loan to Administrators	(125,000)
Less: 50% of Loan to the Purchaser (as per legal advice)	(43,750)
	166,746

Subsequent to the date of the Administration, Hartford has received the following amounts under its fixed charge:

	£
Payment of Residual Balance in Allium Office Account	(10,044)
Net Debtor Receipts to July 23	(136,507)
	(146,551)

As a result, the current balance owed to Hartford stands at £20,195. As set out previously, it is understood that Hartford is due to receive a further £10,627 from the Purchaser representing net debtor realisations for August and September 2023, which will leave a residual balance outstanding of £9,568. It is anticipated that this balance will likely be discharged from net debtor realisation achieved in the period October to December 2023.

As set out previously, an interim repayment of the £125,000 funding loan provided by Hartford in the amount of £75,000, representing net floating charge realisations in the administration has been paid to Hartford in the Review Period. It is anticipated that further repayments toward the £50,000 outstanding will be made to Hartford from future receipts of net WIP realisations and (in the event Hartford's liability under the RPA is discharged) net debtor receipts received into the administration estate.

Preferential creditors

As set out in our previous progress report, it is currently estimated that claims to be received will total £46,460 for arrears of wages and holiday pay and £11,318 for outstanding employee pension contributions. These claims are yet to be confirmed by the Redundancy Payments Office.

Based upon current information, any likelihood of a distribution to preferential creditors will be dependent on the final level of realisations and therefore further details in this respect will be provided to preferential creditors at the relevant time.

Secondary preferential creditors

We have yet to receive HMRC's final claim in this matter, which was estimated in the Administrators' Proposals at £2,843,459. Based upon current information, it does not appear that there will be sufficient realisations to allow a distribution to HMRC in relation to its secondary preferential claim.

Prescribed Part for unsecured creditors pursuant to Section 176A of the Act

Details of how the prescribed part for unsecured creditors is calculated was provided in our Proposals.

We have estimated, to the best of our knowledge and belief, the Company's net property, as defined in Section 176A(6) of the Act, to be nil and the prescribed part of the Company's net property to be nil.

Unsecured creditors

Based upon realisations to date and estimated future realisations we consider that there will be insufficient funds available to enable a dividend to be paid to the unsecured creditors.

Unsecured claims received during the course of the administration total £383,531.

Effect of administration on limitation periods under the Limitation Act 1980

As we have previously confirmed, the Limitation Act 1980 continues to apply to all debts due from the Company. Case law indicates that where a company is in administration, time does not stop running for limitation purposes pursuant to the Limitation Act 1980. If you have any concerns in relation to your claim against the Company becoming time-barred during the course of the administration, we strongly recommend that you seek independent legal advice on the options available to you to prevent this.

6. ADMINSTRATORS' REMUNERATION

Our remuneration has been fixed by reference to the time properly given by us and the various grades of our staff calculated at the prevailing hourly charge out rates of Begbies Traynor in attending to matters as set out in the fees estimate included within our Proposals.

We are also authorised to draw expenses for services provided by our firm and/or entities within the Begbies Traynor group, in accordance with our firm's policy, details of which accompanied the statement of proposals for achieving the purpose of administration and which are attached at Appendix 2 of this report.

Our time costs for the period for the Review Period are summarised below together with time costs incurred for the entire period of the administration together with remuneration drawn.

Time costs (£) (Review Period)	Total hours (Review Period)	Time Costs (£) (Admin Period)	Total Hours (Admin Period)	Fees drawn (£) (Total)	Fee approval (£)
48,327	92.80	316.80	142,172.60	60,720	60,720

The following further information in relation to our time costs and expenses is set out at Appendix 2:

- Begbies Traynor's charging policy;
- Time Costs Analysis for the period 2 May 2023 to 1 November 2023
- Cumulative Time Costs Analysis for the period from 2 November 2022 to 1 November 2023
- Estimated increase to our approved remuneration.

Time Costs Analysis

The Time Costs Analysis for the period of this report attached at Appendix 2 shows the time spent by each grade of staff on the different types of work involved in the case, and gives the total costs and average hourly rate charged for each work type. An additional analysis is also attached which details the time costs for the entire period for which we have administered the administration.

As can be seen from the time cost analysis for the entire period of the administration of the Companies, the level of our approved remuneration (as per the fee estimate included in the Administrators' proposals issued on 9 November 2022) has not been sufficient to cover the time costs of the administration to date.

The Administrators will shortly be seeking approval from the preferential creditors to the revised fee estimate. (Hartford, as secured creditor, has already provided in-principal agreement).

Please note that the revised fee estimate represents the level of total time costs expected to be incurred until the completion of the administration. We do not anticipate that there will be sufficient assets to discharge these costs in full.

Details of the revised fee estimates are set out in Appendix 2. For the avoidance of any doubt, we have not drawn any remuneration in excess of the level approved.

The reasons why the approved level of remuneration has been exceeded are as follows:

- The Administrators incurred a significant amount of time in accessing Allium's financial records and information subsequent to resignation of the Company's financial controller immediately prior to our appointment;
- Additional time was incurred in dealing with former suppliers of the Company to allow for a transition of/novation of supplier agreements to the Purchaser;
- Time was incurred that had not been incorporated in the original fee estimate in dealing with former employee claims, given the number of partners & staff who decided not to transfer under TUPE to the Purchaser;
- A significant amount of time not originally anticipated has been incurred in dealing with PI insurance claims from former clients;
- More time has been incurred that anticipated in liaising with Child & Child Law Ltd re monitoring debtor and WIP collections
- Time has been incurred in agreeing the level of Hartford's claim under its fixed charge.

Category 1 Expenses

Expenses are divided into those that do not need approval before they are charge to the estate (category 1) and those that do (category 2). Category 1 expenses are payments to persons providing the service to which the expense relates who are not associates of the office holder or their firm.

The level of category 1 expenses both incurred and paid during the Review Period are set out in Section 4.

Category 2 Expenses

No category 2 expenses have been incurred during the Review Period.

A copy of 'A Creditors Guide to Administrators' Fees (E&W) 2021' which provides guidance on creditors' rights on how to approve and monitor an Administrator's remuneration and on how the remuneration is set can be obtained online at www.begbies-traynor.com/creditorsguides. Alternatively, if you require a hard copy of the Guide, please contact our office and we will arrange to send you a copy.

7. ADMINISTRATORS' EXPENSES

A statement of the expenses incurred during the Review Period is attached at Appendix 3. A cumulative statement of expenses also appears at Appendix 3 which details the expenses incurred since the date of our appointment together with a table of future expenses to be incurred.

Expenses actually incurred compared to those that were anticipated

Creditors will recall that we estimated that the expenses of the administration would total £26,407. Unfortunately, the expenses that we have incurred so far have exceeded that estimate and there will be further expenses to pay before the case concludes, which have been detailed at Appendix 3. The reason why this estimate has been exceeded is due primarily to the amount of legal advice required by the Administrators (and therefore the level of legal fees being incurred) being higher than initially anticipated. With the exception of legal fees, all other expenses are in line with what originally anticipated.

8. WORK THAT REMAINS TO BE DONE

The work that remains on going in respect of asset realisations is mostly overseeing the realisation of Company's WIP and also the collection of net debtor receipts (subsequent to the expected discharge of amounts due to

Hartford under the RPA. We are not currently certain when this work will conclude but we will continue to update creditors in our future progress reports.

What work remains to be done, why is this necessary and what financial benefit (if any) will it provide to creditors?

General case administration and planning

We will continue to undertake the tasks detailed in Section 4 of this report as required, to ensure that the administration continues to be efficiently and effectively progressed.

Compliance with the Insolvency Act, Rules and best practice

We will continue to comply with our statutory obligations until the conclusion of the administration.

The time incurred in preparing this progress report and any future progress reports, including a final report, will be charged under this heading. Whilst not of any direct financial benefit to creditors, this is required in line with the Insolvency Act and Rules.

If it becomes necessary to apply to the Court for a further extension of the administration period beyond 1 November 2024, there will be work involved in preparing the relevant submissions to the Court.

Investigations

It is not anticipated that there will be further investigation work required to be undertaken.

Realisation of assets

We will continue to liaise with the Purchaser in respect of the monthly reporting process set up to oversee the realisation of the Company's WIP and debtors. We are also liaising with the Purchaser in relation to the payment of the net collections already due for payment to the administration estate. Further details in this respect will be provided to creditors in our next progress report.

Dealing with all creditors' claims (including employees), correspondence and distributions

We will continue to deal with queries from creditors and record their claims as received.

Should there be sufficient realisations to allow a distribution to preferential creditors, we will undertake the process of review claims with a view to their agreement for a dividend.

Other matters which includes seeking decisions of creditors via the deemed consent procedure and/or decision procedures, meetings, tax, litigation, pensions and travel

We will continue to submit our VAT and Corporation Tax returns periodically as required.

How much will this further work cost?

As can be seen above, there are additional/unforeseen elements of work which were not envisaged at the onset of my appointment, and which need to be carried out in order to complete my duties. The cost of the additional/unforeseen work (over and above the previous fee estimate of £60,720) is estimated to be £101,817.50. As previously advised, we will need to seek approval from the Company's secured and preferential creditors for a fair and reasonable increase in the level of our remuneration. We do not anticipate that we will need a further increase following this request, unless circumstances greatly change again.

Expenses

Details of the expenses that we expect to incur in connection with the work that remains to be done referred to above are as set out in the estimate of anticipated expenses sent to creditors on 9 November 2022 which included all of the expenses that we anticipate that we will incur throughout the administration.

What is the anticipated payment for administering the case in full?

We originally estimated that the cost of administering the case would be in the region of £60,720.00, and subsequently you have provided approval for us to draw our remuneration up to that level. As advised above, we are requesting approval to an increase to our fee estimate in the sum of £101,817.50.

As you are aware, the remuneration that we can draw is limited to the amount that is realised for the assets, (less any costs incurred in realising those assets). At this stage in the administration, I estimate that total remuneration drawn will be in the region of £90,000. It is likely that costs incurred over and above that level will be written off.

However, please note that should there be additional or unexpected asset realisations, we will look to draw our remuneration from those too, capped at the level that the creditors approve.

9. OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION

Connected party transactions

Full details of the pre-pack sale of the Company's business and certain assets to the Purchaser were included in our statement of proposals.

Extension of administration

The administration has been extended for a period 12 months with the consent of creditors.

Proposed exit route from administration

We confirm that the proposed exit route from administration remains as advised in our Proposals, which is that as soon as we are satisfied that we have fully discharged our duties as administrators and that the purpose of the administration has been fully achieved, we propose to deliver a notice of moving from administration to dissolution to the Registrar of Companies. This is due to the fact that the Company will have insufficient property to enable a distribution to be made to unsecured creditors.

Upon the registration of such notice, our appointment as administrators ceases to have effect, and at the end of three months the Company will automatically be dissolved.

Use of personal information

Please note that in the course of discharging our statutory duties as Joint Administrators, we may need to access and use personal data, being information from which a living person can be identified. Where this is necessary, we are required to comply with data protection legislation. If you are an individual and you would like further information about your rights in relation to our use of your personal data, you can access the same at <https://www.begbies-traynorgroup.com/privacy-notice>. If you require a hard copy of the information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

10. CREDITORS' RIGHTS

Right to request further information

Pursuant to Rule 18.9 of the Rules, within 21 days of the receipt of this report a secured creditor, or an unsecured creditor with the concurrence of at least 5% in value of the unsecured creditors, including that creditor (or an unsecured creditor with less than 5% in value of the unsecured creditors, but with the permission of the court) may request in writing that we provide further information about our remuneration or expenses (other than pre-administration costs) which have been incurred during the period of this progress report.

Right to make an application to court

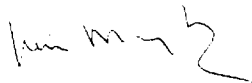
Pursuant to Rule 18.34 of the Rules, any secured creditor or an unsecured creditor with the concurrence of at least 10% in value of the unsecured creditors including that creditor (or any unsecured creditors with less than 10% in value of the unsecured creditors, but with the permission of the court) may, within 8 weeks of receipt of this progress report, make an application to court on the grounds that the remuneration charged or the expenses incurred during the period of this progress report are excessive or, the basis fixed for our remuneration is inappropriate.

11. CONCLUSION

As reported earlier, the administration has been extended with the consent of creditors for a period of 12 months until 1 November 2024. This is a necessary step in order to ensure that the objective of the administration is achieved and that we have fully discharged our duties as administrators.

We will report again in approximately six months' time or at the conclusion of the administration, whichever is the sooner.

Should you require further explanation of any matters contained within this report, you should contact our office by phone on 020 7516 1500 or by email at georgia.provan@btguk.com.



Kevin Murphy
Joint Administrator

Dated: 27 November 2023

ACCOUNT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

Period: 2 May 2023 to 1 November 2023

**Allium Law Limited formerly t/a Child & Child
(In Administration)
Joint Administrators' Summary of Receipts & Payments**

	From 02/05/2023 To 01/11/2023 £	From 02/11/2022 To 01/11/2023 £
SECURED ASSETS		
Goodwill	NIL	1.00
Intellectual Property	NIL	1.00
Cash at Bank	NIL	33,284.23
Secured Creditor Funding Advance	NIL	125,000.00
Holding in Subsidiary	NIL	1.00
	NIL	158,287.23
COSTS OF REALISATION		
Regulatory Body fees	NIL	23,188.00
	NIL	(23,188.00)
SECURED CREDITORS		
Hartford Growth Fund Limited	NIL	10,043.95
	NIL	(10,043.95)
ASSET REALISATIONS		
Bank Interest Gross	NIL	28.77
Client Contracts & Files	NIL	1.00
Furniture & Equipment	NIL	4,998.00
Stock/WIP	414,290.13	414,290.13
Sundry Refunds	614.95	890.86
	414,905.08	420,206.76
COST OF REALISATIONS		
Accountancy Services	NIL	440.00
Administrators' Expenses	344.21	344.21
Administrators' Fees	22,720.00	60,720.00
Administrators' Pre Administration Fee	NIL	42,039.00
Debt collection fees	290,003.08	290,003.08
Hartford - Repayment of Funding Adva	75,000.00	75,000.00
Insurance of Assets	NIL	198.00
Legal Expenses & Disbursements	NIL	112.95
Legal Fees (1)	NIL	32,387.05
Stationery & Postage	NIL	185.64
Statutory Advertising	103.50	103.50
Storage Costs	323.00	1,004.10
	(388,493.79)	(502,535.53)
	26,411.29	42,726.51
REPRESENTED BY		
Barclays FL Current Acc NIB		12,748.79
Barclays FX Current Acc NIB		52.28
Vat Control Account		20,561.76
Vat Receivable		9,363.68
		42,726.51

COSTS AND EXPENSES

- a. Begbies Traynor's charging policy;
- b. Time Costs Analysis for the period from 2 May 2023 to 1 November 2023;
- c. Cumulative Time Costs Analysis for the period from 2 November 2022 to 1 November 2023; and
- d. Estimated increase to our approved remuneration.

BEGBIES TRAYNOR CHARGING POLICY

INTRODUCTION

This policy applies where a licensed insolvency practitioner in the firm is acting as an office holder of an insolvent estate and seeks creditor approval to draw remuneration on the basis of the time properly spent in dealing with the case. It also applies where further information is to be provided to creditors regarding the office holder's fees following the creditors' decision being made for the office holder to be remunerated on a time cost basis. Best practice guidance* requires that such information should be disclosed to those who are responsible for approving the basis of an office holder's remuneration. Within our fees estimate creditors can see how we propose to be remunerated.

In addition, this policy applies where creditor approval is sought to make a separate charge by way of expenses or disbursements to recover the cost of facilities provided by the firm. It also applies where payments are to be made to parties other than the firm, but in relation to which the office holder, the firm or any associate has an interest. Best practice guidance* indicates that such charges should be disclosed to those who are responsible for approving the basis of the office holder's remuneration, together with an explanation of how those charges are calculated.

OFFICE HOLDER'S FEES IN RESPECT OF THE ADMINISTRATION OF INSOLVENT ESTATES

The office holder has overall responsibility for the administration of the estate. He/she will delegate tasks to members of their staff. Such delegation assists the office holder as it allows him/her to deal with the more complex aspects of the case and ensures that work is being carried out at the appropriate level. There are various levels of staff that are employed by the office holder and these appear below.

The firm operates a time recording system which allows staff working on the case along with the office holder to allocate their time to the case. The time is recorded in 6 minute units at the individual's hourly rate in force at that time which is detailed below.

EXPENSES INCURRED BY OFFICE HOLDERS IN RESPECT OF THE ADMINISTRATION OF INSOLVENT ESTATES

Expenses are payments from the estate which are neither an office holder's remuneration nor a distribution to a creditor or a member. Expenses also include disbursements, which are expenses that are initially paid by the office holder's own firm, but which are subsequently reimbursed from the estate when funds are available.

Best practice guidance classifies expenses into two broad categories:

- ☐ Category 1 expenses (approval not required) - Specific expenditure that is directly related to the case and referable to an independent external supplier's invoice. All such items are charged to the case as they are incurred.
- ☐ Category 2 expenses (approval required) - Items of expenditure that are directly related to the case and either:
 - (i) include an element of shared or allocated cost and are based on a reasonable method of calculation, but which are not payable to an independent third party; or
 - (ii) are items of expenditure which are payable to an associate of the office holder and/or their firm.

Shared or allocated costs (pursuant to (i) above)

The following expenses include an element of shared or allocated cost and are charged to the case (subject to approval).

- ☐ Internal meeting room usage for the purpose of physical meetings of creditors is charged at the rate of £150 per meeting; and
- ☐ Car mileage which is charged at the rate of 45 pence per mile.

Payments anticipated to be made to associates (pursuant to (ii) above)

Instruction of Eddisons Insurance Services Limited ("EIS") to provide insurance broking services and specifically open cover insurance for the insurable risks relating to the case. The cost of open cover insurance will vary during the course of a case depending upon the value of the assets and liability risks. The cost of open cover insurance for the Company is set out in the body of the Progress Report.

The costs of insurance cover for subsequent additional periods will be dependent upon prevailing insurance market conditions and the ongoing insurable risks on the case. Where relevant, administration fees may be charged. These costs are taken into consideration and included within the forecasted cost of insurance above.

In accordance with standard insurance industry practice, EIS will receive payment of commission for the services it provides from the insurer. The commission is calculated as a percentage of the insurance premiums payable and such percentage will depend upon the class or classes of assets being insured.

EIS invoiced the insolvent estate for the premium due on the insurer's behalf and received payment from the estate. EIS will in turn, account to the insurer for the premium payable after deducting any commission payable by the insurer.

General Office Overheads

The following items of expenditure will normally be treated as general office overheads and will not be charged to the case although a charge may be made where the precise cost to the case can be determined because the item satisfies the test of a Category 1 expense:

- ☐ Telephone and facsimile
- ☐ Printing and photocopying
- ☐ Stationery
- ☐

BEGBIES TRAYNOR CHARGE-OUT RATES

Begbies Traynor is a national firm. The rates charged by the various grades of staff that may work on a case are set nationally but vary to suit local market conditions. The rates applying to the London office as at the date of this report are as follows:

Grade of staff	Charge-out rate range (£ per hour) 10 th July 2023 until further notice
Appointment taker/partner	670-815
Managers/directors	525-640
Other professional	285-425
Junior professional/support	210

Grade of staff	Charge-out rate range (£ per hour) from date of appointment until 10 th July 2023
Consultant/Partner	690
Director	580
Senior Manager	500
Manager	475
Assistant Manager	385
Senior Administrator	340
Administrator	260
Trainee Administrator	190
Support	175

Time spent by support staff such as secretarial, administrative and cashiering staff is charged directly to cases. It is not carried as an overhead.

As detailed above, time is recorded in 6 minute units.

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Staff Grade		Consultant/Partner	Devoted	Sr Mngr	Mngr	Asst Mngr	Sr Admin	Admin	Jr Admin	Report	Total Hours	Time Cost £	Average hourly rate £
General Case Administration and Planning	Case planning	2.5		4.4		2.1		0.4			19.4	6,749.00	353.61
	Administration	6.9	0.3	1.1		5.1		4.5	1.1		19.1	6,333.00	488.64
	Total for General Case Administration and Planning:	9.2	0.3	16.6		7.2		6.2	1.1		38.6	20,072.00	621.38
Compliance with the Insolvency Act, Rules and best practice	Appointment											0.00	
	Banking and Bonding	0.6							0.1	4.5	5.2	1,311.50	252.21
	Case Closure											0.00	
	Statutory reporting and statement of affairs			2.1		7.3		0.4			9.8	4,002.50	408.42
	Total for Compliance with the Insolvency Act, Rules and best practice:	0.6		2.1		7.3		0.4	0.1	4.6	16.0	6,314.00	364.37
Investigations	CDDA and investigations			0.2				0.2			0.4	76.00	440.00
	Total for Investigations:			0.2				0.2			0.4	176.00	440.00
Realisation of assets	Debt collection			2.4		0.2		0.4			3.0	1,351.00	463.67
	Property, business and asset sales	2.2		2.5		0.2					4.9	3,173.50	606.44
	Retention of title third party assets											0.00	
	Total for Realisation of assets:	2.2		6.2		0.4		0.4			8.2	4,544.50	664.21
Trading	Trading											0.00	
	Total for Trading:												0.00
Dealing with all creditors claims (including employees), correspondence and distributions	Secured	1.7		12.6							14.3	8,425.00	589.37
	Ordnry			2.7		2.1		0.4			5.2	2,319.00	445.56
	Creditors Committee											0.00	
	Total for Dealing with all creditors claims (including employees), correspondence and distributions:	1.7		15.3		2.1		0.4			19.6	10,747.00	661.13
Other matters which includes meetings, tax, litigation, pensions and travel	Secured decisions of creditors					1.6					1.6	809.50	425.00
	Meetings											0.00	
	Ordnry					1.6					1.6	616.00	385.00
	Tax			0.5		1.3		0.4			2.2	676.50	431.40
	Litigation			1.2							1.2	2,670.50	571.01
	Total for Other matters:			6.0		4.8		0.4			11.2	6,472.00	488.82
Total hours by staff grade:		13.7	0.3	44.1		21.8		7.0	1.2	4.6	92.8		
Total time cost by staff grade £:		10,121.00	201.00	24,249.00		8,701.00		1,832.00	260.00	871.00		48,227.00	
Average hourly rate £:		738.80	870.00	647.39	0.00	399.15	0.00	278.07	208.55	183.87			488.21

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Staff Grade		Consultant/Partner	Director	Bar Mngr	Mngr	Acct Mngr	Bar Admin	Admin	Jar Admin	Support	Total Hours	Time Cost £	Average hourly rate £
General Case Administration and Planning	Case planning	6.7		16.3		4.3		2.4			29.7	5,689.50	191.23
	Administration	23.2	0.3	4.7	2.3	14.3		31.5	1.3		77.6	34,132.50	439.87
	Total for General Case Administration and Planning:	29.9	0.3	21.0	2.3	18.6		33.9	1.3		107.3	49,822.00	464.64
Compliance with the Insolvency Act, Rules and best practice	Appointment			7.2		21.4					28.6	6,430.00	224.83
	Bar filing and Binding	1.3				0.2			1.0	13.2	15.4	3,378.20	218.67
	Case Closure												0.00
	Statutory reporting and statement of affairs			17.2		9.4		0.4			27.0	2,361.00	87.45
	Total for Compliance with the Insolvency Act, Rules and best practice:	1.3		24.4		31.0		0.4	1.0	13.2	69.0	26,569.00	384.90
Investigations	CCRA and investigations	0.3		0.2		20.3		6.9			14.4	3,400.00	236.11
	Total for Investigations:	0.3		0.2		20.3		6.9			14.4	12,400.00	339.63
Realisation of assets	Debt collection			17.2		0.2		0.4			17.8	8,791.20	493.89
	Property, business and asset sales	3.4		10.4		0.2					14.0	7,781.50	555.82
	Retention of title and party assets			0.3							0.3	420.00	560.00
	Total for Realisation of assets:	3.4		27.9		0.4		0.4			32.7	17,992.60	626.67
Trading	Trading												0.00
	Total for Trading:												0.00
Dealing with all creditors claims (including employees, correspondence and distributions)	Secured	1.7		19.8							21.5	2,029.00	94.38
	Others			17.1		7.7		2.3			27.1	451.00	166.42
	Creditors committee												0.00
	Total for Dealing with all creditors claims (including employees, correspondence and distributions):	1.7		36.9		7.7		2.3			48.6	25,479.00	601.89
Other matters which includes meetings, tax, litigation, pensions and travel	Working for sons of creditors					1.9					1.9	807.50	425.00
	Meetings												0.00
	Other	0.1		1.3		2.7					4.1	3,915.50	953.81
	Tax			1.3		2.9		0.4			4.6	1,541.50	335.11
	Litigation			0.7							0.7	1,223.50	174.79
	Total for Other matters:	0.1		3.3		4.6		0.4			9.0	11,581.00	128.66
	Total hours by staff grade:	38.9	0.3	128.7	2.3	59.7		44.2	2.3	13.2	316.6		
	Total time cost by staff grade £:	29,129.60	201.00	66,449.60	1,062.60	24,842.60		11,804.60	469.00	2,384.00		142,172.60	
	Average hourly rate £:	748.12	670.00	516.57	460.26	416.63	0.00	266.56	203.91	180.58			460.48

THE **ADMINISTRATORS'** ESTIMATE OF THE INCREASED FEES THAT THEY WILL INCUR

Further to the information set out in the report, we anticipate that in addition to their fees estimate dated 9 November 2023 in the sum of £60,720, the following additional time costs have been incurred/will be charged to conclusion of the administration. Please note that blended hourly rates have been used (as they were for the original estimate) which take account of the various levels of staff that are likely to undertake each area of work. These can be seen in the average hourly rate column. Details of the hourly rates that will be charged for each level of staff working on the case form part of this appendix.

Details of the work that the administrators and their staff propose to undertake	Hours	Time cost £	Average hourly rate £
General case administration and planning	95.7	44,622.00	466.27
Compliance with the Insolvency Act, Rules and best practice	44.0	15,348.00	348.82
Investigations	18.4	5,960.00	323.91
Realisation of assets	17.7	9,692.50	547.60
Dealing with all creditors' claims (including employees), correspondence and distributions	35.8	18,839.00	526.23
Other matters which includes seeking decisions of creditors via deemed consent procedure and/or decisions procedures, meetings, tax, litigation, pensions and travel	16.0	7,356.00	459.75
Total hours	227.6		
Total time costs		101,817.50	
Overall average hourly rate £			447.35

We have arrived at this increase by considering the nature and complexity of the work that is necessary to conclude the case, and we also believe that this increase is a fair and reasonable reflection of the same.

Dated: 27 November 2023

STATEMENT OF ADMINISTRATORS' EXPENSES

Type of expense	Name of party with whom expense incurred	Amount incurred (£)	Amount discharged (£)	Balance (to be discharged) (£)
Expenses incurred with entities not within the Begbies Traynor Group				
Postage	Royal Mail Plc	1.33	0.00	1.33
Storage Costs	RH Data Storage Ltd	323.00	323.00	0.00
Statutory Advertising	Courts Advertising Limited	103.50	103.50	0.00
Debt collection fees	Child & Child Law Ltd	290,003.08	290,003.08	0.00
Legal Fees	AMB Law Ltd	2,305.50	0.00	2,305.50

CUMULATIVE STATEMENT OF EXPENSES

Type of expense	Name of party with whom expense incurred	Amount incurred (£)
Expenses incurred with entities not within the Begbies Traynor Group		
Postage	Royal Mail Plc	3.54
Bordereau	Insolvency Risk Services	342.00
Legal Fees	Pinsents & AMB Law	34,692.55
Legal Expenses	Pinsents	112.95
Stationery & Postage	The Color Company	185.64
Records Collection and Storage costs	RH Data Storage Ltd	1,004.10
Regulatory Body Fees	Solicitors Regulation Authority ("SRA")	23,188.00
Debt Collection Fees	Child & Child Law Ltd	290,003.08
Statutory Advertising	Courts Advertising Limited	103.50
Accountancy Services	BGM Helmores	440.00
Expenses incurred with entities within the Begbies Traynor Group (for further details see Begbies Traynor Charging Policy)		
Insurance	Eddisons Insurance Services Limited	196.00

ADDITIONAL EXPENSES ANTICIPATED FOR FUTURE WORK

Expenses anticipated to be incurred prior to closure of the case	Name of party with whom expense anticipated to be incurred	Amount estimated to cost (£)
Debt collection fees	Child & Child Law Ltd	65,000 to 100,000
Stationery & Postage	Royal Mail Plc/The Color Company	20.00
Storage Costs	RH Data Storage Ltd	536.00