

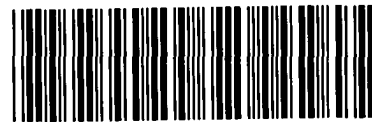
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Company name in full Torquing Group Ltd

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bold black capitals.

2 Liquidator's name

Full forename(s) Gareth

Surname Stones

3 Liquidator's address

Building name/number 63

Street Walter Road

Post town Swansea

County/Region Swansea

Postcode S A 1 4 P T

Country

4 Liquidator's name ①

Full forename(s)

Surname

① Other liquidator

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another liquidator.

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7 Progress report☒ The progress report is attached**8** Sign and date

Liquidator's signature

Signature

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Signature date

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**Presenter information**

You do not have to give any contact information, but if you do it will help Companies House if there is a query on the form. The contact information you give will be visible to searchers of the public record.

Contact name Mrs Ann Evans

Company name Stones & Co Insolvency Practitioners
Limited ("Stones & Co")

Address 63 Walter Road

Post town Swansea

County/Region Swansea

Postcode S A 1 4 P T

Country UK

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Telephone 01792 654607

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Please make sure you have remembered the following:

- ☐ The company name and number match the information held on the public Register.
- ☐ You have attached the required documents.
- ☐ You have signed the form.

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The Registrar of Companies, Companies House,
Crown Way, Cardiff, Wales, CF14 3UZ.
DX 33050 Cardiff.

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TORQUING GROUP LTD – In Creditors' Voluntary Liquidation

LIQUIDATOR'S PROGRESS REPORT TO MEMBERS AND CREDITORS

For the year ending 3RD December 2021

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The duties and functions of both myself and the former Liquidator are the realisation of the Company's assets, the agreement of the claims of creditors, investigation of the Director's conduct and the company's affairs generally, and the eventual distribution of any Liquidation funds after costs between the creditors in accordance with their legal entitlements under statute.

STATUTORY INFORMATION

Company Name:	Torquing Group Ltd
Registered Office:	63 Walter Road Swansea SA1 4PT
Former Registered Office:	c/o Bevan & Buckland Langdon House Langdon Road Swansea SA1 8QY
Registered Number:	07783507
Liquidator's Name:	Gareth Stones M.I.P.A.
Liquidator's Address:	Stones & Co Insolvency Practitioners Limited t/a Stones & Co 63 Walter Road Swansea SA1 4PT
Liquidator's Date of Appointment:	31st December 2019
Former Liquidator's Name:	Gary Stones F.C.C.A, M.I.P.A.
Former Liquidator's Address:	Stones & Co 63 Walter Road Swansea SA1 4PT
Former Liquidator's Date of Appointment:	4th December 2015

LIQUIDATOR'S ACTIONS SINCE LAST REPORT

There is certain work that I am required by the insolvency legislation to undertake in connection with the liquidation that provides no financial benefit for the creditors. A description of the routine work undertaken since my last progress report is contained in Appendix I.

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

A summary of my receipts and payments for the period from 4th December 2020 to 3rd December 2021 is attached at Appendix II. All amounts are shown net of VAT. I have reconciled the account against the financial records that I am required to maintain.

The balance of funds are held in an interest bearing liquidation account with Lloyds Bank Plc.

ASSETS

There have been no realisations since the last progress report.

Intellectual Property Rights

An Assignment of Patents, Patent Applications and other Rights relating to unmanned aerial vehicle ("UAV") technologies was drawn up by my solicitors, JCP, Swansea and signed on behalf of the Company for a consideration of £6000. Despite my solicitors chasing the prospective Assignee on multiple occasions no response was ever received and so no Assignment has been completed.

LIABILITIES

Secured Creditors

An examination of the Company's mortgage register held by the Registrar of Companies showed that the Company has granted security to HSBC Bank Plc in the form of a debenture, created on 23rd December 2014 and registered on 23rd December 2014, conferring fixed and floating charges over the property, undertaking and assets of the company.

The Section 98 report presented at the meeting of creditors held on 4th December 2015 stated that there were nil balances on the company's three accounts held with the bank. However, the bank has lodged a proof of debt in the liquidation in the sum of £6137.86.

Preferential Creditors

The Director's Statement of Affairs did not disclose any preferential debts and no preferential claims have been received.

Crown Creditors

The Director's Statement of Affairs included £97538 owed to HMRC in respect of VAT. HMRC originally submitted a final claim in the liquidation of £75297 in respect of VAT.

However, HMRC stated in their claim that their claim may change should subsequent arrears arise at a later date. HMRC have informed that as the company was Group VAT registered that the liabilities are claimed jointly and severally against all companies who were members when the debt arose in accordance with Section 43 of the Finance Act 1994. The other liquidated companies within the group are Torquing Robotics Limited and Torquing Technology Limited.

The claim of HMRC was received during February 2016 and was based on assessments. An accurate final VAT return was subsequently submitted by Torquing Group Limited on behalf of the group of companies with the assistance of the former director Mr P. Busby who signed off same.

A Group VAT refund of £8906.48 was received from HMRC of which £1425.04 was attributable to Torquing Group Ltd and is disclosed in my receipts and payments account attached at Appendix II.

A revised final proof of debt was subsequently issued by HMRC on 16th January 2018 showing a £nil liability.

Non-preferential unsecured Creditors

In addition to the Crown debt above the Director's Statement of Affairs included 14 non-preferential unsecured creditors with estimated liability totalling £68226.67, representing a director's loan of £225.82, 3 unexpired hire agreements of £27669.59 and 10 trade & expense creditors of £40331.26. I have received claims from 10 creditors totalling £68596.63, representing a director's loan of £225, 3 unexpired hire agreements of £16359.13 and 6 trade & expense creditors of £52012.50. I have not received claims from 4 trade & expense creditors with original estimated claims in the Director's Statement of Affairs of £512.71.

DIVIDEND PROSPECTS

Based on the realisation to date, there is no prospect of a dividend being paid to any class of creditor.

PRE-APPOINTMENT REMUNERATION

The creditors previously authorised the payment of a fee of £7500 for assistance provided with preparing the Statement of Affairs and convening and holding the meeting of creditors at a meeting held on 4th December 2015. The fees for preparing the Statement of Affairs and convening and holding the meeting of creditors were partly paid by the Company in the sum of £4000. The balance of £3500 was paid from the realisations in the liquidation and is shown in the enclosed receipts and payments account.

LIQUIDATOR'S REMUNERATION

Remuneration was approved on a mixture of a time cost basis and as a fixed fee.

Remuneration was authorised to be drawn on a time costs basis of £10000 for work carried out in respect of the following categories:-

- Investigations
- Distributions to Creditors (if any)

- Case Specific Matter:-
 - Investigation into what exactly constitutes the company Intellectual Property Rights and realisation (if of any value) of same.

This approval was based on a fees estimate of £10120. The fees estimate acts as a cap and remuneration cannot be drawn in excess of that estimate without first seeking approval from the creditors. Total time costs for such work to 3rd December 2021 amount to £5228, representing 21.40 hours at a blended charge out rate of £244.29 per hour, of which £114, representing 0.40 hours of work has been charged in the period since 3rd December 2020. The actual blended charge out rate incurred compares with the estimated blended charge out rate of £187.40 in the fees estimate.

Remuneration of £4472.50 has been drawn to 3rd December 2021, none of which has been drawn in the period since 3rd December 2019 in respect of work done for which fees were approved on a time cost basis.

A detailed schedule of the time costs incurred to date and since 3rd December 2020 compared with the original fees estimate are attached as Appendices III and IV.

Remuneration was also authorised to be drawn as a fixed fee of £10000 for work in respect of the following categories of work:-

- Administration & Planning
- Creditors
- Realisation of Assets

Fixed fee remuneration of £10000 has been drawn to 3rd December 2021, none of which has been drawn in the period since 3rd December 2020 in respect of work done for which fees were approved as a fixed fee.

The former Liquidator sub-contracted some of the work that he was required to undertake, namely preparing a report in accordance with Statement of Insolvency Practice 2 in reviewing the company's books and records in order to identify any unusual or exceptional transactions. This work was sub-contracted to an unconnected third party organisation that has charged £46.35 for undertaking that work, which has been paid in full.

Further information about creditors' rights can be obtained by visiting the creditors' information micro-site published by the Association of Business Recovery Professionals (R3) at <http://www.creditorinsolvencyguide.co.uk/>. Details about how an office holder's fees may be approved for each case type are available in a series of Guidance Notes issued with Statement of Insolvency Practice 9, and they can be accessed at www.stonesandco.co.uk. There are different versions of these Guidance Notes, and in this case please refer to the most recent version. Please note that we have also provided further information about an office holder's remuneration and expenses in our practice fee recovery sheet, which can be accessed at www.stonesandco.co.uk.

LIQUIDATOR'S EXPENSES

Expenses are any payments from the estate which are neither an office holder's remuneration nor a distribution to a creditor or a member. Expenses also includes

disbursements. Disbursements are payments which are first met by the office holder and then reimbursed to the office holder from the estate. Expenses are split into:

- category 1 expenses, which are payments to persons providing the service to which the expense relates who are not an associate of the office holder; and
- category 2 expenses, which are payments to associates or which have an element of shared costs. Before being paid category 2 expenses require approval in the same manner as an office holder's remuneration.

Total expenses of £2766.99 have been incurred to date, of which I have incurred postages of £40.22 in the period since 3rd December 2020. Expenses of £2725.82 have been drawn as at 3rd December 2021, none of which have been drawn in the period since 3rd December 2020.

Details of the category 1 expenses that have been paid to date and in the reporting period are included in the receipts and payments account attached.

The Liquidator is required to seek approval before any expenses to associates is paid, or expenses where there is an element of shared costs is paid, which are known as category 2 expenses. Approval has been obtained to pay a category 2 expense in respect of mileage @ 45 pence per mile. However, no category 2 disbursements have been incurred to date.

The following table shows an estimation of the total expenses expected to be incurred during the course of the liquidation compared to the actual expenses as at 3rd December 2021:-

Nature of expense	Estimated expenses	Expenses incurred to date
	£	£
Agent's Fees & Disbursements	1000	1858.10
Consultancy Fee - SIP2 Report	-	46.35
Statutory Advertising	378	233.00
Liquidator's Bond	180	385.60
Company Search	5	1.00
Legal Fees	1000	-
Postages	120	242.94
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Total	2683	2766.99
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As at 3rd December 2021 then, as you can see from the information provided in this report, the expenses that have been incurred in this matter have slightly exceeded the total expenses that were estimated that would be incurred when remuneration was authorised by the creditors. The reasons they have exceeded the expenses estimate are due to agent's fees and disbursements being higher than originally estimated, the costs of the liquidator's bonds exceeding the estimate together with the cost of postages being higher than anticipated.

FURTHER INFORMATION

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 their 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 unsecured creditors (including the creditor in question), apply to Court to challenge the amount of remuneration charged by the Liquidator as being excessive, and/or the basis of the Liquidator's remuneration, and/or the amount of the expenses incurred as being excessive, within 8 weeks of their receipt of this report. Any secured creditor may make a similar application to Court within the same time limit.

To comply with the Provision of Services Regulations, some general information about Stones & Co can be found at www.stonesandco.co.uk.

SUMMARY

I will be taking steps to conclude the liquidation and a final report will be sent to members and creditors in due course. Upon the finalisation of the liquidation our files will be closed and placed into storage for 6 years in accordance with statute.

If creditors have any queries regarding the conduct of the Liquidation, or if they want hard copies of any of the documents made available on-line, they should contact Mrs Ann Evans on 01792 654607, or by email at info@stonesandco.co.uk.



GARETH STONES
LIQUIDATOR

1. Administration

This represents the work involved in the routine administrative functions of the case by the office holder and his staff, together with the control and supervision of the work done on the case by the office holder. It does not give direct financial benefit to the creditors, but has to be undertaken by the office holder to meet their requirements under the insolvency legislation and the Statements of Insolvency Practice, which set out required practice that office holders must follow

- Dealing with all routine correspondence and emails relating to the case.
- Maintaining and managing the office holder's estate bank account.
- Maintaining and managing the office holder's cashbook.
- Undertaking regular bank reconciliations of the bank account containing estate funds.
- Reviewing the adequacy of the specific penalty bond on a quarterly basis.
- Undertaking periodic reviews of the progress of the case.
- Overseeing and controlling the work done on the case by case administrators.
- Preparing, reviewing and issuing annual progress reports to creditors and members.
- Filing returns at Companies House.
- Preparing and filing VAT returns.
- Preparing and filing Corporation Tax returns.

TORQUING GROUP LTD - IN LIQUIDATIONSUMMARY OF LIQUIDATOR'S RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS FROM 4TH DECEMBER 2020 TO 3RD DECEMBER 2021

	Estimated to Realise per Statement of Affairs £	Total Y.E. 3/12/20 £	Y.E. 3/12/21 £	Total £
<u>RECEIPTS</u>				
Patents & Licences	4000	12553.76	-	12553.76
Plant & Machinery , Office Equipment and Furniture & Fixtures	5500			
Inter-Company Debt	-	6803.17	-	6803.17
Welsh Water Refund	-	5.94	-	5.94
Pre - Liquidation VAT Reclaim	-	1425.04	-	1425.04
Gross Interest	-	0.71	0.03	0.74
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	9500	20788.62	0.03	20788.65
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PAYMENTS

Agent's Fees & Disbursements	1858.10	-	1858.10
Balance of Statement of Affairs & S98 Meeting Fees	3500.00	-	3500.00
Liquidator's Remuneration - Fixed Fee on Account	10000.00		10000.00
- Time Costs	4472.50		4472.50
Liquidator's Disbursements	805.83	61.89	867.72
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	20636.43	61.89	20698.32
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Balance in Hand as at 3rd December 2021	90.33
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Notes

1. The above figures are net of VAT where applicable.
2. The balance is held in an interest bearing liquidation account with Lloyds Bank Plc.
3. Liquidator's Disbursements have been paid as follows:-

	£
Advertising	233.00
Consultancy Fee- SIP2 Report	46.35
Bond	385.60
Company Search	1.00
Postage	201.77

	867.72
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TORQUING GROUP LTD - IN LIQUIDATIONSCHEDULE OF LIQUIDATOR'S CHARGEABLE FOR THE PERIOD 4TH DECEMBER 2020 TO 3RD DECEMBER 2021

Classification of work function	Hours					Time Costs £	Average Hourly Rate £
	Principal	Qualified Accountant/ Manager	Senior Administrator	Cashier/ Administrator and Insolvency Assistant	Total Hours		
Distribution to Creditors					0.00	0.00	
Intellectual Property Rights	0.40				0.40	114.00	285.00
Investigations					0.00	0.00	
Total Hours	0.40				0.40		
Total Cost	114.00					114.00	285.00

All units are 6 minutes

APPENDIX IV

TORQUING GROUP LTD - IN LIQUIDATION

SCHEDULE OF LIQUIDATOR'S CHARGEABLE TIME FOR THE PERIOD 4TH DECEMBER 2015 (DATE OF LIQUIDATION) TO 3RD DECEMBER 2021

Classification of work function	Hours					Time Costs £	Average Hourly Rate £
	Principal	Qualified Accountant/ Manager	Senior Administrator	Cashier/ Administrator and Insolvency Assistant	Total Hours		
Investigations & Conduct Reports	0.30	2.90	0.60		3.80	825.50	217.23
Intellectual Property Rights	10.70	3.60	3.30		17.60	4402.50	250.14
Total Hours	11.00	6.50	3.90		21.40		
Total Cost	3135.00	1430.00	663.00			5228.00	243.52
Fees drawn to date						(4472.50)	
Unbilled Time						785.50	

All units are 6 minutes

FEES COMPARISON

Classification of Work	Estimated Fees		Fees incurred to date	
	Hours	£	Hours	£
Investigations & Conduct Reports	44	7270	3.80	825.50
Intellectual Property Rights	10	2850	17.60	4402.50
Totals	54	10120	21.40	5228.00