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Surname	Cowlishaw	
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# **Iresa Limited (in Administration)**

("the Company"/"Iresa")

Progress report to creditors for the period 1 February 2020 to 31 July 2020 pursuant to rules 18.2 to 18.6 inclusive of the Insolvency (England & Wales) Rules 2016 ("the Rules")

Court Case No. 6400 of 2018 High Court of Justice, Business and Property Courts of England and Wales Company Number: 08186664

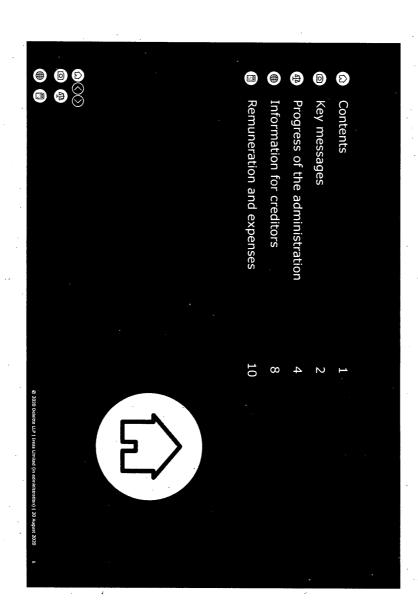
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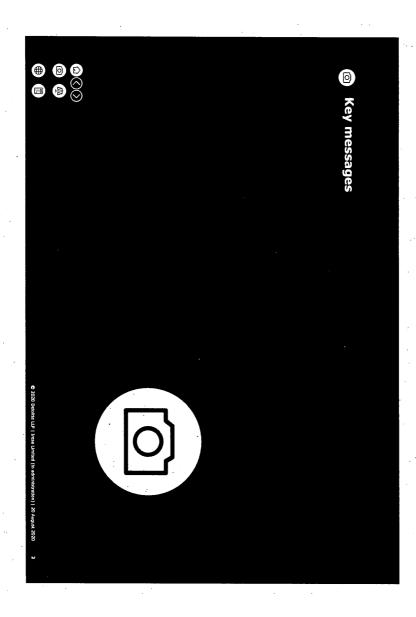
Matthew James Cowlishaw and Daniel James Mark Smith ("the Joint Administrators") were appointed Joint Administrators of Iresa Limited on 1 August 2018 by the Director of the Company, Mr Adeniyi Oluwaseun Oladeji. The affairs, business and property of the Company are managed by the Joint Administrators. The Joint Administrators act as agents of the Company and contract without personal liability. All licensed Insolvency Practitioners of Deloitte LLP ("Deloitte") are licensed in the UK to act as Insolvency Practitioners by the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales.

For the purposes of paragraph 100(2) of Schedule B1 of the Insolvency Act 1986 (as amended), ("the Act"), the Joint Administrators confirm that they are authorised to carry out all functions, duties and powers by either of them jointly and severally.

Council Regulation (EU) No 2015/848 applies and these are the main proceedings as defined in Article 3(1) of that regulation.

20 August 2020





# Key messages

# **Joint Administrators** of the Company

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# Costs

# Commentary

## Purpose of administration

The purpose of the administration is to achieve a better result for the Company's creditors as a whole than a liquidation of the Company. Due to the Supplier of Last Resort ("SOLR") process, the Company's licence to operate was revoked and therefore it was not possible to rescue the Company as a going concern.

# Progress of administration

- As previously reported, shortly before our appointment the Company ceased to trade and all active customers were transferred to Octopus Energy Ltd ("Octopus") under a regulatory process run by the regulator Ofgem, the SOLR process.
- The Joint Administrators have continued to work with Octobus to monitor the level of active customer arrear recoveries and reconciliation of the account. A final reconciliation of costs incurred is currently being undertaken and is almost complete, any funds due will be received from Octopus.
- Corporate Debt Solutions Global Limited ("CDS") have continued to collect inactive accounts with £3 having been collected during the period.
- During the period a further £37 was collected in respect of book debts. Please see page 5 for further details.
- Unsecured creditor claims are being agreed to enable a distribution to be made. During the period an application to Court was made and an order granted to enable payment of the unsecured dividend. Please see page 6 for further details.
- Our fees have been fixed as a set amount of £595k. Please see page 11 for further details.
- We have incurred disbursements of £153 in the report period. Please see page 12 for further
- Third party costs and expenses of £4,612 have been incurred in the report period. Please see page 6 for further details.

### Outstanding matters

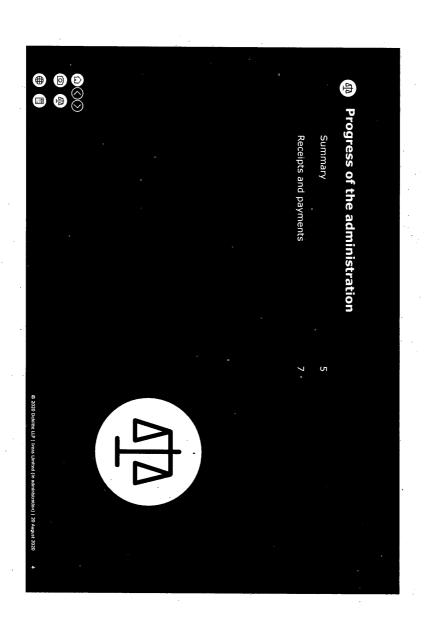
- Agree the final reconciliation of active customer arrears;
- Agree unsecured creditor claims and make a distribution; Complete final tax and VAT returns, obtain tax clearance; and
- Statutory closing procedures.

# Dividend prospects

- The Secured Creditor has been paid in full.
- There are no preferential creditors in the administration as all employees were paid during the administration shut down period.
- Unsecured creditors will be paid an estimated dividend of 20p/£.

### Extension to administration period

- The administration was extended by the creditors on 17 July 2019 for the period of 12 months to 31 July 2020.
- A further extension was granted by the Court on 16 June 2020 and the administration will now end on or before 31 January 2021.
- It is unlikely that any further extension will required. Please see page 9 for further details.



# Progress of the administration

Summary

# Work done during the report period

As previously reported as a result of the SOLR process all active customers were transferred to Octopus prior to the administration appointment.

As such, the Joint Administrators are in the process of finalising the customer account reconciliation with Octopus ahead of making a distribution to unsecured creditors.

### **Customer accounts in Debit**

As at the date of our appointment the Company had a number of pre-appointment customer accounts in debit. Company employees were retained for a period of time following our appointment in order to reconcile customer accounts.

As outlined in the Proposals, these book debts can be classified into two categories.

- Active customer arrears amounts owed by customers who were transferred to Octopus under the SOLR process (i.e, customers of the Company at 1 August 2018); and
- Inactive customer arrears amounts owed by former customers who had left the Company prior to 1 August 2018.

# Active customer arrears

As previously reported, the Joint Administrators sold the active customer arrears to Octopus. The consideration received is a guaranteed minimum amount based on the reconciled account position, plus a subsequent share in any amounts collected over and above an agreed threshold.

In line with the terms of the sale and purchase agreement a final reconciliation of the customer accounts is to be agreed between the Administrators and Octopus based on customer account balances (at 1 August 2019) to determine the final level of collections.

Under the terms of the agreement Octopus have now provided a schedule of final accounts which we are in the process of reconciling.

We expect this to be completed in the next month following delays due to Covid-19. It is anticipated that between £85k and £100k will be due dependent on the outcome of the reconciliation. This is lower than the estimate in our previous report, as we understand Octopus has incurred additional costs, which we are in the process of reviewing as part of the reconciliation.

The agreement with Octopus is expected to provide a better return for creditors, compared to the Joint Administrators directly collecting the arrears, based on valuations and advice received from three debt collection agencies.

### **Inactive customer arrears**

As previously reported, Corporate Debt Solutions – Global Limited ("CDS"), an agency with energy sector collections experience, were appointed on 2 January 2019 to assist us in collecting the balances due from inactive customers. During the period funds of £3 have been received, total realisations are c.£41.6k.

BlueSnap Payment Services Ltd ("Bluesnap") were engaged as the merchant services provider to assist in the collection of customer arrears. To date c.£14k has been collected via this platform.

We do not expect to receive any further receipts as the costs of collection now outweigh the benefit of the receipts to the estate.

# Wind down arrangements

We agreed a Cost Sharing Agreement ("CSA") with Octopus in order to share the costs in retaining employees and associated overhead costs of keeping the Company site operational during the wind-down period in order to undertake account reconciliations.

Octopus have paid c.£106k in relation to their proportion of retained costs during the reporting period.

A final reconciliation of costs incurred is currently being undertaken, any funds due will be received from Octopus.







# Progress of the administration

Summary cont.

# Work done during the report period (cont.)

# IT Infrastructure and leasehold property

One office was being retained to support the IT Infrastructure required to retain the customer account information to support the final customer account reconciliation with Octopus. This was closed on 14 July 2020.

### **Employees**

All of the Company's employees have been made redundant. Iresa's IT manager was contracted as a consultant to manage the IT environment on an ad-hoc basis.

# Sale of technology

During the previous period we were notified of a challenge by a connected party in respect of the sale of the technology for £10k, on the basis that the Company did not own the equipment. This matter has been resolved during the current period and no claim has been pursued.

### Creditors

During the period an application to Court was made and an order granted to enable payment of the unsecured dividend from the administration. On 30 June 2020, a notice of intended dividend for this first and final distribution was issued to creditors, requesting claims be submitted by the last date for proving, being 24 July 2020.

We continue to agree claims and following the reconciliation of costs an estimated dividend of 20p/£ will be paid to unsecured creditors. We anticipate making payment of the dividend in September.

# Statutory tasks

During the period we have carried out the following tasks which primarily relate to fulfilment of statutory and compliance obligations and other tasks of an administrative nature

- Case management actions, including updating the insolvency website for the case, filing and regular diary reviews to ensure compliance matters are dealt with accordingly;
- Statutory reporting, including the preparation of the previous report;

- · Responding to creditor correspondence;
- · Payments and receipts;
- Cashiering functions, including the preparation of monthly bank account reconciliations and various payments and receipts; and
- Interaction with HM Revenue & Customs in respect of VAT and Corporation Tax matters.

These tasks are a necessary part of the engagement but do not generate any direct financial benefit for creditors.

# Third party costs incurred during the report period

The following third party expenses have been incurred during the report period:

Legal Costs: we have instructed Shakespeare Martineau LLP to assist in the following matters.

- General legal advice in relation to the challenge by a connected party in respect of the sale of technology equipment. During the period their fee for doing this work of £750 plus VAT has been paid.
- Fees incurred of £3,767 in respect of work completed drafting the order to extend the period of the administration to 31 January 2021, along with expenses of £95 have been paid in full, plus VAT. Total legal fees incurred and paid amount to £43,516 plus VAT.

Ongoing occupation costs relating to rent, property expenses, IT costs, and telephone costs have been incurred and paid during the period amounting to £40,557 plus VAT. Total costs paid during the period of appointment are shown in the receipts and payments account on page 7.

All costs have been paid, as shown in the receipts and payments account on page 7.

All professional costs were reviewed and analysed in detail before payment was approved.





# Progress of the administration

Receipts and payments

Joint Administrators' final receipts and payments account

01 February 2020 to 31 July 20	020 ·			•
£ .	SoA values	Notes	Period	To dat
Receipts			•	
Sale of technology			-2	10,00
Contribution to Costs			-	3,60
Furniture & Equipment				3,19
Book Debts	3,500,000	Α	37	1,279,96
Cash at Bank	3,245,665	8		3,282,26
Cost Sharing Agreement	3,243,003	č	_	106,57
Bank Interest Gross		D	9,067	23,98
Third Party Cash Receipts		F	3,007	31,12
Inactive Book Debts		-	. 3	41,68
Credit Cover Receipt				45,37
Other Receipts			1	3,24
Bluesnap Inactive Debtors			•	
Total receipts	6,745,665		0.407	14,41 <b>4,845,42</b>
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Payments	•			•
Rent			2,720	28,99
Payment of Funds Received In Error	•	Ε		31,12
Pre Appointment Legal Fees			-	9,73
CDS Payments			-	7,45
Pre-appointment Administrators' Exper	ises			12
Pre Appointment Legal Expenses			-	19
Pre-appointment Administrators' Fees		•	-	58,63
Administrators' Fees	. •		150,000	595,00
Administrators' Expenses	•		2,655	3,15
Agents'/Valuers' Fees.				3,83
Legal Fees			4,517	43,51
Legal Expenses			95	ġ
rrecoverable VAT		F	65	Ė
Other Professional Costs				1,29
Felephone Telex & Fax			1.478	7,93
Ransom Payments	•		-,	1,08
Storage Costs•			325	79
Postage & Redirection				61
Statutory Advertising			-	8
Bluesnap Commission			-	81
Other Property Expenses				1,00
Nages & Salaries			_	197,21
Employer's Nat. Ins.			ξ,	35,33
Bank Charges			8	21
T Server Costs .			36,369	141,74
Other Payroll Costs			30,303	55
Secured Creditor Distribution			•	
Total payments		-	100 221	48,84
otal payments		-	198,231	,419,48
Balance			7	3,625,93
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A receipts and payments account is provided opposite, detailing the transactions during the report period and also cumulatively for the entire period of our appointment from 1 August 2018 to 31 July 2020.

# Notes to receipts and payments account

A - Book debts include the consideration paid by Octopus in relation to a minimum guaranteed payment and a subsequent share in any amounts collected over and above an agreed threshold. See page 5 for further details.

B - At the date of appointment, the pre-appointment bank balance was £3,282,260 (made up of £3,241,865 cash at bank and £40,079 cash in transit from the Company's merchant services provider).

C - Payment received from Octopus in relation to agreed share in trading costs for employee costs and associated overhead costs of keeping the Company operational during the wind-down period. See page 5 for further details.

D - All funds were held in an interest bearing account. The associated corporation tax on interest received will be accounted for to HM Revenue & Customs.

E – Funds received in error have been repaid as required, further payments will be made once the Octopus reconciliation has been completed.

F - All sums shown opposite are shown net of VAT, which is recoverable and will be accounted for to HM Revenue & Customs in due course. The sum of £65 related to pre appointment VAT and has been posted to irrecoverable VAT during the period.

 ${\sf G}$  – Invoices are logged on an accruals basis. The balance shown represents invoices logged but not yet sent for payment or in the process of being paid.

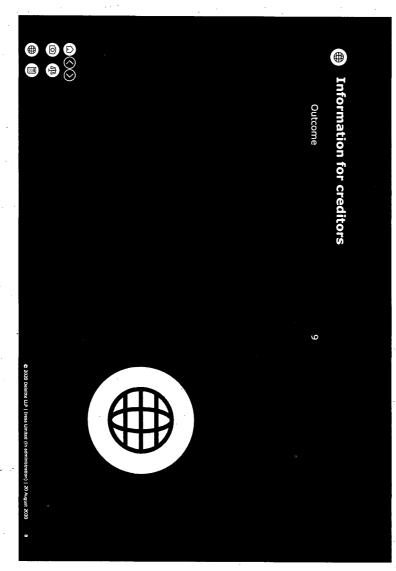
# Rounding note

In preparing this report, figures have been rounded (for presentational purposes only). There may therefore appear to be rounding errors.





Trade Creditors



# Information for creditors

Outcome

### Outcome for creditors

### Secured creditors

The Company's secured creditor, Contract Natural Gas Limited ("CNG"), reconciled their outstanding arrears position due at the date of our appointment, which was reviewed, confirmed and agreed by the Administrators as £48,845.

These amounts are secured by way of floating charge granted by the Company on 17 April 2018. A first and final distribution was paid on 23 November 2018. No further sums are owed to CNG.

# **Preferential creditors**

Preferential creditors consist of amounts owed to the Company's employees for arrears of wages/salaries, holiday pay and pension contributions.

There are no preferential claims in the administration as all employees were paid during the administration shut down period.

### **Prescribed Part**

As CNG, in their capacity as secured creditor, has been paid in full the Prescribed Part will not apply as there will be no remaining creditors secured by way of floating charges.

# **Unsecured creditors**

The Director's statement of affairs shows 137 unsecured creditors with estimated non-preferential claims totalling £5m. The statement of affairs included trade creditors only and excluded customer credit balances; additional claims totalling £24.3m have been received from Ofgem and Octopus. The estimate of c.110 unsecured creditors included within the Proposals (before the statement of affairs was received), was based on management information provided on appointment.

On 30 June 2020, a notice of intended dividend for a first and final distribution was issued to creditors, requesting claims be submitted by the last date for proving, being 24 July 2020.

We have two final claims to agree and, following the reconciliation of costs paid, an estimated dividend of 20p/£ will be paid to unsecured creditors. Claims of c£31m have been received to date from 54 creditors.

### Claims process

### Creditors with debts of £1,000 or less

You do not need to prove your debt for dividend purposes if the amount you are owed, according to the Company's statement of affairs, is £1,000 or less. Instead, we will notify you if funds become available for dividend purposes and provide you with details of the amount at which your claim has been admitted. If you disagree with that amount, you will be provided with an opportunity to notify us of the correct amount.

Please note that should you wish to vote in a decision procedure, you will then need to submit a proof of claim to us.

# Creditors with debts of more than £1,000

Unsecured creditors with claims of more than £1,000 are invited to submit their claims to us either directly via the case website at  $\ \ \,$ 

www.deloitte.com/uk/iresa or by downloading and completing a proof of debt form from the case website and which should be sent to the address on the cover page. Alternatively, a hard copy proof of debt form will be provided free of charge on request.

# Extensions to the administration

The administration was extended by the creditors on 17 July 2019 for the period of 12 months to 31 July 2020. A further extension was granted by the Court on 16 June 2020 and the administration will now end on or before 31 January 2021.

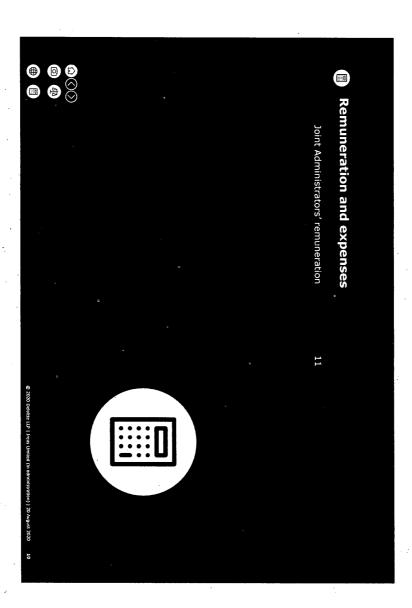
It is unlikely that any further extension will required.

As there will be a dividend to unsecured creditors, permission was sought from the Court to distribute creditor funds in the administration and we will then exit the administration via dissolution being the most appropriate exit route from administration.









# **Remuneration and** expenses

Joint Administrators' remuneration

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"A Creditors' Guide to Remuneration" is available for download at www.deloitte.com/uk/iresa.

Should you require a paper copy, please send your request in writing to us at the address on the cover page and this will be provided to you at no cost.

# **Basis of remuneration**

The basis of our remuneration was fixed on 9 October 2018 by the unsecured creditors as a set fee of £445k plus VAT thereon.

As previously reported, in accordance with rule 18.29, the Joint Administrators sought to change the basis of our remuneration as there has been a substantial change in the circumstances, that were not taken into account when originally fixing it.

Accordingly, we held a decision procedure to fix the basis of our remuneration as a set fee of £595k which was conducted by correspondence and approved on 14 May 2020. Please refer to the website to view our previous report for further details in relation to the substantial change in circumstances.

# Fees drawn to date

We have drawn fees of £595k in full as shown in the receipts and payments account on page 7.









# Remuneration and expenses

Detailed information

# **Category 1 Disbursements**

These are payments made by us direct to third parties and for which no approval is required.

# **Category 2 Disbursements**

These are costs and expenses initially paid by us and which are not generally made to a third party, for example, reimbursement to staff engaged on the case for their mileage costs. These may also include shared or allocated costs.









# Joint Administrators' Disbursements

Details of all disbursements are given below and from which it can be seen that we have recovered our disbursements in full.

### **Category 2 Disbursements**

Specific approval is required before these costs and expenses can to be drawn from the administration estate and was given by unsecured creditors 9 October 2019

Mileage is calculated at the prevailing standard mileage rate of up to 45p used by Deloitte at the time when the mileage is incurred.

Deloitte charges a fixed cost of £500 for each statutory website set up to cover the costs of setting up and maintaining the website, along with the uploading of statutory notifications, reports and other documents to the website for the duration of the appointment.

Category 1 disbursements

£ (net)	Estimate d	Incurred in report period	Total	Paid	Unpaid
Travel	444	•	294	294	•
Subsistence		23	23	23	٠.
Professional Fees	-		57 .	57	-
Postage	-	· 130	136	136	
Statutory Advertising	85		-	-	
Specific Bond	230	•	230	230	. •
Total disbursements	759	153	740	740	<del></del> -

# Category 2 disbursements

£ (not)	Estimated	Incurred in report period	Total	Paid	Unpaid
Mileage	2991		2,572	2,572	
Website set up	500	•	•	•	•
Total disbursements	3,491		2,572	2,572	

# Creditors' right to request information

Any secured creditor or unsecured creditor (with the support of at least 5% in value of the unsecured creditors or with leave of the Court) may, in writing, request us to provide additional information regarding remuneration or expenses to that already supplied within this report. Such requests must be made within 21 days of receipt of this report, in accordance with Rule 18.9 of the Rules.

# Creditors' right to challenge remuneration and/or expenses

Any secured creditor or unsecured creditor (with the support of at least 10% in value of the unsecured creditors or with leave of the Court) may apply to the Court for one or more orders (in accordance with Rule 18.34 of the Rules), reducing the amount or the basis of remuneration which we are entitled to charge or otherwise challenging some or all of the expenses incurred.

Such applications must be made within eight weeks of receipt by the applicant(s) of the progress report detailing the remuneration and/or expenses being complained of, in accordance with Rule 18.34(3) of the Rules.

Please note that such challenges may not disturb remuneration or expenses approved or deemed to be approved under prior progress reports.

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