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AQUASCUTUM (1851) LIMITED (“**THE COMPANY**”)  
IN CREDITORS’ **VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION**

**LIQUIDATORS’ PROGRESS REPORT TO CREDITORS AND MEMBERS**

FOR THE YEAR 26 MARCH 2021 TO 25 MARCH 2022 (“**THE REPORTING PERIOD**”)

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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 (£)
Cash at Bank	Nil	2p	Nil	2p
Insolvency Event Dividends	Nil	44	Nil	44
Transfer of Funds from Administration	Nil	977,004	Nil	977,004
Heritage Stock	Nil	Nil	50,000	50,000
Book Debts	Nil	Nil	Uncertain	Uncertain
Total	Nil	977,048	50,000	1,207,048

### Expenses:

Expense	Amount per fees and expenses estimates (£)	Expense Paid to date (£)	Anticipated further expense to closure (£)	Total anticipated expense (£)
Agent's and Valuers Fees	Uncertain	7,571	Uncertain	Uncertain
Bank Charges	144	144	Nil	144
Insurance of Assets	672	448	224	672
Legal Fees	Uncertain	455	Uncertain	Uncertain
Joint Liquidators' Remuneration	136,864	75,849	61,015	136,864
Utilities	Nil	778	Nil	778
Insolvency Bond	930	Nil	930	930
Land registry	15	Nil	15	15
Statutory Advertising	254	Nil	254	254
Storage	362	Nil	362	362
Insolvency Bond	930	Nil	930	930
Total	140,171	85,245	63,730	140,949

### Dividend Prospects:

Creditor class	Dividend paid to date (p/£)	Anticipated dividend, based upon the above (p/£)
Secured creditor	N/A	N/A
Preferential creditors	Nil	100
Unsecured creditors	Nil	Uncertain
Total	Nil	Uncertain

## STATUTORY INFORMATION

Company name:	Aquascutum (1851) Limited
Registration number:	08025103
Principal Trading Address:	106 Jermyn St, St. James's, London, SW1Y 6EE
Registered Office:	Third Floor, 112 Clerkenwell Road, London, EC1M 5SA
Former Registered Office:	22 King Street, London, SW1Y 6QY
Principal trading activity:	Wholesale of clothing and footwear; Retail sale of clothing in specialised
Former Joint Administrators' names:	Nicholas Andrew Stratten and Hasib Howlader
Former Joint Adminsitrators' address:	Third Floor, 112 Clerkenwell Road, London, EC1M 5SA
Former Joint Adminsitrators' Date of appointment:	17 September 2020
Joint Liquidators' names:	Nicholas Andrew Stratten and Hasib Howlader
Joint Liquidators' address:	Third Floor, 112 Clerkenwell Road, London, EC1M 5SA
Joint Liquidators' contact details:	aron@hudsonweir.co.uk and 0207 099 6086.
Date of appointment:	26 March 2021
Actions of Joint Liquidators'	Any act required or authorised under any enactment to be done by a Joint Liquidator may be done by either or both of the Joint Liquidators acting jointly or alone.
Change in Office Holder:	The Joint Liquidators were also the previously appointed Joint Administrators of the Company prior to the Company's conversion from Administration to Creditors' Voluntary Liquidation

## JOINT LIQUIDATORS' ACTIONS SINCE THE APPOINTMENT

Upon their appointment the Joint Liquidators circulated notice of their appointment to all the relevant parties including, Companies House, HM Revenue & Customs and publishing an advert in the Gazette.

During the Reporting period the Joint Liquidators have also sought to increase the fees estimate, originally approved by creditors during the Administration. This was due to the fact that the fees estimate originally approved did not account of any of the work being undertaken during the Liquidation. The fees estimate increase of £97,903 was approved by creditors on 3 March 2022. As such the total fees estimate amounts to £373,863.

In addition to the above the Joint Liquidators circulated Notices of Intended Dividend to the preferential and non-preferential unsecured creditors with a deadline for receipt of final claims of 7 April 2022. It was noted that there were a number of preferential creditors who had not yet submitted a claim, one of which who claimed they did not wish to submit a claim and the other failed to respond within the given timescale, despite numerous attempts to make contact.

In addition to the above, the Joint Liquidators have adjudicated upon some of the non-preferential unsecured creditor claims, a task which is ongoing.

With regards to the principal asset of the Company, the historic stock, the Joint Liquidators considered with their instructed agents alternative strategies of realisations in the hope to achieve the best result for the insolvent estate, details of which are provided below.

There is certain work that the Joint Liquidators are 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 the Joint Liquidators' appointment is contained in Appendix 2.

## RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

The Joint Liquidators' Receipts & Payments Account for the Reporting Period is attached at Appendix 1. All amounts are shown net of VAT. The Joint Liquidators have reconciled the account against the financial records that they are required to maintain.

The receipts represent the assets realised to date, further details of which are provided below.

In respect of the payments the Joint Liquidators would comment as follows:

The balance of funds are held in an interest-bearing estate bank account.

- Rent – £6,000 - Following the commencement of the Liquidation, the landlord of the trading premises notified the Joint Liquidators that there was an additional expense associated with clearing the premises at 7-9 Ram Place, Hackney, E9 6LT, following the end of the trading during Administration Period. Due to the landlord's co-operation with the Joint Liquidators and the success of the trading period it was deemed to be an appropriate expense to incur.
- Utilities – £777 - It will be recalled from the Final Progress Report from the Administration, there were some outstanding utility expenses to be resolved following conversion to Liquidation, in relation to expenses incurred during the Trading Period. To date the sum of £762 and £16 has been paid in the Liquidation, in respect of gas & electricity and water expenses incurred in the Administration.
- Joint Liquidators' Remuneration – £38,960 - Creditors will recall that the Joint Administrators' remuneration was approved on a time cost basis at £275,960 and that a total of £237,000 was drawn during the Administration Period in respect of this remuneration. Of the fees drawn during the Reporting Period, £38,960 represents the balance available to be drawn upon the conversation from Administration to Liquidation, in accordance with Rule 18.20 (5)(a) of the Insolvency (England and Wales) Rules 2016.



## ASSETS

Information was provided about the assets of the Company in the Statement of Affairs ("SOA") prepared during the period, 17 September 2020 to 25 March 2021 ("Administration Period").

Further information was also given to the creditors of the Company in the Joint Administrators' Proposals and Final Progress Report made available on 13 October 2020 and 16 March 2021. In addition, creditors should also refer to the report circulated to creditors on 9 February 2022.

The following information is provided to give creditors an update on that information:

### Transfer of Funds from Administration

Funds totalling £977,004 representing the final balance held in the Administration estate account were transferred into the Liquidation estate account upon appointment. There are no further funds to be received in respect of this asset.

### Insolvency Event Dividends

The Joint Liquidators have been contacted by DMC Recovery Limited, the Joint Liquidators of Grants 1856 Limited. Prior to the Administration Period, the Company had submitted a non-preferential unsecured claim in the liquidation of Grants 1856 Limited totalling £2,467.

A dividend of £44 has been received by the Joint Liquidators of the Company, and there are no further realisations anticipated from this class of asset owing to the fact that the liquidation of Grants 1856 Limited has now been finalised.

### Asset to Be Realised

#### Heritage stock

During the Administration, the stock and majority of assets were realised for the benefit of creditors. However, there remains a significant portfolio of fashion and other paraphernalia, including brochures, posters, press cuttings and hundreds of original historic fashion items. Some of these clothing items represent the iconic designs of the Aquascutum line and can be considered unique in their quality and originality. Whilst, due to the quantum of items, an inventory cannot be provided, a summary is as follows:

- 702 items of clothing; and
- 7 pallets of historic memorabilia (together "the Heritage Stock").

The Heritage Garments are a collection of bespoke pieces of clothing (including garments worn by celebrities and royals) together with design pieces dating as far back as the 1930s showcasing the Aquascutum range for almost 100 years.

Similarly, the pallets of historic memorabilia contain photographs, letters and notable advertising and news clippings (throughout the same time period as above) some of which are signed by the celebrities and models of whom the pictures are taken. Both the Heritage Garments and Memorabilia are held in specialised storage facilities.

The above items were valued at between £35,000 and £50,000 by Williams and Partners Limited ("WAPL") a firm of valuation agents and Rosebury's, an auctioneer and valuer who specialises in fine art.

As previously advised, it was the Joint Liquidators intention to distribute in specie to the parent company, the entirety of the Heritage Stock, Aquascutum Overseas Limited ("AOL"), at the time of declaring and paying the dividend to the non-preferential unsecured creditors.

However, as WAPL had received some interest from unconnected third parties in relation to the Heritage stock the Joint Liquidators took the decision to write to all creditors as a whole to invite them to “bid” for the Heritage Stock only seeking to accept offers in excess of £50,000, being what AOL was willing to accept for the Heritage Stock for. However, no such bids were received and the formal offers from WAPL’s interest parties were significantly less the £50,000. As such, the Joint Liquidators will continue with their initial strategy and will distribute to Heritage Stock to AOL, applying a value of £50,000 to ensure the maximum benefit to the insolvent estate. The cash value of £50,000 shall be utilised to defray any outstanding third-party costs, the Joint Liquidators’ fees and the for the purpose of paying the dividend to creditors.

#### Book Debts

Where the Company books and records were collected during the Administration Period, these items will be reviewed to ascertain if the book debts, estimated at £33,402, are indeed recoverable and there is supporting documentation in the physical records held to enable the recovery of these assets.

#### PRE-APPOINTMENT FEES

As the Joint Liquidators’ appointment was immediately preceded by an Administration, whereby they were also the duly appointed Joint Administrators, there are no pre-appointment fees in this case.

#### INVESTIGATION INTO THE AFFAIRS OF THE COMPANY

In a standard liquidation the Joint Liquidators also required by legislation to report to the Secretary of State on the conduct of the Directors. However, as this liquidation is immediately preceded by an Administration (where the same reporting requirements must be met), there is no need to do the same once converted into liquidation. As such, the Joint Liquidators can confirm that their statutory confidential report was submitted to the insolvency service during the Administration.

The Joint Liquidators have identified matters where they consider that further investigation is required as they could lead to identifying potential recovery actions for the benefit of creditors. However, so as not to prejudice any potential future litigation, the Joint Liquidators do not propose to disclose the details of such investigations.

#### Work As Joint Liquidators

The work the Joint Liquidators have undertaken, can be divided into different categories of work. Information is set out below about the type of work that falls within each category of work and why the Joint Liquidators need to undertake it.

#### Administration:

This represents the work that my staff and I have to undertake in respect of the routine administrative functions of the case, including preparing, reviewing and issuing statutory reports. It also includes my control and supervision of the work done by my staff on the case (together with the supervisory functions of my managers).

I will also need to ensure that I take appropriate action as regards the Company’s pension scheme in accordance with the Pensions Act and associated legislation. It also includes work in connection with supervising the professional advisors that the Joint Liquidators have instructed to assist them in dealing with the Company’s pension scheme. More details about those professional advisors are set out below in the expenses section of this report.

Such work does not give direct financial benefit to the creditors, but I have to undertake it in order to meet my obligations under the insolvency legislation and the Statements of Insolvency Practice, which set out required practice that I must follow. More information about the work that I have already undertaken is included at Appendix 2.

#### Realisation of assets:

This represents the work the Joint Liquidators will undertake to protect and then realise the Company's assets. It also includes work in connection with supervising the professional advisors that the Joint Liquidators intend to instruct to assist them in realising the Company's assets. More details about those professional advisors is set out below in the expenses section of this report. If the Company's assets are recovered, the Joint Liquidators will first use the proceeds to meet the costs and expenses of the case and then distribute any balance to the creditors in the statutory order of priority.

The Joint Liquidators have provided information in the assets section above about their strategy for realising the Company's assets and about the work that they have already undertaken and will undertake, as Joint Liquidators in connection with that strategy. More information about the work that the Joint Liquidator has already undertaken is included at Appendix 2.

#### Creditors:

The Joint Liquidators need to maintain up to date records of the names and addresses of creditors, together with the amounts of their claims as part of their management of the case, and also to ensure that the Joint Liquidators have accurate information about who to send notices and reports to. I will also have to deal with correspondence and queries received from creditors regarding their claims and dividend prospects as they are received. I am required to undertake this work as part of my statutory functions.

Employees – The Joint Liquidators need to deal with the ex-employees of the Company in order to ensure that their claims are processed appropriately by the Redundancy Payments Service ("RPS"). The Joint Liquidators work includes dealing with queries received from both the ex-employees and the RPS to facilitate the processing of the claims. (It also includes work in connection with supervising the professional advisors that the Joint Liquidators have instructed to assist them in dealing with employee claims. More details about those professional advisors is set out below in the expenses section of this report. The Joint Liquidators are required to undertake this work as part of my statutory functions.

Dividends – the Joint Liquidators have to undertake certain statutory formalities in order that they can pay a dividend to creditors. This includes writing to all creditors who have not lodged proofs of debt, and reviewing the claims and supporting documentation lodged by creditors in order to formally agree their claims, which may involve requesting additional information and documentation from the creditors. I am required to undertake this work as part of my statutory functions, but it is also of direct benefit to the creditors as it will enable me to make a distribution to creditors.

More information about the work that the Joint Liquidators have already undertaken is included at Appendix 2.

#### Investigations:

The insolvency legislation gives Joint Liquidators powers to take recovery action in respect of what are known as antecedent transactions, where assets have been disposed of prior to the commencement of the insolvency procedure, and also in respect of matters such as misfeasance and wrongful trading. The Joint Liquidator is required to conclude any matters that required further investigations which were highlighted during the initial investigations which took place during the Administration.

More information about the work that I have already undertaken is included at Appendix 2.

If the Joint Liquidators identify potential recoveries, or matters for further investigation, they will then need to undertake additional work to investigate them in detail and attempt recovery where necessary for the benefit of creditors. The Joint Liquidators cannot fix the basis of my remuneration for dealing with such unknown or uncertain assets at present, and if such assets are identified they will seek approval for an appropriate fee basis.

In a standard liquidation the Joint Liquidators also required by legislation to report to the Secretary of State on the conduct of the Directors. However, as this liquidation is immediately preceded by an Administration (where the same reporting requirements must be met), there is no need to do the same once converted into liquidation. As such, the Joint Liquidators can confirm that their statutory confidential report was submitted to the insolvency service during the Administration.

## JOINT LIQUIDATORS' REMUNERATION

Please note that the fee basis approved in the administration automatically follows through to the liquidation upon conversion from Administration.

As such, the Joint Liquidators' remuneration was approved by the creditors during the Administration on a time cost basis based on a fees estimate of £275,960. This was later increased to £373,863, having received sufficient creditor approval, on 3 March 2022.

The fees estimate acts as a cap and the Joint Liquidators cannot draw remuneration in excess of that estimate without first seeking approval from the creditors.

The total time costs to 25 March 2022 amount to £45,998, representing 131 hours of work at an average charge out rate of £351 per hour.

In total this brings the combined time costs in Administration period and Liquidation periods to £348,008, representing 1038 hours of work at an average charge out rate of £335 per hour.

The actual average charge out rate incurred compares with the estimated average charge out rate of £225 in the fees estimate. There is a difference in the blended rate charged, compared with the estimated blended rate because due to the size and complexity of the case, a greater amount of time than was originally anticipated has been incurred by a higher employee category in all aspects of the case.

Since the commence of the Administration, total fees of £312,849 have been drawn to 25 March 2022, of which £75,849 has been drawn during the Reporting Period.

A detailed schedule of the Joint Liquidators' time costs incurred to 26 March 2022, compared with the increased fees estimate is attached as Appendix 4.

Based on current information the Joint Liquidators do not expect their total time costs to exceed the estimated remuneration as set out in the increased fees estimate when the Joint Liquidators' remuneration was authorised by the creditors.

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.hudsonweir.co.uk/resources/](http://www.hudsonweir.co.uk/resources/). There are different versions of these Guidance Notes, and in this case please refer to the most recent version. Please note that the joint Liquidators have also provided further information about an office holder's remuneration and expenses in our practice fee recovery sheet, which is enclosed at Appendix 3.

## JOINT LIQUIDATORS' 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.

### Category 1 expenses

The Joint Liquidators have incurred the following category 1 expenses in the Liquidation:

Nature of category 1 expense	Amount incurred/ accrued in Reporting Period £	Amount incurred/ accrued in total £	Amount unpaid £
Agents's and Valuers fees	7,571	7,571	Nil
Bank Charges	156	156	Nil
Insurance of Assets	448	448	Nil
Legal fees	455	455	Nil
Insolvency Bond	930	930	930
Land registry	15	15	15
Statutory Advertising	254	254	254
Storage	362	362	362
Total	£10,191	£10,191	1,561

The Joint Liquidators have paid category 1 expenses of £8,630 to 25 March 2022.

The Joint Liquidators have used the following professional advisors in the reporting period:

Professional Advisor	Nature of Work	Basis of Fees
Williams and Partners Limited	Valuer/Auctioneer	Fixed Fee
JMW solicitors	Solicitors	Time costs
EvolveIS Limited	Employment Rights Act specialists	Fixed Fee

WAPL were instructed during the Administration Period to assist in valuing, collecting, storing and disposing of the Company's tangible assets. During the liquidation WAPL have been maintain the costs associated with storing the heritage stock. To date, WAPL's fees and expenses amount to £4,000 and £3,571, respectively and are included within the Receipts and Payments Account. The high level of expenses relates solely to the ongoing monthly storage cost in relation to the heritage stock referred to in the asset section above.

JMW Solicitors LLP ("JMW") were also instructed during the Administration Period to provide legal advice on matters arising during the Administration.

Whilst there have been no matters arising during the Liquidation to date, JMW will be instructed to assist should their expertise be required on any matter arising in the future.

EvolveIS Limited are instructed to assist with the adjudication of the employees' preferential and non-preferential unsecured claims.

The Joint Liquidators' choice of professional advisors was based on the perception of their experience and ability to perform this type of work and the complexity and nature of the assignment. The Joint Liquidators also confirmed that they hold appropriate regulatory authorisations. The Joint Liquidators have reviewed the fees they have charged and are satisfied that they are reasonable in the circumstances of this case and represents value for money.

## LIABILITIES

### Secured Creditors

An examination of the mortgage register held by the Registrar of Companies, showed that the Company has no current charges over its assets.

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

### Preferential Creditors

In accordance with the Statement of Affairs ("SOA") submitted during the Administration, the director estimated total preferential claims of £43,824.

The Company employed 26 staff and it is understood that monies are owed to them in respect of outstanding holiday pay and wages. The outstanding holiday pay and wages of employees are, subject to statutory limits, preferential claims in the Liquidation.

The Redundancy Payments Service ("RPS") have submitted their interim claim of £26,234.

### Crown Creditors

The SOA included £41,978 owed to HMRC. HMRC's claim of £29,789.35 has been received and relates to unpaid direct taxes and VAT.

### Non-preferential unsecured Creditors

The SOA included 47 non-preferential unsecured creditors with an estimated total liability of £4,612,675. The Joint Liquidators have received claims from 18 creditors at a total of £3,238,401. The Joint Liquidators have not received claims from 35 creditors with original estimated claims in the SOA of £280,625.

Claims totalling £32,110,419 have also been received and to connected creditors, deemed connected either by way of common directorship or control.

Included in the claims lodged by creditors are claims in US dollar, Hong Kong dollar, Chinese Yuan Renminbi, and the Euro. the Joint Liquidators have converted those claims into sterling at the following rates to the £, being the Bank of England mid-exchange rate on the date the Company entered Administration:

USD: 1.2952 to the £  
CNY: 8.7592 to the £  
HKD: 10.0378 to the £  
EUR: 1.0954 to the £

In addition to the above, the former employees of the Company also have non-preferential unsecured claims in respect of; arrears of wages, pay-in-lieu of notice and redundancy pay. The RPS have submitted their claim of £48,069 in respect of the above.

## DIVIDEND PROSPECTS

### Preferential Creditors

After taking into account asset realisations, together with fees and expenses incurred to date, together with estimated future realisations, fees and expenses, The Joint Liquidators can confirm that they will be able to pay ordinary preferential creditors in full.

As per the Notice of Intended Dividend to preferential creditors, the deadline for receipts of their final claim (in respect of this dividend), was 7 April 2022. As this deadline has passed, the Joint Liquidators can confirm that a dividend of 100p in the £, will be paid to all known preferential creditors by no later than 7 June 2022.

### Non-preferential unsecured Creditors

After taking into account asset realisations, together with fees and expenses incurred to date, together with estimated future realisations, fees and expenses, the Joint Liquidators can confirm that they will be able to pay a small dividend to non-preferential unsecured creditors.

As per the Notice of Intended Dividend to non-preferential unsecured creditors, the deadline for receipts of their final claim (in respect of this dividend), was 7 April 2022. As this deadline has passed, the Joint Liquidators can confirm that a dividend will be paid to all known preferential creditors by no later than 7 June 2022. The quantum of the dividend is as of yet undetermined as the non-preferential unsecured creditor claims are still in the process of being adjudicated upon.

## 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 Joint Liquidators' 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 Joint Liquidators as being excessive, and/or the basis of the Joint Liquidators' 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 Hudson Weir Limited can be found at <https://www.hudsonweir.co.uk/provision-of-services-regulations/>.

### Complaints

Every endeavour will be made to try to resolve any issues that may arise. However, if any matter is not dealt with to your satisfaction, please refer to our Complaint Policy at: <https://www.hudsonweir.co.uk/provision-of-services-regulations/>.

Should you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact Nicholas Andrew Stratten on 020 7681 6086.

### GDPR

The Hudson Weir Limited GDPR privacy policy can be viewed at [www.hudsonweir.co.uk/privacy-policy](http://www.hudsonweir.co.uk/privacy-policy).

## Ethics

Please also be advised that Joint Liquidators is bound by the Insolvency Code of Ethics when carrying out all professional work relating to an insolvency appointment.

### General ethical considerations

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

### SUMMARY

The Liquidation will remain open the Joint Liquidators investigations have been fully concluded, the first dividends have been paid to the preferential and non-preferential unsecured creditors, and any outstanding third party costs have been paid. The Joint Liquidators estimate that this will take approximately six to nine months and once resolved the Liquidation will be finalised and our files will be closed.

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 Aron Williams on 0207 099 6086, or by email at [aron@hudsonweir.co.uk](mailto:aron@hudsonweir.co.uk).

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'N.A. Stratten'.

Nicholas Andrew Stratten  
Joint Liquidator



Appendix 1 - Receipts and Payments Account

**Aquascutum (1851) Limited**  
**(In Liquidation)**  
**Joint Liquidators' Summary of Receipts & Payments**

Statement of Affairs £	From 26/03/2021 To 25/03/2022 £	From 26/03/2021 To 25/03/2022 £
ASSET REALISATIONS		
Cash at Bank	0.02	0.02
Insolvency Event Dividends	43.51	43.51
Transfer of Funds from Administration	977,003.77	977,003.77
	<u>977,047.30</u>	<u>977,047.30</u>
COST OF REALISATIONS		
Agent's and Valuer's Fees	7,571.49	7,571.49
Bank Charges	78.00	78.00
Bank charges	78.00	78.00
Insurance of Assets	448.00	448.00
Legal Fees	455.00	455.00
Liquidator's Remuneration	75,848.50	75,848.50
Rents	6,000.00	6,000.00
Utilities	777.66	777.66
	<u>(91,256.65)</u>	<u>(91,256.65)</u>
	<u>885,790.65</u>	<u>885,790.65</u>
REPRESENTED BY		
Current Account - Interest Bearing		871,549.02
Vat Control Account		(3,885.76)
VAT Receivable		18,127.39
		<u>885,790.65</u>

## Appendix 2 - Details of Work Undertaken during the Reporting Period

### Administration

This represents the work involved in the routine administrative functions of the case by the office holder and their staff, together with the control and supervision of the work done on the case by the office holder (and their managers). 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.

- Case planning - devising an appropriate strategy for dealing with the case and giving instructions to the staff to undertake the work on the case.
- Setting up electronic case files.
- Setting up the case on the practice's electronic case management system and entering data.
- Issuing the statutory notifications to creditors and other required on appointment as office holder.
- Obtaining a specific penalty bond.
- Convening a decision procedure to seek a decision from creditors to approve an increase to the officeholders' remuneration.
- Supervising the work of advisors instructed on the case to assist in dealing with pension schemes; obtaining reports and updates from them on the work done; and checking the adequacy of the work done.
- Dealing with all routine correspondence and emails relating to the case.
- Opening, maintaining and managing the office holder's estate bank account.
- Creating, 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 the case administrators.
- Preparing, reviewing and issuing annual progress reports to creditors and members.
- Preparing and filing VAT returns.
- Preparing and filing Corporation Tax returns.

### Creditors

**Employees** - The office holder needs to deal with the ex-employees in order to ensure that their claims are processed appropriately by the RPS. The office holder is required to undertake this work as part of their statutory functions.

**Claims of creditors** - the office holder needs to maintain up to date records of the names and addresses of creditors, together with the amounts of their claims as part of the management of the case, and to ensure that notices and reports can be issued to the creditors. The office holder also needs to deal with correspondence and queries received from creditors regarding their claims and dividend prospects as they are received. The office holder is required to undertake this work as part of his statutory functions.

**Dividends** - the office holder has to undertake certain statutory formalities in order to enable him to pay a dividend to creditors. This includes writing to all creditors who have not lodged proofs of debt and reviewing the claims and supporting documentation lodged by creditors in order to formally agree their claims, which may involve requesting additional information and documentation from the creditors.

- Supervising the work of advisors instructed on the case to assist in dealing with employee claims; obtaining reports and updates from them on the work done; and checking the adequacy of the work done.
- Liaising with the RPS regarding employee claims.
- Dealing with creditor correspondence, emails and telephone conversations regarding their claims.

- Maintaining up to date creditor information on the case management system.
- Issuing a notice of intended dividend and placing an appropriate gazette notice.
- Reviewing proofs of debt received from creditors, adjudicating on them and formally admitting them for the payment of a dividend.
- Requesting additional information from creditors in support of their proofs of debt in order to adjudicate on their claims.

Time Entry - SIP9 Time & Cost Summary

AQUA002 - Aquascutum (1851) Limited  
All Post Appointment Project Codes  
From: 26/03/2021 To: 25/03/2022

Classification of Work Function	Partner	Manager	Other Senior Professionals	Assistants & Support Staff	Total Hours	Time Cost (£)	Average Hourly Rate (£)
Admin & Planning	16.10	12.50	14.10	11.70	54.40	20,277.00	372.74
Case Specific Matters	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Creditors and Distributions	2.40	1.50	14.00	3.70	21.60	6,538.00	302.69
Fixed Charge	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Investigations	1.00	0.40	5.70	0.00	7.10	2,389.00	336.48
Pre-Appointment	0.00	0.00	0.10	0.00	0.10	23.50	235.00
Realisation of Assets	5.45	3.90	9.20	0.00	18.55	7,348.50	396.15
Reporting	0.00	4.20	16.60	0.00	20.80	6,170.00	296.63
Trading	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Hours	24.95	22.50	59.70	15.40	122.55	42,746.00	348.80
Total Fees Claimed						0.00	
Total Disbursements Claimed						0.00	

## CHARGE OUT RATES & POLICY REGARDING THE RECOVERY OF EXPENSES PURSUANT TO STATEMENT OF INSOLVENCY PRACTICE 9

The following information applies to all appointments of Insolvency Practitioners acting as:-

Liquidator, Receiver, Administrator or Administrative Receiver of a Limited Company

Trustee in Bankruptcy

Supervisor of an Individual, Company or Partnership Voluntary Arrangement

Administrator under the Insolvent Estates Order

Monitor

When acting as Nominee, the provisions of the Insolvency Act require that the amount of the fees payable to the Office-holder be specified within the Debtor's proposals. Such fees will nevertheless be fixed to take account of the Office-holder's expected time costs arising as referred to below.

### 1. POLICY ON FEES

Fees are either fixed by reference to time costs, or as a percentage of realisations and distributions, or a set amount or any combination of all three. Where fees are agreed on a time cost basis, rates may be varied from time to time, at the sole discretion of the practice, and such changes will be notified in retrospect with each report to Creditors. It is our policy to use as junior grade of staff as compatible with the efficient conduct of the matter in order to ensure costs are kept to a minimum.

#### 1.1. CHARGE-OUT RATES

Where the approved basis of remuneration is on a time costs basis, work undertaken on cases is recorded in 6 minute units in an electronic time recording system. Time properly incurred on cases is charged at the hourly rate of the grade of staff undertaking the work that applies at the time the work is done. Details of charge-out rates effective from 1 April 2021 are as follows:

	Rate from 1 May 2020 Per hour (£)	Rate from 1 April 2021 Per Hour (£)
Directors/Insolvency Practitioners	560	600
Senior Managers and Managers	360-415	370-425
Administrators	140-275	145-285
Secretaries & Support Staff	110	120

Rates vary between individuals, reflecting experience and qualification. Please note that support staff time is charged to the case at the rate indicated. Rates are subject to review annually. Any change in rates will be advised to creditors.

For further information on the manner in which an Office Holder's fees may be fixed, please refer to the guidance notes in relation to fees which can be downloaded from <https://www.hudsonweir.co.uk/resources/>.

## 1.2. FIXED AND % FEES

Where fees are authorised and approved as a fixed fee and/or % fee this fee is to cover the costs incurred by the Insolvency Practitioner and his staff and does not include any additional direct costs.

## 2. RECOVERY OF EXPENSES

An expense is a directly attributable cost to the estate which is neither an office holder's remuneration nor a distribution to creditors or members. Expenses can include disbursements, payments met by the office holder and subsequently recovered from the estate, and are divided into those that do not need approval before they are charged to the estate (category 1) and those that do (category 2).

Category 1 expenses are payments to independent third parties and do not have to be approved prior to payment, but when reporting to the creditors committee and creditors during the course of the liquidation the actual expenses incurred will be compared with the original estimate provided with any material difference explained (e.g. where legal costs rise due to escalated recovery action).

Category 2 expenses are payments to associates, or parties with a professional or personal relationship, or payments which have an element of shared costs. These expenses require approval in the same manner as an office holder's remuneration. This will include any case related travel or subsistence incurred by staff working on this case. Where it is necessary for staff to travel from the office, business mileage may be charged at the HMRC rate of 45p per mile.

An estimate of expenses (including disbursements) is provided to creditors when the basis of the office-holder's fees are approved.

The expenses recovered by the practice are as follows:-

Expenses	Charge
Category 1	
Indemnity Bond	At cost of mandatory cover required in accordance with the Insolvency Act 1986 for each appointment
Insurance of assets	At cost in relation to asset coverage requirements
Company searches	At cost incurred
Statutory Advertising	At cost incurred
External postage	At cost incurred
Category 2	
Mileage (where any staff of office holder of utilises their own vehicle)	45p/mile
Other travel charges	At cost in accordance with internal policy
Subsistence and any other miscellaneous disbursements, where appropriately incurred,	At cost in accordance with internal policy

Some statutory category 1 expenses, such as the bond and statutory advertising, may be paid by the practice in the first instance due to a lack of funds in the estate to enable a direct payment. These disbursements, when recovered, may be considered a category 2 expense as the recovery is a payment to the practice of the IP however they are recovered at cost, plus VAT, as appropriate. Where this is the case, agreement to the recovery of category 2 expenses as authorised is to include these, otherwise, direct costs.

### 3. Specialist Professional Advisors

On occasion it is necessary for the office holder to engage with specialist professional advisers. Professional advisers are selected with regard to the specific requirements and based upon the office-holders professional judgement of their experience and ability to perform the necessary work, the complexity and nature of the assignment and the basis of the fee arrangement with to ensure a fair and reasonable cost to the estate.

Expenses incurred in respect of specialist advisers are subject to independent assessment prior to engagement and reported in accordance with current guidance. Unless a significant personal or professional relationship, that may give rise to a potential threat or conflict, has been identified with any Advisor their costs are regarded as category 1 expenses.

### 4. Use of Subcontractors

It is not our policy to use sub-contractors. If it is necessary to use sub-contractors for the benefit of the estate full disclosure will be provided to creditors in the regular progress report for individual cases with an explanation of the work to be undertaken, why it is necessary and the cost incurred.

#### Appendix 4 – Comparison of time costs incurred with Fees Estimate

Please see below a comparison of the time costs incurred during the Liquidation with the Fees Estimate approved by creditors

Task	Increased Fees Estimate			Actual time costs incurred during the Liquidation			Combined total time costs incurred during the Liquidation and Administration		
	Hours	Hourly rate	Hours	Hours	Hourly rate	Cost	Hours	Hourly rate	Cost
Admin & Planning	443.00	198.89	88,109.00	58.00	372.72	21,617.50	252.58	352.92	89,139.50
Case specific matters	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Creditors & Distributions	399.90	208.37	83,328.00	22.00	302.36	6,652.00	110.48	337.26	37,260.50
Fixed Charge	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Investigations	178.60	215.55	38,497.00	7.60	323.88	2,461.50	141.30	296.86	41,947.00
pre-appt	-	-	-	0.10	235.00	23.50	0.40	227.50	91.00
Realisation of Assets	324.10	214.24	69,436.00	22.25	405.82	9,029.50	115.25	430.43	49,607.00
Reporting	-	-	-	21.00	295.88	6,213.50	87.60	357.87	31,349.50
Trading	312.00	302.86	94,493.00	-	-	-	329.90	298.92	98,613.75
Total	1,657.60	225.54	373,863.00	130.95	351.26	45,997.50	1,037.51	335.43	348,008.25