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Company name in full Zippystitch Maidstone Ltd

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Please complete in typescript or in
bold black capitals.

2 Liquidator's name

Full forename(s) Andrew John

Surname Whelan

3 Liquidator's address

Building name/number Unit 2 Spinnaker Court

Street 1C Becketts Place

Post town Hampton Wick

County/Region Kingston upon Thames

Postcode K T 1 4 E Q

Country

4 Liquidator's name ①

Full forename(s)

Surname

① Other liquidator

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5 Liquidator's address ②

Building name/number

Street

Post town

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Postcode

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② Other liquidator

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6 Period of progress report

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7 Progress report

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8 Sign and date

Liquidator's signature

Signature

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Signature date

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Contact name **Andrew John Whelan**

Company name **WSM Marks Bloom LLP**

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Post town **Hampton Wick**

County/Region **Kingston upon Thames**

Postcode **K T 1 4 E Q**

Country

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ZIPPYSTITCH MAIDSTONE LTD (IN LIQUIDATION)

ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT FOR THE YEAR TO 25 NOVEMBER 2021

19 JANUARY 2022

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Additional Information in relation to the Liquidator's Fees & Expenses

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1 Introduction and Statutory Information

- 1.1 I, Andrew John Whelan of WSM Marks Bloom LLP, Unit 2 Spinnaker Court, 1C Becketts Place, Hampton Wick, Kingston upon Thames KT1 4EQ, was appointed as Liquidator of Zippystitch Maidstone Ltd ('the Company') on 26 November 2019. This progress report covers the period from 26 November 2020 to 25 November 2021 ('the Period') and should be read in conjunction with my previous annual progress report.
- 1.2 Information about the way that we will use and store personal data on insolvency appointments can be found in the Privacy Notice at <http://wsm.co.uk/insolvency/>. If you are unable to download this, please contact us and a hard copy will be provided to you.
- 1.3 The principal trading address of the Company was The Mall, King Street, Maidstone ME15 6AS. The principal trading activity was as a clothing alterations and repairs company. The business traded under the name 'Zippystitch'.
- 1.4 The registered office of the Company is Unit 2 Spinnaker Court, 1C Becketts Place, Hampton Wick, Kingston upon Thames KT1 4EQ. Its registered number is 08286994.
- 1.5 The Company's parent company is Zippy Stitch Ltd (07493934), with which it shares a common director. Two other companies, Zippystitch Reigate Limited (08024512) and Zippy Stitch Sevenoaks Limited (07814255), also share a common director and shareholder. As previously advised, I have also been acting as liquidator for the three aforementioned companies. I issued my final account to creditors on all three of these liquidations during the Period; however, for the reasons explained below, I have been unable to do so in respect of the Company.

2 Progress of the Liquidation

- 2.1 This section of the report provides creditors with an update on the progress made in the liquidation during the Period.
- 2.2 Attached is my receipts and payments account for the Period.

Administration (including statutory compliance & reporting)

- 2.3 An office holder must comply with certain statutory obligations under the Insolvency Act 1986 and other related legislation. Details about the work I anticipated would need to be done in this area was outlined to creditors in my initial fees information issued on 5 December 2019.
- 2.4 As noted in my initial fees information, this work will not necessarily bring any financial benefit to creditors, but is required on every case by statute.

Realisation of Assets

- 2.5 Asset realisations are described in detail in my previous annual progress report.
- 2.6 No further asset realisations have been made during the Period.

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- 2.7 It is not anticipated that the work the Liquidator and his staff have undertaken to date will bring a financial benefit to creditors, as the realisations made are insufficient to meet the costs and expenses of the liquidation.

Creditors (claims and distributions)

- 2.8 Further information on the anticipated outcome for creditors in this case can be found at section 3 of this report. A Liquidator is not only required to deal with correspondence and claims from unsecured creditors (which may include retention of title claims), but also those of any secured and preferential creditors of the Company. This may involve separate reporting to any secured creditor and dealing with distributions from asset realisations caught under their security, most typically a debenture.
- 2.9 Claims from preferential creditors typically involve employee claims and payments made on behalf of the Company by the Redundancy Payments Service following dismissal.
- 2.10 The above work will not necessarily bring any financial benefit to creditors generally, however a Liquidator is required by statute to undertake this work. Similarly, if a distribution is to be paid to any class of creditor, work will be required to agree those claims and process the dividend payments to each relevant class of creditor. The more creditors a company has, the more time and cost will be involved by the Liquidator in dealing with those claims. In this case I have not spent significant time dealing with creditors' claims, as there is little prospect of a dividend being paid.

Investigations

- 2.11 Some of the work the Liquidator is required to undertake is to comply with legislation such as the Company Directors Disqualification Act 1986 ('CDDA 1986') and Statement of Insolvency Practice 2 – Investigations by Office Holders in Administration and Insolvent Liquidations and may not necessarily bring any financial benefit to creditors, unless these investigations reveal potential asset recoveries that the Liquidator can pursue for the benefit of creditors.
- 2.12 My report on the conduct of the Directors of the Company to the Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy under the CDDA 1986 was submitted during the first year of the liquidation and is confidential.
- 2.13 During the Period, no further asset realisations have come to light that may be pursued by me for the benefit of creditors.

Matters still to be dealt with

- 2.14 There are matters still to be resolved with HM Revenue & Customs ('HMRC'), who have repeatedly failed to respond to correspondence during the Period. In particular I am still awaiting a remittance from HMRC in respect of a VAT refund.
- 2.15 Once these issues have been resolved, I shall then take steps to move the liquidation towards closure.

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3 Creditors

Secured Creditors

- 3.1 There are no secured creditors.

Preferential Creditors

- 3.2 The director's statement of affairs estimated preferential claims at £2,694.
- 3.3 I am yet to receive a claim from the National Insurance Fund in respect of payments made to former employees of the Company.

Unsecured Creditors

- 3.4 I have received claims totalling £854,805.16 from 10 creditors. I have yet to receive claims from 9 creditors whose debts total £15,504.42 as per the director's statement of affairs.
- 3.5 The Company did not grant any floating charges to a secured creditor. Accordingly, there is no requirement to create a fund out of the Company's net floating charge property for unsecured creditors, which only applies to charges created after 15 September 2003.
- 3.6 It is not anticipated that there will be sufficient funds to pay a dividend to unsecured creditors.

4 Liquidator's Remuneration

- 4.1 The basis of the Liquidator's remuneration was agreed by creditors as a set amount of £10,000 plus VAT by passing a resolution by correspondence on 9 January 2020. To date, I have drawn no remuneration in respect of this resolution.
- 4.2 The above fee resolution was based on the assumption that the liquidation would be concluded within 12 months. Although this has not been the case, I do not presently anticipate proposing a resolution for any further fees, as there are unlikely to be sufficient funds in the liquidation to meet any further fees approved. However, I reserve the right to do so should realisations subsequently prove sufficient.
- 4.3 In addition, it was resolved at the virtual meeting of creditors held on 26 November 2019 that my pre-appointment fees fixed at £2,500 plus VAT would be drawn from the assets in the liquidation. These fees were drawn in full in the first year of the liquidation.
- 4.4 Attached is additional information in relation to this firm's policy on staffing, the use of subcontractors, expenses, and details of our current charge-out rates by staff grade. Since my appointment, no category 2 expenses have been taken.
- 4.5 A copy of 'A Creditors' Guide to Liquidators' Fees' is available on request or can be downloaded from <http://wsm.co.uk/insolvency/creditors-guides>.

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5 Creditors' Rights

- 5.1 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) may request in writing that the Liquidator provide further information about his remuneration or expenses which have been itemised in this progress report.
- 5.2 Any secured creditor, or an unsecured creditor (with the concurrence of at least 10% in value of the unsecured creditors) may within 8 weeks of receipt of this progress report make an application to court on the grounds that, in all the circumstances, the basis fixed for the Liquidator's remuneration is inappropriate and/or the remuneration charged or the expenses incurred by the Liquidator, as set out in this progress report, are excessive.

6 Next Report

- 6.1 I am required to provide a further report on the progress of the liquidation within two months of the next anniversary of the liquidation, unless I have concluded matters prior to this, in which case I will write to all creditors with my final account.



A J Whelan
Liquidator
19 January 2022

Zippystitch Maidstone Ltd
(In Liquidation)
Liquidator's Summary of Receipts & Payments

| Statement of Affairs £ | | From 26/11/2020 To 25/11/2021 £ | From 26/11/2019 To 25/11/2021 £ |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| | ASSET REALISATIONS | | |
| 3,000.00 | Cash at Bank | NIL | 3,000.00 |
| | | NIL | 3,000.00 |
| | COST OF REALISATIONS | | |
| | Preparation of S. of A. | NIL | 2,500.00 |
| | | NIL | (2,500.00) |
| | PREFERENTIAL CREDITORS | | |
| (2,694.00) | Employee Arrears/Hol Pay | NIL | NIL |
| | | NIL | NIL |
| | UNSECURED CREDITORS | | |
| (332,273.82) | Trade & Expense Creditors | NIL | NIL |
| (3,024.00) | Employees | NIL | NIL |
| (4,062.78) | Banks/Institutions | NIL | NIL |
| (3,098.87) | HM Revenue & Customs PAYE | NIL | NIL |
| (1,915.26) | HM Revenue & Customs VAT | NIL | NIL |
| (216,990.00) | Inter-company payable | NIL | NIL |
| | | NIL | NIL |
| | DISTRIBUTIONS | | |
| (1.00) | Ordinary Shareholders | NIL | NIL |
| | | NIL | NIL |
| (561,059.73) | | NIL | 500.00 |
| | REPRESENTED BY | | |
| | Vat Receivable | | 500.00 |
| | | | 500.00 |

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IN RELATION TO THE LIQUIDATORS' FEES, EXPENSES & USE OF SUBCONTRACTORS

Policy

Detailed below is WSM Marks Bloom LLP's policy in relation to staff allocation and the use of subcontractors, professional advisors and expenses.

Staff allocation and the use of subcontractors

The general approach to resourcing our assignments is to allocate staff with the skills and experience to meet the specific requirements of the case. The constitution of the case team will usually consist of a Partner, a Manager, and an Administrator or Assistant. The exact constitution of the case team will depend on the anticipated size and complexity of the assignment and the experience requirements of the assignment.

We have not utilised the services of any subcontractors in this case.

Professional advisors

We have not used any professional advisors in this case.

Liquidator's Expenses

The following expenses have been incurred during the Period, and have been paid from the WSM Marks Bloom LLP Office Account. These are comparable with the costs estimate provided with my fees information circulated to creditors on 5 December 2019:

| | Cost Estimate £ | Incurred during the prior Period £ | Anticipated further cost £ | Total anticipated cost £ |
|-----------------------|--------------------------------|---|---------------------------------------|---|
| Statutory advertising | 150.00 | 234.50 | Nil | 234.50 |
| Specific penalty bond | 44.00 | 44.00 | Nil | 44.00 |
| Postage | 30.00 | Nil | 30.00 | 30.00 |

Category 1 expenses do not require approval by creditors. The type of expenses that may be charged as a Category 1 expense to a case generally comprise of external supplies of incidental services specifically identifiable to the case, such as postage, case advertising, invoiced travel and external printing, room hire and document storage. Also chargeable will be any properly reimbursed expenses incurred by personnel in connection with the case.

Category 2 expenses do require approval from creditors. These are costs which are directly referable to the appointment in question but are not payments which are made to an independent third party and may include shared or allocated costs that can be allocated to the appointment on a proper and reasonable basis such as internal room hire, or document storage. We would confirm that this firm does not seek to charge any Category 2 expenses.