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# Progress Report to Creditors

11 March 2022

MBI Clifton Moor Limited (In Administration)

Joint Administrators' Progress Report for the period from 16 August 2021 to 15 February 2022

Kroll Advisory Ltd The Chancery 58 Spring Gardens Manchester M2 1EW

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#### 1. Introduction

As you are aware, Philip Duffy and Sarah Bell were appointed as Joint Administrators of the Company on the Appointment Date by order of the Court.

Following the Block Transfer Order passed in the High Court of Justice, Manchester District Registry, Chancery Division, No. 000356 of 2021, Robert Armstrong and Andrew Knowles replaced the Former Joint Administrators on 16 June 2021.

This Progress Report provides an update on the Administration of the Company.

The Joint Administrators have also explained the exit route from the Administration and the outcome for each class of Creditor.

You will find other important information in this final Progress Report such as the costs the Joint Administrators have incurred.

A glossary of the abbreviations and definitions used throughout this document is attached at Appendix 8.

Please also note that an important legal notice about this progress report to Creditors is attached at Appendix 9.



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#### 2. Creditor summary

This Progress Report covers the Reporting Period.

#### **Summary of Proposals**

The purpose of an Administration is to achieve one of the following hierarchical objectives:

- · Rescuing the Company as a going concern, or
- Achieving a better result for the Company's Creditors as a whole than would be likely if the Company were wound up (without first being in Administration), or
- Realising property in order to make a distribution to one or more Secured or Preferential Creditors.

The first objective will not be achieved as there are insufficient funds and assets available to enable the Company to be rescued as a going concern.

The second objective may not be achievable as there is no evidence to suggest that it is likely that a better result for the Company's Creditors as a whole will be achieved than if the Company was wound up

The Joint Administrators are pursuing the third objective as it is anticipated that a distribution will be paid to one or more of the Secured Creditors of the Company following the sale of the Land.

The Joint Administrators Proposals were deemed approved by Creditors on 2 March 2021 without any modifications.

#### Progress to date

The progress of the Administration to date is set out in Section 3 of this report. This section includes updates on the Administration during the Reporting Period.

#### **Outcome for Creditors**

#### **Secured Creditors**

#### **RAH**

In consideration for the monies advanced under a loan facility, the Company granted RAH a debenture on 16 May 2014, which confers fixed and floating charges over all of the assets of the Company.

As at the Appointment Date, the Company's indebtedness to RAH was approximately £212,000 plus accruing interest and charges.

Following a sale of the Land on 3 September 2021, a distribution was made to RAH in the sum of £248,124. This was in full and final settlement of the amount due to RAH and as such, RAH is deemed to have been repaid in full.



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#### Rockbridge

In consideration for the monies advanced under a loan facility, the Company granted Rockbridge a debenture on 21 December 2018, which confers fixed and floating charges over all of the assets of the Company.

There were insufficient funds arising from the sale of the Land to enable a distribution to Rockbridge under its security.

Based on current information, it is uncertain that a distribution will be available to Rockbridge under its security in the Administration from any future realisations.

#### Lienholders

Where an investor has paid substantially all of the purchase price of a lease but not received a completed lease then they may hold an equitable lien in respect of the Land and this is classed as a form of security under the Act.

This matter is being investigated by the Joint Administrators and their Solicitors and should this security be valid, there may be a distribution to these investors from the proceeds of sale of the property if there is a surplus available after costs and after any secured entitlement of RAH. However, based on current estimates, the Joint Administrators are not expecting a distribution to be made to lien holders.

Lien holders will retain their claims in the Administration and these will rank as unsecured claims.

#### **Preferential Creditors**

The Company did not employ any staff and therefore, there are not anticipated to be any preferential claims in the Administration.

#### **Unsecured Creditors**

According to the Joint Administrators' Estimated Financial Position, Unsecured Creditors total £10,793 and balances of £474,211 are due to associated companies.

Unsecured claims of £2,682 have been received since the Appointment Date.

It is uncertain there will be sufficient realisations to enable a distribution to be made to the Unsecured Creditors of the Company.

Unless otherwise stated, all amounts in this Progress Report and appendices are stated net of VAT.

#### 3. Progress of the Administration

This section provides an update on the Joint Administrators' strategy for the Administration and progress to date.

#### 3.1 Strategy and progress to date

The Land has been secured and insured by the Joint Administrators and the Agents have been instructed to provide a valuation and marketing advice in respect of the Land.



Information reviewed by the Joint Administrators to date show that there were 76 investors that purportedly acquired rooms in the proposed care home, all of which did not hold registered leases. The Joint Administrators continue to investigate these agreements and are in correspondence with the Liquidators of MBI Consulting (UK) Ltd to assist with their investigations.

During the Reporting Period, a sale of the Land completed for a sale price of £315,000. Further information is detailed in section 3.2.1.

#### 3.2 Asset realisations

Realisations during the period are set out at Appendix 3.

Summaries of the most significant realisations during the Administration are provided below:

#### 3.2.1 Land

The main asset of the Company is the undeveloped land in Tyldesley, Greater Manchester. The site comprises of the Land which is registered at HM Land Registry under title numbers MAN34746 and MAN34869. The Land has been secured and insured by the Joint Administrators.

The Joint Administrators made an application to Court for permission to sell the Land, notwithstanding the different interests that subsist in the Land from investors and the Secured Creditors.

RAH submitted an application to the Court under Para 43 of Schedule B1 seeking possession of the Land on the basis that it would complete a sale of the Land.

The Joint Administrators consented to the application on the condition that their outstanding costs in preserving and dealing with the proposed sale of the Land be held in an escrow account following any future sale.

During the Reporting Period, RAH successfully completed a sale of the Land in their capacity as mortgagee in possession for a sale price of £315,000. A full and final settlement was agreed by the Joint Administrators with RAH, and the sum of £66,876 was remitted to the Joint Administrators. The Receipts and Payments Account at Appendix 3 shows the full value of the sale price along with the effective distribution to RAH from the sale proceeds.

There were insufficient funds arising from the sale of the Land to enable a distribution to Rockbridge under its security.

#### 3.2.2 Intercompany debts

According to the Company's books and records at the Appointment Date, there are several outstanding debts due to the Company from associated companies in the NPD Group.

As part of the detailed investigations carried out in the Original Administration, a full reconciliation of the intercompany position was completed and the total balance due is £479,000.



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All of the associated companies are in formal insolvency processes, and it is uncertain whether any of the intercompany debts are recoverable.

#### 3.2.3 Original Administration balance

The sum of £2,010 was realised in the Original Administration in respect of a pre-appointment refund due from HMRC.

Following costs of £931 being paid in the Original Administration, the balance of £1,080 remained in the Original Administration estate.

These funds have been transferred into the Administration estate in previous reporting periods.

#### 3.2.4 Investigations

The investigations into the wider NPD group remain ongoing along with assessing recovery actions against former management and third parties and are inclusive of the Company. A further report in this respect may be submitted to the Insolvency Service upon exhaustion of all current avenues of enquiry.

The Joint Administrators have completed the analyses of the companies' bank accounts, to the extent that the required bank statement data could be obtained.

The Joint Administrators' investigations into the activities of the companies and the operation of the various investment schemes are ongoing in that further work continues to be required in the preparation of claims against third parties. In particular, analyses of email data and other communications are continuing.

The Joint Administrators have sought Counsel's advice on the merits of the claims from the ongoing investigations and the information gathered to date. The Joint Administrators have now received Counsel's opinion on certain claims against third parties. The Joint Administrators are assessing this advice with their lawyers and are liaising with litigation funders/insurers to assess these funding options.

As previously advised, the details of the claims remain highly confidential, and the Joint Administrators cannot give exact details of such claims as this may hamper any legal actions. A further update will be provided in the next report.

#### 3.3 Costs

Payments made in the Reporting Period are set out at Appendix 3.

There have been payments made in the Administration since the Appointment Date.

#### 3.3.1 Property Agent's Fees

The sum of £10,100 has been paid to the Agents in relation to the valuation and marketing/sale of the Land which led to the eventual sale to the Purchaser.



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#### 3.3.2 Legal Disbursements

The sum of £9,550 has been paid to Addleshaws in respect of Counsel's fees for assistance with the Paragraph 71 applications, the Paragraph 43 application and for assistance with extending the period of the Administration.

Further legal disbursements of £2,200 are outstanding in relation to the above and will be paid in due course.

#### 3.3.3 Insurance of Assets

The sum of £728 has been paid to Insolvency Risk Services for providing insurance on the Land before this was sold to the Purchaser by the Joint Administrators.

#### 3.4 Fees and expenses

The Joint Administrators have detailed the costs incurred during the Reporting Period, whether paid or unpaid, in the schedule of expenses attached at Appendix 4.

Summaries of the most significant expenses which have been incurred in the period but have not been paid are provided below:

Significant expenses incurred but no	ot paid	
Joint Administrators' time costs	£21,711	Total time costs incurred in the period is £21,711 (see Appendix 5). No remuneration was paid during the Reporting Period. See section 6 or further details in relation to the Joint Administrators' fees.
Joint Administrators' specialist investigations time costs	£2,796	Total specialist investigations time costs incurred in the period is £2,796 (see Appendix 5). No remuneration was paid during the Reporting Period. See section 6 or further details in relation to the Joint Administrators' fees.
Legal fees – Addleshaw Goddard	£44,411	The Company's legal advisors, Addleshaw Goddard has incurred legal fees of £44,411 in assistance with the sale of the Land, negotiating a settlement with RAH and assisting with ad-hoc legal matters that have arisen during the Administration.
Legal disbursements – Counsel's fees	£2,200	Counsel have incurred fees for their assistance with the Paragraph 71 applications and the Paragraph 43 application. The amount outstanding relates to 20% of the total of which £9,550 has been paid as detailed in section 3.3.2.



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Creditors should note that the Joint Administrators are negotiating with RAH with regards to payment of the expenses incurred in the Administration. An update will be provided in the next progress report.

#### 4. Outcome for Creditors

#### 4.1 Secured Creditors

#### RAH

In consideration for the monies advanced under a loan facility, the Company granted RAH a debenture on 16 May 2014, which confers fixed and floating charges over all of the assets of the Company.

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#### Rockbridge

In consideration for the monies advanced under a loan facility, the Company granted Rockbridge a debenture on 21 December 2018, which confers fixed and floating charges over all of the assets of the Company.

Based on current information, it is unlikely that a distribution will be available to Rockbridge under its security in the Administration.

#### Lien Holders

Where an investor has paid substantially all of the purchase price of a lease but not received a completed lease then they may hold an equitable lien in respect of the Land and this is classed as a form of security under the Act.

Based on current information, a distribution is not available to the Lien Holders under its security in respect of the Land.

Lienholders will retain their claims in the Administration and these will rank as unsecured claims.

#### 4.2 Preferential Creditors

The Company did not employ any staff and therefore there are not anticipated to be any preferential claims in the Administration.

#### 4.3 Unsecured Creditors

According to the Joint Administrators' Estimated Financial Position, Unsecured Creditors total £10,793 and balances of £474,211 are due to associated companies.

Unsecured claims of £2,682 have been received since the Appointment Date.



Following a sale of the Land, it is unlikely there will be sufficient realisations to enable a distribution to be made to the Unsecured Creditors of the Company, other than via the Prescribed Part, if any.

Unless otherwise stated, all amounts in this Progress Report and appendices are stated net of VAT.

#### 4.4 Prescribed part

As detailed above, the Company granted a floating charge to RAH and Rockbridge on 16 May 2014 and 21 December 2018 respectively and therefore the Prescribed Part provisions will apply.

Given Rockbridge has not received a distribution from the sale of the Land, it will have to rely upon its floating charge to receive a distribution from the Company. Therefore, the Prescribed Part will apply.

The quantum and timing of any Prescribed Part distribution is dependent on the level of future floating charge realisations and the costs of the Administration.

Based upon current estimates, it is anticipated there will be insufficient funds to enable a Prescribed Part distribution to Unsecured Creditors.

A further update will be provided in the Joint Administrators' next progress report.

#### 5. Other matters

#### 5.1 Decision procedure

A decision is not being sought from creditors as part of this report.

#### 5.2 Creditors' Committee

A Creditors' Committee has not been established in the Administration.

#### 5.3 Joint Administrators' Receipts and Payments account

A detailed Receipts and Payments Account for the Reporting Period is shown in Appendix 3 together with a cumulative account for the whole of the Administration.

#### 5.4 Creditors' rights

Further information regarding the remuneration and expenses of the Joint Administrators, including Creditors' rights to challenge such costs is provided at Appendix 7, Statement of Creditors' Rights.



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#### 6. Fees, Expenses and Pre-Administration costs

#### 6.1 Fees and expenses

#### 6.1.1 Time costs

It was proposed that the Joint Administrators' fee basis was based on time costs and remuneration will be drawn on the basis of time properly given by the Joint Administrators and their staff in accordance with the revised fee estimate and Kroll's usual charge-out rates for work on this nature

As previously detailed, the Joint Administrators proposed to seek approval for their remuneration from the Secured Creditors. This may include investors where an investor has paid substantially all of the purchase price of a lease but not received a completed lease as they may hold an equitable lien and this is classed as a form of security under the Act.

The amount proposed to be drawn in fees by the Joint Administrators over the life of the case will be calculated and provided in due course. The total amount estimated effectively acts as a cap on the level of fees to be drawn by the Joint Administrators (although amended estimates can be circulated later but will be subject to additional approval by the relevant parties).

The Joint Administrators have made an application to Court for the approval of Current Administration remuneration. The order of Chief Insolvency and Companies Court Judge Briggs made in June 2021 (detailed below) directed that this application be heard at the same time as the application made in the Original Administration. If you would like details of that hearing please contact the Joint Administrators to request this.

Time has been charged in six-minute units. Details of the time charged for the Reporting Period are attached at Appendix 5.

Time costs incurred in the Reporting Period total £21,711 which represents 59 hours at an average hourly rate of £367.

Time costs incurred over the life of the Administration total £62,332 which represents 172 hours at an average hourly rate of £363.

Specialist investigations time costs incurred in the Reporting Period total £2,796 which represents 5 hours at an average hourly rate of £608.

Specialist investigations time costs incurred over the life of the Administration total £9,240 which represents 17 hours at an average hourly rate of £537.

These costs are within the estimate provided in the Joint Administrators' Statement of Proposals.

In accordance with SIP 9, the Joint Administrators have provided further narrative detail of the time costs incurred at Appendix 6.

Creditors will note that Appendix 5 includes time incurred during this Administration which was erroneous posted to the Original Administration time code. The time incurred has been included in the figures detailed above. The Administrators will arrange for this time to be transferred to the new time code imminently.



#### **Original Administration**

Total time costs incurred in the Original Administration total £168,987. No fees were drawn in the Original Administration and as previously advised the Joint Administrators with the assistance of Addleshaws, made an application to Court for the approval of the basis of the Joint Administrators' fees and fee estimate.

The application made a further request of the court to make provision for how to fix the quantum of the Joint Administrators' fees. The Joint Administrators were legally obliged to make the application as the relevant Creditors did not approve the fee estimate despite the Joint Administrators offering to agree their fees on a reduced basis. At the time of the retrospective appointment of the Administrators the Court also ordered that such fee approval applications were to be made by 29 January 2021.

An initial one-hour directions hearing took place on 15 June 2021 and, in line with the Joint Administrators' request, the Court adjourned the applications so that they can be considered on an efficient basis next year once more information regarding the outcome of the Administration is known. These applications will now be listed for a further directions hearing on the next available date after 7 March 2022. That hearing will consider whether the investigations work that the Joint Administrators have carried out should be considered separately to the case specific work in each Administration and whether the court should hear the fee approval application made in each Administration together or whether each company should be considered separately. As set out above, the application made in the Current Administration will also be heard at the same time as these matters are dealt with.

As Creditors are aware there are extensive investigations being carried out across the whole of the NPD Group, the adjournment will provide sufficient time to not only allow for assets to be realised but also for litigation claims against the NPD Group's advisors to be progressed.

The Court ordered that the costs of the application rank as an expense of the Administration. It also ordered that Philip Duffy and Sarah Bell will be discharged from liability as Administrators in the Original Administration at the same time as the Joint Administrators are discharged from liability in this Administration.

The Joint Administrators will provide further updates as and when this matter has progressed. Under the order made by the court, Creditors are entitled to request details from the Joint Administrators of future hearings relating to this matter (noting that at present no hearings are scheduled to be heard before Spring 2022).

#### Joinder application

At the hearing on 15 June 2021, some 50 plus investors represented by Alastair Dobbie of Shortlands made an application to be joined as parties to the Joint Administrators' fee approval applications. Following adverse judicial comment from Chief Insolvency and Companies Court Judge Briggs, this application was withdrawn and a costs order was made against Shortlands' clients in favour of the Joint Administrators which was subsequently paid by Shortlands' clients during the period to which this report relates. The purpose of the Shortlands application had been for one or a small number of investors to be appointed as representatives of all investors or categories of investors across the NPD group and for their costs, in particular the legal costs of Shortlands, to be paid as an expense of the Administration, in priority to the claims of Creditors.



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During the course of the hearing, counsel instructed by Shortlands, revised the application so that a representation order was sought in respect only of the (then) 52 clients he represented. He confirmed however, that his clients only wished to proceed with the application on the condition that their legal costs were paid as an expense of the Administration.

The judge found that the Shortlands application was misconceived and without legal basis. He considered that the condition that Shortlands' clients' costs should be paid as an expense of the Administration was objectionable to the system of class remedy in insolvency proceedings as it would allow those investors to jump ahead of other Creditors in the order of priority to the extent of an unknown amount of costs.

#### 6.1.2 Fees

No remuneration has been drawn by the Joint Administrators during the Reporting Period.

#### 6.1.3 Expenses

Expenses are any payments from the Administration which are neither an Administrator's remuneration nor a distribution to a creditor or member. Expenses also include disbursements. Disbursements are payments which are first met by the Administrator and then reimbursed to the Administrator from the Administration.

Expenses are divided into those that do not need approval before they are charged to the Administration (Category 1) and those that do (Category 2).

Category 1 expenses are payments to persons providing the service to which the expense relates who are not an associate of the Administrator.

Category 2 expense are payments to associates or which have an element of shared costs and require approval from Creditors in the same manner as the Administrator's remuneration, whether paid directly from the estate or as a disbursement.

The Joint Administrators provided in their Proposals report to Creditors an estimate of expenses for the Administration, totalling £94,480. This was for information purposes only and could possibly change over the course of the Administration.

Appendix 4 details the current update of the expenses estimate.

Creditors should also note that the expenses incurred in the Original Administration will rank as an expense in this Administration. As such, Appendix 4 also details the cumulative expenses incurred in the Original Administration.

Appendix 4 also details the expenses incurred and paid for the Reporting Period and the whole of the Administration to 15 February 2022.

In the Reporting Period, Category 1 expenses of £56,879 were incurred of which £20,378 have been paid.

In the same period, no Category 2 expenses were incurred or paid.



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For the whole period of the Administration to 15 February 2022, Category 1 expenses incurred totalled £321,571 of which £20,378 have been paid.

In the same period, no Category 2 expenses were incurred or paid.

Creditors should note that after further consultation with Hewlett Swanson regarding their time costs incurred, these figures have been revised to nil over the life of both this Administration and the Original Administration.

#### 6.1.4 Additional information

Also attached at Appendix 6 is a narrative summary of the work carried out to assist Creditors in understanding the progress of the Administration, the associated costs and expenses of the related activities and the financial benefit to Creditors.

Details of how to obtain further information relating to the fees and expenses of the Joint Administrators is set out in Appendix 7.

#### 6.2 Pre-Administration costs

Pre-Administration costs are fees, charges and expenses incurred by the Joint Administrators or their firm, or another person qualified to act as an insolvency practitioner, before the Company entered Administration but with a view to it doing so.

The Joint Administrators have not incurred any pre-Administration costs or expenses.

#### 7. Future strategy

#### 7.1 Future conduct of the Administration

The Joint Administrators will continue to manage the affairs, the business and the property of the Company in order to achieve the purpose of the Administration. This will include but not be limited to:

- Settling the outstanding expenses incurred in the Administration in relation to the sale of the Land; and
- Completing their investigations into the affairs of the Company and its former management and assessing any claims that the Company may have in this regard.

#### 7.2 Extension of the Administration

An Administration automatically comes to an end after one year, unless an extension is granted by the Court or with the Creditors' consent.

As previously reported, the Joint Administrators applied to the Court to request that the period of the Administration be extended by 12 months to 15 August 2022.

The Court subsequently granted the request to extend the Administration by a period of 12 months on 13 August 2021.



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A notice of the extension is available for viewing and downloading from the Kroll website <a href="https://micro.kroll.com/ukrestructuring">https://micro.kroll.com/ukrestructuring</a>.

If you would prefer to be sent a paper copy, please contact Perry Eleftheriou of this office.

#### 7.3 Future reporting

The Joint Administrators will provide a further progress report within one month of 15 August 2022 or earlier if the Administration has been completed prior to that time.

If you require further information or assistance, please do not hesitate to contact Perry Eleftheriou.

**Robert Armstrong** 

Joint Administrator

The affairs, business and property of the Company are being managed by the Joint Administrators, Robert Armstrong and Andrew Knowles, who act as agents for the Company and without personal liability. Both are licensed by the Insolvency Practitioners Association.



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#### Appendix 1 - Statutory information

Company information

Company and trading name MBI Clifton Moor Limited

**Date of incorporation** 6 November 2013

Registered Number 08763790

Company Director(s) Gavin Woodhouse

Company Secretary None Appointed

**Shareholders** NPD

Registered office Current: Former:

c/o Kroll Advisory Ltd. Unit D2

The Chancery Elland Riorges Link
58 Spring Gardens Lowfields Business Park

Manchester Elland M2 1EW HX5 9DG

Any Other trading names N/a

Administration information

Administration Appointment The Administration appointment granted in High Court of

Justice, 4484 of 2020

**Appointor** Court

Date of Appointment 16 August 2020

Former Joint Administrators Philip Duffy and Sarah Bell

Joint Administrators Rob Armstrong and Andrew Knowles

Original purpose Realising property in order to make a distribution to one or

more Secured or Preferential Creditors.

**Functions** The functions of the Joint Administrators are being exercised

by them individually or together in accordance with Paragraph

100(2) of Schedule B1

Current Administration expiry date 15 August 2022

Prescribed part The Prescribed Part is applicable in this case. It has been taken

into account when determining the dividend prospects for

Unsecured Creditors.

**Application of EC Regulations** EC Regulations apply and these proceedings will be the Main

Proceedings as defined in Article 3 of the EC Regulations.



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#### Appendix 2 – Approved Proposals

That the Joint Administrators continue the Administration to deal with such outstanding matters in relation to the Company as the Joint Administrators consider necessary until such time as the Administration ceases to have effect

That the Joint Administrators do all such other things and generally exercise all of their powers as contained in Schedule 1 of the Act, as they, in their sole and absolute discretion consider desirable or expedient in order to achieve the purpose of the Administration.

That the Joint Administrators, once all outstanding matters have been satisfactorily completed, take the necessary steps to give notice under Paragraph 84 of Schedule B1 of the Act to the Registrar of Companies to the effect that the Company has no remaining property which might permit a distribution to its creditors, at which stage the Administration will cease.

That the Joint Administrators, where they consider that there are funds available to be distributed to the unsecured creditors (other than under the Prescribed Part) take the necessary steps to put the Company into either creditors' voluntary liquidation or into compulsory liquidation as they deem appropriate. It is proposed that the Joint Administrators, currently Philip Francis Duffy and Sarah Helen Bell of Duff & Phelps would act as Joint Liquidators should the Company be placed into creditors' voluntary liquidation. In accordance with Paragraph 83(7) of Schedule B1 to the Act and Rule 3.60(6)(b) of the Rules creditors may nominate a different person as the proposed liquidator, provided the nomination is received at this office prior to the approval of these Proposals. In the absence of such nomination, the Joint Administrators will be appointed Joint Liquidators and in accordance with Section 231 of the Act any act required or authorised under any enactment to be done by the Joint Liquidators is to be done by all or any one or more of them.

#### Notes

Creditors will note that the approved proposals detail the names of the Former Joint Administrators. It is intended that the current Joint Administrators would act as Joint Liquidators of the Company should the Company is placed into Creditors' Voluntary Liquidation.



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Appendix 3 – Receipts and Payments account



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## MBI Clifton Moor Limited (In Administration) Joint Administrators' Summary of Receipts & Payments

Statement of Affairs	From 16/08/2021 To 15/02/2022	From 16/08/2020 To 15/02/2022
£	£	£
SECURED ASSETS		
Freehold Land & Property	315,000.00	315,000.00
•	315,000.00	315,000.00
COSTS OF REALISATION		
Property Agents Fees	10,100.00	10,100.00
Legal Disbursements	9,550.00	9,550.00
•	(19,650.00)	(19,650.00
SECURED CREDITORS	,	·
MJF Pension Trustees - RAH	248,124.00	248,124.00
	(248,124.00)	(248,124.00
ASSET REALISATIONS	,	•
Bank Interest Gross	1.27	1.27
Surplus from Original Administra	ution NIL	1,080.30
·	1.27	1,081.57
COST OF REALISATIONS		
Insurance of Assets	728.00	728.00
	(728.00)	(728.00)
DEDDECENTED BY	46,499.27	47,579.57
REPRESENTED BY		40.040.55
Floating/main current account		43,649.57
VAT Receivable		3,930.00
		47,579.57

### Appendix 4 - Analysis of Expenses Incurred

#### Joint Administrators' Expenses: comparison with estimate

Expenses	Original expenses estimate £	Actual expenses incurred in the Reporting Period £	Actual expenses incurred to date £	Reason for any excess (if the expenses are likely to, or have, exceeded the original estimate)
Agents' fees – Sanderson Weatherall	14,000	10,100	10,100	
Bank Charges	2,000	-	-	
Bonding	225	-	245	An additional £20 of bonding was incurred in the Original Administration which has been carried over as an expense of this Administration.
Insurance - Insolvency Risk Services	8,000	168	728	
Legal costs and disbursements – Addleshaw Goddard	-	46,611	310,410	Addleshaw Goddard have incurred legal fees in dealing with the Court application to extend the Administration, the sale of the Land and assisting with ad-hoc legal matters including negotiating the costs settlement with RAH and its legal advisors that have arisen during the Administration. Such expenses were not detailed on the expenses estimate. This figure also includes costs incurred by Counsel.
Legal costs – Hewlett Swanson	70,000	-	-	
Statutory Advertising	255	-	88	
TOTAL	94,480	56,879	321,483	

#### Notes

The above costs exclude VAT.



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#### Joint Administrators' Expenses: Category 1 and Category 2

Category 1 Expenses			C	urrent period	Cun	nulative period
Company	Activity	Fee Basis	Incurred (£)	Paid (£)	Incurred (£)	Paid (£)
Hewlett Swanson	Legal costs and disbursements	Time costs	-	-	-	-
Addleshaw Goddard	Legal costs and disbursements inc Counsel's fees	Time costs	46,611	9,550	310,410	9,550
Sanderson Weatherall	Agents' fees and disbursements	Fixed fee and % of realisations	10,100	10,100	10,100	10,100
Insolvency Risk Services	Asset insurance	Fixed fee	168	728	728	728
Courts Advertising	Statutory advertising	Fixed fee	-	-	88	-
AON	Bonding	Fixed fee	-	-	245	-
Total			56,879	20,378	321,571	20,378

#### **Notes**

The above costs exclude VAT.

The Joint Administrators' choice of professional advisors was based on their perception of the experience and ability of the respective firms/individuals to perform their work, the complexity and nature of the assignment and the basis of their fee.

Kroll Advisory Ltd, being the employer of the Joint Administrators and the staff working on the Administration, is considered an associate of the Administrators.

It is considered that these expenses are fair and reasonable and proportionate to the Administration.

No Category 2 expenses have been incurred or paid.

NB – after further consultation with Hewlett Swanson regarding their time costs incurred in dealing with the Administration, these figures have been revised as above.



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### Appendix 5 – Analysis of time charged

#### Joint Administrators' Fees

Refer to the table overleaf for a detailed breakdown on the Joint Administrators' time and cost summary in accordance with SIP 9.



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#### ANALYSIS OF TIME COSTS FOR THE PERIOD 16/08/2021 to 15/02/2022

ADM-Admin. - Post Appt.

			Hours		Total	Time	Avg Hourly	
Classification of Work Function	Managing Director	Manager	Senior	Assistant	Support	Hours	Cost £	Rate £
Administration and Planning Case review & Case Diary management	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.15	0.00	1.15	257.50	223.91
Cashiering & accounting	0.00	0.80	0.80	2.75		4.35		
Insurance	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.95			,	
Statutory matters (Meetings & Reports & Notices)	0.00	9.85	0.40	16.55	0.00	26.80	8,304.50	309.87
Strategy planning & control (incl engagement financial control)	0.00	0.00	0.00	8.20	0.00	8.20	1,699.00	207.20
Tax Compliance / Planning	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.90	0.00	1.90	425.00	223.68
Creditors								
Dealings with creditors and employees	0.00	1.90	0.00	1.35	0.00	3.25	1,353.00	416.31
Secured Creditors	1.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.00	750.00	750.00
Realisation of Assets								
Freehold and Leasehold Property	2.20	9.40	0.00	0.00	0.00	11.60	7,243.00	624.40
Total Hours:	3.20	21.95	1.20	32.85	0.00	59.20		366.74
Total Fees Claimed: £	2,400.00	11,690.50	488.00	7,132.50	0.00		21,711.00	

#### ANALYSIS OF TIME COSTS FOR THE PERIOD 16/08/2021 to 15/02/2022

CVL Investigations

Classification of Work Function	Hours					Total	Time	Avg Hourly
	Managing Director	Manager	Senior	Assistant	Support	Hours	Cost £	Rate £
	0.00	4.60	0.00	0.00	0.00	4.60	2,796.00	607.83
Total Hours:	0.00	4.60	0.00	0.00	0.00	4.60		607.83
Total Fees Claimed: £	0.00	2,796.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		2,796.00	

#### ANALYSIS OF TIME COSTS FOR THE PERIOD 16/08/2020 to 15/02/2022

ADM-Admin. - Post Appt.

			Hours			Total	Time	Avg Hourly
Classification of Work Function	Managing Director	Manager	Senior	Assistant	Support	Hours	Cost £	Rate £
Administration and Planning								
Case review & Case Diary management	0.00	0.00	0.00	2.90	0.00	2.90	565.00	194.83
Cashiering & accounting	0.00	1.10	0.80	4.95		6.85		298.47
IPS set up & maintenance	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.75	0.00	0.75	112.50	150.00
Insurance	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.05	0.00	1.05	262.50	250.00
Statutory matters (Meetings & Reports & Notices)	2.00	11.55	0.40	22.45	0.00	36.40	12,186.00	334.78
Strategy planning & control (incl engagement financial control)	0.00	8.60	0.00	15.20	0.00	23.80	7,712.00	324.03
Tax Compliance / Planning	0.00	0.00	0.00	2.00	0.00	2.00	440.00	220.00
Creditors								
Dealings with creditors and employees	0.00	1.90	0.00	4.25	0.00	6.15	2,078.00	337.89
Non Pref Creditors / Employee claims handling	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.20	0.00	0.20	50.00	250.00
Secured Creditors	1.00	0.00	0.00	0.40	0.00	1.40	850.00	607.14
Realisation of Assets								
Freehold and Leasehold Property	4.70	37.90	0.00	2.30	0.00	44.90	26,525.50	590.77
Total Hours:	7.70	61.05	1.20	56.45	0.00	126.40		417.93
Total Fees Claimed: £	5,775.00	34,215.50	488.00	12,347.50	0.00		52,826.00	

#### ANALYSIS OF TIME COSTS FOR THE PERIOD 16/08/2020 to 15/02/2022

CVL Investigations

Classification of Work Function	Hours					Total	Time	Avg Hourly
	Managing Director	Manager	Senior	Assistant	Support	Hours	Cost £	Rate £
	0.00	13.70	0.00	0.00	3.50	17.20	9,239.50	537.18
Total Hours:	0.00	13.70	0.00	0.00	3.50	17.20		537.18
Total Fees Claimed: £	0.00	8,347.00	0.00	0.00	892.50		9,239.50	

#### ANALYSIS OF TIME COSTS FOR THE PERIOD 16/08/2020 to 18/03/2021

ADM-Admin. - Post Appt.

	Hours					Total	Time	Avg Hourly
Classification of Work Function	Managing Director	Manager	Senior	Assistant	Support	Hours	Cost £	Rate £
Administration and Planning								
Case review & Case Diary management	0.50	0.25	0.00	0.50	0.00	1.25	535.50	428.40
Cashiering & accounting	0.00	0.10	0.30	4.95	0.00	5.35	1,009.00	188.60
IPS set up & maintenance	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.90	0.00		289.00	152.11
Statutory matters (Meetings & Reports & Notices)	0.00	2.50	0.00	16.15	0.00	18.65	3,998.50	214.40
Strategy planning & control (incl engagement financial control)	0.00	0.00	0.00	6.20	0.00	6.20	1,178.00	190.00
Tax Compliance / Planning	0.00	0.10	0.00	0.90	0.00	1.00	188.00	188.00
Creditors								
Dealings with creditors and employees	0.00	0.00	0.00	6.35	0.00	6.35	1,575.50	248.11
Secured Creditors	0.00	0.00	0.00	3.85	0.00	3.85	627.50	162.99
Realisation of Assets								
Book debts	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.55	0.00	0.55	104.50	190.00
Total Hours:	0.50	2.95	0.30	41.35	0.00	45.10		210.76
Total Fees Claimed: £	325.00	1,162.50	120.50	7,897.50	0.00		9,505.50	

#### Appendix 6 - Narrative of work carried out for the Reporting Period

The key areas of work have been:

#### SIP 9 narrative for the period 16 August 2021 to 15 February 2022

#### Administration and planning

- Monitoring and reviewing the Administration strategy;
- Briefing staff on the Administration strategy and matters in relation to workstreams;
- Regular case management and reviewing of process including regular team update meetings and calls;
- Meeting with management to review and update strategy and monitor progress;
- Reviewing and authorising junior staff correspondence and other work;
- Dealing with queries arising during the appointment;
- Reviewing matters affecting the outcome of the Administration;
- Allocating and managing staff/ case resourcing and budgeting exercises and reviews;
- Liaising with legal advisors regarding various instructions, including agreeing content of engagement letters; and
- Complying with internal filing and information recording practices, including documenting strategy decisions.

#### Creditors

- Updating the list of Unsecured Creditors;
- Responding to enquiries from Creditors regarding the Administration and submission of their claims;
- Reviewing completed forms submitted by Creditors, recording claim amounts and maintaining claim records; and
- Drafting progress statutory progress reports.
- Providing written and oral updates to the Secured Creditors regarding the progress of the Administration and cases strategy; and
- Filing notice of the extension of the Administration.

#### Investigations

- Managing and reviewing the Company books and records;
- Investigating the affairs of the Company to identify any actions available to the Company against third parties in respect of antecedent transactions or other litigation;
- Obtaining records from third parties;
- Reviewing pre-appointment transactions; and
- Documenting investigations.

#### Statutory and compliance

- Ensuring compliance with all statutory obligations within the relevant timescales:
- Uploading information to the Creditors' Website;
- Drafting and publishing progress reports;



- Reviewing time costs to date and producing analysis of time incurred which is compliant with SIP 9;
- Monitoring the fees estimate; and
- Monitoring the expenses estimate.

#### Cashiering

- Preparing statutory receipts and payments accounts; and
- Renewing bonding and complying with statutory requirements.

#### Asset realisations

- Collating information from the Company's records regarding assets, specifically compiling historical Company records on motor vehicles, records of purchase and part exchange trading on the vehicles;
- Liaising with finance companies in respect of assets subject to finance agreements;
- Liaising with agents regarding the sale of the Land;
- Liaising with third parties regarding costs incurred;
- Reviewing and agreeing invoices; and
- Reviewing costs incurred to ensure recorded accurately.
- Analysing and considering the tax effects of asset sales;
- Working on tax returns relating to the periods affected by the Administrator; and
- Dealing with post appointment tax compliance.

Tax



#### Appendix 7 - Statement of Creditors' rights

Rule numbers refer to Insolvency (England & Wales) Rules 2016 (as amended) Section or paragraph numbers refer to Insolvency Act 1986

If you require a copy of any relevant rule or section, please contact Perry Eleftheriou at Perry.Eleftheriou@kroll.com.

#### Information for Creditors on remuneration and expenses of Administrators

Information regarding the fees and expenses of Administrators, including details of the expenses policy and hourly charge out rates for each grade of staff that may undertake work on this case, is in a document called "Administration: A Creditor's Guide to Insolvency Practitioner Fees". This can be viewed and downloaded from the website at:

https://www.kroll.com/en-gb/services/restructuring-advisory/creditor-guides-and-employee-fact-sheets

Should you require a copy, please contact this office.

#### Creditors' requests for further information

If you would like to request more information about the Joint Administrators' remuneration and expenses disclosed in this progress report, you must do so in writing within 21 days of receiving this progress report.

Requests from Unsecured Creditors must be made with the concurrence of at least 5% in value of Unsecured Creditors (including, the Unsecured Creditor making the request) or with the permission of the Court.

#### Creditors' right to challenge our remuneration and expenses

If you wish to challenge the basis of the Joint Administrators' remuneration, the remuneration charged, or the expenses incurred during the period covered by this progress report, you must do so by making an application to Court within eight weeks of receiving this progress report.

Applications are by Unsecured Creditors (including the Unsecured Creditors making the challenge) or with the permission of the Court.

The full text of the relevant rules can be provided on request by writing to Perry Eleftheriou at Kroll Advisory Ltd, The Chancery, 58 Spring Gardens, Manchester, M2 1EW.



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### Appendix 8 - Definitions

Word or Phrase	Definition
the Act	The Insolvency Act 1986 (as amended)
Addleshaws/Addleshaw Goddard	Addleshaw Goddard LLP, legal advisors dealing with the court application in respect of the sale of the Land owned the Company
the Agents	Sanderson Weatherall LLP, independent agents who were instructed to value and sell the assets of the Company.
the Appointment Date	16 August 2020 being the date of appointment of the Joint Administrators
BEIS	Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy
Block Transfer Order	Block Transfer Order (High Court of Justice, Business & Property Courts in Manchester CR-2021-MAN-000356) obtained on 16 June 2021 which provided for the formal substitution of Philip Duffy and Sarah Bell from office and the appointment of the Joint Administrators.
Category 1 Expenses	The Joint Administrators' expenses, in dealing with the Administration, to persons providing the service to which the expense relates and who are not an associate of the Administrator. These expenses can be paid without prior approval
Category 2 Expenses	The Joint Administrators' expenses, in dealing with the Administration, to associates or where there is an element of shared costs. Such expenses require approval by creditors before payment
the Company	MBI Clifton Moor Limited (In Administration) (Company Number: 08763790)
the Director	Gavin Woodhouse – sole director of the Company
EC Regulation	EC Regulation on Insolvency Proceedings 2000
the Former Joint Administrators	Philip Duffy and Sarah Bell of Kroll
Hewlett Swanson	Hewlett Swanson Limited, legal advisors who have provided legal advice in respect of investigations into the Company, the wider NPD Group and the investment schemes
HMRC	HM Revenue and Customs
the Joint Administrators	Robert Armstrong and Andrew Knowles of Kroll



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Kroll Advisory Ltd., The Chancery, 58 Spring Gardens, Mancheste M2 1EW	
Freehold and leasehold land at the South East Side of Elliot Stree Tyldesley, Manchester. Title numbers MAN34746 and MAN3486	
Northern Powerhouse Developments Limited (In Administration (Company Number: 09940469)	
The group of companies associated with NPD	
16 August 2019 to 15 August 2020	
Pursuant to Section 176A of the Act where a floating charge created after 15 September 2003 a designated amount of the Company's net property (floating charge assets less costs realisation) shall be made available to Unsecured Creditors	
Robert Ashley Hall & MJF Pension Trustees, the holder of a fixe and floating charge over the Company's assets	
Rockbridge Lending Limited, the holder of a fixed and floati charge over the Company's assets	
The Insolvency (England & Wales) Rules 2016 (as amended)	
16 August 2021 to 15 February 2022	
RAH and Rockbridge	
Statement of Insolvency Practice 9 – Industry best practice Insolvency Practitioners in relation to disclosure of remunerat and disbursements	



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#### Appendix 9 – Notice about this report

This report has been prepared by Robert Armstrong and Andrew Knowles, the Joint Administrators of the Company, solely to comply with their statutory duty to report to Creditors under the Insolvency (England and Wales) Rules 2016 on the progress of the Administration, and for no other purpose. It is not suitable to be relied upon by any other person, or for any other purposes, or in any other context.

This report has not been prepared in contemplation of it being used, and is not suitable to be used, to inform any investment decision in relation to the debt of any financial interest in the Company or any other company in the same group.

Any estimated outcomes for Creditors included in this report are illustrative only and cannot be relied upon as guidance as to the actual outcomes for Creditors.

Any person that chooses to rely on this report for any purpose or in any context other than under the Insolvency (England and Wales) Rules 2016 does so at their own risk. To the fullest extent permitted by law, the Joint Administrators do not assume any responsibility and will not accept any liability in respect of this report to any such person.

Robert Armstrong and Andrew Knowles are authorised to act as insolvency practitioners by the Insolvency Practitioners Association.

The Joint Administrators are bound by the Insolvency Code of Ethics.

The Joint Administrators act as agents for the Company and contract without personal liability. The appointments of the Joint Administrators are personal to them and, to the fullest extent permitted by law, Kroll Advisory Ltd does not assume any responsibility and will not accept any liability to any person in respect of this Progress Report or the conduct of the Administration.



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