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# Joint Administrators' progress report for the period 24 November 2022 to 23 May 2023

Simple Energy Limited – (in  
Administration) (the 'Company')

22 June 2023

Deemed delivered: 23 June 2023

# Notice to creditors

This progress report provides an update on the administration of the Company.

We have included (Appendix 2) an account of all amounts received and payments made since the date of our appointment up to 23 May 2023.

We have also explained our future strategy for the administration and how likely it is that we will be able to pay each class of creditor.

You will find other important information in this progress report such as the costs which we have incurred to date.

A glossary of the abbreviations used throughout this document is attached (Appendix 6).

Finally, we have provided answers to frequently asked questions and a glossary of insolvency terms on the following website, [www.ia-insolv.com/case+INTERPATH+SLB2583759.html](http://www.ia-insolv.com/case+INTERPATH+SLB2583759.html). We hope this is helpful to you.

**Please also note that an important legal notice about this progress report is attached (Appendix 7).**

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# 1 Executive summary

This progress report covers the period from 24 November 2022 to 23 May 2023.

As previously reported, we explored with the Company's management the possibility of transferring, or 'hiving down', the technology assets and product and technology teams of the Company to a subsidiary entity (the 'Hive-down'). The Hive-down option was explored in order to seek to protect the value of the technology platform for the Company, preserving that technology platform in the subsidiary entity and allowing for the shares of that subsidiary to be sold at a later date. The development of the Hive-down was also considered to be an important factor in the continued provision by the Company of the services under the Transitional Services Agreement ('TSA') with Bulb Energy Limited (in energy supply company administration) ('Bulb UK'), as there was a material concern that absent some longer-term future for the technology platform, key IT staff were likely to leave the Company, potentially adversely affecting the servicing of Bulb UK's customers. A transaction which provided the prospect for future success for the technology platform was deemed to be the best remaining option to maximise the outcome in the Company for the benefit of its stakeholders.

The Hive-down was completed on 16 November 2022 with the subsidiary being named Simple Energy Technology Limited, which later changed its name to Zoa Technologies Limited ('Zoa'). The Company and Zoa entered into a back-to-back Transitional Services Agreement ('Back-to-back TSA') under which Zoa provides access to the technology platform and the Product and Technology employees to the Company as required so that the Company can continue to provide the relevant services under the TSA to Bulb UK.

The sole Secured Creditor, Sequoia IDF Asset Holdings S.A ('Sequoia'), who has security over the assets transferred to Zoa, agreed to support the sale of the Company's assets to Zoa on the basis that Yotta Bidco Ltd ('Yotta BidCo', formerly known as Sequoia BidCo, a subsidiary of Sequoia), was granted a call option, giving it the right to acquire the shareholding of Zoa held by the Company. This transaction was documented through a Call Option Agreement and exercised on 3 March 2023.

The call option agreement includes a profit share arrangement pursuant to which amounts may be payable to the Company if a sale by Yotta BidCo of its interests in Zoa is made within 12 months of the call option being exercised. As the Call Option Agreement was entered into with a connected party (the Secured Creditor of the Company) the Joint Administrators complied with the terms of Statement of Insolvency Practice 13 – Disposal of assets to a connected party. If such a payment were to be received there is a requirement to pay part of it to Bulb UK depending on certain circumstances. We consider it unlikely that anything will be received or paid under these arrangements.

The overall benefit of the transactions with Zoa, Yotta BidCo and the Secured Creditor provides the Company with a better outcome than would otherwise have been achievable, given that the nature of the buyer of the energy supply business, Octopus, meant that they did not require the Bulb technology.

As previously reported, the Hive-down transaction with Zoa resulted in 73 employees transferring to Zoa on 16 November 2022.



On 20 December 2022, over 600 employees TUPE transferred to Bulb UK Operations Limited ('Bulb HiveCo') as part of Bulb UK's Energy Transfer Scheme ('ETS') and sale transaction with Octopus Energy Ltd ('Octopus').

Bulb HiveCo then became a counterparty under the TSA currently between Bulb UK and the Company, and will continue to receive services from the Company until the TSA terminates in accordance with its terms.

The ETS to Octopus previously reported on was approved, however, it was challenged by competitors in the market in February 2023 via a request for a judicial review. This was dismissed by the Court but then appealed by the applicants. The Judicial Review hearing in the High Court ran from 28 February to 2 March 2023. On 31 March 2023, the Court's judgment was issued, dismissing the claims made.

In the period, we worked with our advisor, Russell Cooke, in order to make application to the Home Office for Zoa to hold its own sponsorship licence for those employees who were employed by the Company under its sponsorship licence. We then worked with Russell Cooke so that Company's sponsorship licence could be surrendered.

Whilst a going concern sale of the shares of the Company is unlikely, it is still theoretically possible that a going concern rescue of the Company may be achievable, in the sense of exiting administration on a solvent basis with the creditors repaid in full. As explained in this report, if the company's Secured Creditor were to experience a material reduction in their debt (for example following repayments from Bulb UK, the principal borrower), and/or if the estate benefited from significant collections under the Company's assets (for example a sale of Zoa shares acquired by Sequoia for a material sum within the profit share period), then the Company could return to a solvent position.

Accordingly, the purpose of the administration remains to ascertain if a going concern rescue of the Company is possible, and if this cannot be achieved, the Joint Administrators anticipate that it will be possible to achieve a better result for the Company's creditors as a whole than would be likely if the Company had been wound up without first being in administration through a sale of the Company's business and assets.

Sequoia is the Company's sole Secured Creditor, with fixed and floating charge security over all of the Company's respective present and future assets and undertakings, via debentures granted in favour of BNY Mellon Corporate Trustee Services Limited ('BNY Mellon') as 'Security Trustee'. The overall recovery available to Sequoia remains uncertain (Section 3 - Dividend prospects and dividends paid).

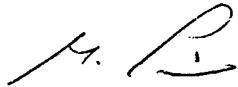
We do not anticipate claims from either ordinary preferential or secondary preferential creditors (Section 3 - Dividend prospects and dividends paid).

During the period, we declared and paid a first dividend to unsecured creditors with agreed claims from sums set aside under the Prescribed Part. This dividend provided unsecured creditors with a return of 81.97p in the £. The position regarding any further distributions to unsecured creditors remains unclear (Section 3 - Dividend prospects and dividends paid).

Following approval by creditors to extend the period of the administration by 12-months the administration is currently due to end on 23 November 2023. As explained in this report, there are a number of ongoing matters in relation to this administration, which we are unlikely to be able to conclude prior to 23 November 2023. Whilst we are considering all available options, it is however likely that we will apply to Court for an

order seeking an extension to the period of the administration (Section 5 – Future Strategy).

Please note: you should read this progress report in conjunction with our previous progress reports and proposals issued to the Company's creditors which can be found at [www.ia-insolv.com/case+INTERPATH+SLB2583759.html](http://www.ia-insolv.com/case+INTERPATH+SLB2583759.html). Unless stated otherwise, all amounts in this progress report and appendices are stated net of VAT.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Pink', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mike Pink  
Joint Administrator

## 2 Progress to date

This section updates you on our strategy for the administration and on our progress to date. It follows the information provided in our previous progress reports.

### 2.1 Strategy and progress to date

#### Strategy

As set out in our progress report dated 2 December 2022, the primary strategy of the administration was to continue trading in administration (benefiting in particular from a TSA negotiated with the special administrators of Bulb UK) whilst seeking to ascertain the feasibility of a going concern rescue of the Company. In the period, following the sale of Bulb HiveCo to Octopus, Bulb HiveCo was added as a counterparty to the TSA, and we continue to trade in administration with Bulb HiveCo.

Whilst a going concern sale of the shares of the Company is unlikely, it is still theoretically possible that a going concern rescue of the Company may be achievable, in the sense of exiting administration on a solvent basis with the creditors repaid in full. If the company's Secured Creditor were to experience a material reduction in their debt (for example following repayments from Bulb UK), and/or if the estate benefited from significant collections under the Company's assets (for example a sale of Zoa shares acquired by Sequoia within the profit share period), then the Company could return to a solvent position.

Accordingly, the purpose of the administration remains to ascertain if a going concern rescue of the Company is possible, and if this cannot be achieved, the Joint Administrators anticipate that it will be possible to achieve a better result for the Company's creditors as a whole than would be likely if the Company had been wound up without first being in administration through a sale of the Company's business and assets.

#### Sale of Business

As previously reported, we explored with the Company's management the possibility of transferring or 'hiving down', the technology assets of and product and technology teams of the Company to a subsidiary entity (the 'Hive-down'). One of key drivers of this option was the need to retain and motivate the key staff that operated the systems that the Bulb UK and Octopus TSA arrangements depended on. Without that, there was a material risk that the IT would degrade to a point where the TSA could not be serviced and royalties due to the Company ceased.

The Hive-down comprised:

1. The creation of a new subsidiary company, now Zoa;
2. A sale of:
  - a. The Company's intellectual property rights in the technology platform that had been developed by the Company to support the Bulb UK business, to

Zoa, such rights to initially remain subject to the Secured Creditor's fixed charge security; and

- b. Up to twelve months of future software licence royalties under the back-to-back TSA, explained below, to be equal to the royalties received in respect of that period by the Company under the Bulb UK TSA. This does not include the brand royalties which continue to accrue to the Company;
3. Upfront and deferred consideration payable by Zoa to the Company for the Hive-down, with the Company putting Zoa in funds to pay the upfront consideration through an intercompany loan;
4. The call option agreement includes a profit share arrangement pursuant to which amounts may be payable to the Company if a sale by Yotta BidCo of its interests in Zoa is made within 12 months of the call option being exercised. As the Call Option Agreement was entered into with a connected party (the Secured Creditor of the Company) the Joint Administrators complied with the terms of Statement of Insolvency Practice 13 – Disposal of assets to a connected party. If such a payment were to be received there is a requirement to pay part of it to Bulb UK depending on certain circumstances. We consider it unlikely that anything will be received or paid under these arrangements.
5. The Company's Product and Technology employees TUPE transferring to Zoa on the date of the Hive-down;
6. An incentive plan was agreed by the Company and the Secured Creditor for Zoa's management team and employees; and
7. The Company and Zoa entering into a back-to-back TSA under which Zoa provides access to the technology platform and the Product and Technology employees to the Company as required so that the Company can continue to provide the relevant services under the TSA to Bulb UK.

The Hive-down transaction between the Company and Zoa completed on 16 November 2022. £8.3 million was realised as initial consideration in connection with the sale. As the transaction was with a connected party the Joint Administrators complied with the terms of Statement of Insolvency Practice 13 – Disposal of assets to a connected party.

As previously reported, the Secured Creditor agreed to support the sale of the Company's assets to Zoa on the basis that Yotta BidCo was granted a call option, giving it the right to acquire the shareholding of Zoa held by the Company. This transaction was documented through a Call Option Agreement.

Yotta BidCo acquired this call option for £1 on 16 November 2022. The call option could have been exercised anytime until 19 November 2023. This call option was exercised on 3 March 2023.

On this date Yotta BidCo acquired the entire shareholding which the Company owned in Zoa.

As a result of the call option, Yotta BidCo put Zoa in funds to make the following payments to the Company (i) the intercompany receivable in respect of the Initial consideration owed to the Company by Zoa to be repaid; and (ii) the Secured Creditor released its fixed charge security over Zoa's assets, triggering payment by Zoa of the deferred consideration of £3 million referred to above.

The realisations of £3 million and the £8.3 million have been utilised by the Company to reduce the amount due to the Secured Creditor.

## Trading

As previously reported, we entered into a TSA with the Joint Energy Administrators of Bulb UK in respect of the employees, software and brand which allowed the Company to continue to trade. Following the Bulb UK transaction with Octopus, as at 20 December 2022, the services previously provided to Bulb UK are now made to Bulb HiveCo.

The TSA also covers a contribution to the Company's professional fees, including legal fees and payroll services and the Joint Administrators' time costs.

## Employees

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In the period, we worked with our advisor, Russell Cooke, in order to make application to the Home Office for Zoa to hold its own sponsorship licence for those employees who were employed by the Company under its sponsorship licence. We then worked with Russell Cooke so that Company's sponsorship licence could be surrendered, which was no longer required.

## Overseas subsidiaries

The Company was the ultimate shareholder of three overseas trading subsidiaries – Bulb France SAS ('Bulb France'), Bulb Energía Ibérica S.L.U. ('Bulb Spain'), and Bulb US LLC ('Bulb US'). These subsidiaries were held by an intermediate holdco in the group, Bulb International Holdings Limited ('BIHL').

As previously reported, Bulb Spain was sold to a Spanish energy supply company on 30 December 2021 and Bulb France (now called Bcomollf SAS) entered insolvent liquidation on 1 February 2022.

We have continued to work in conjunction with BIHL to support the remaining group companies.

Bulb France remains wholly owned by BIHL until it is dissolved.

Bulb US sold certain customers, customer lists and related customer agreements to a US energy supply company and ceased to trade in October 2022. Bulb US paid c.£0.5 million due to the Company – this was £0.3 million of expenses that the Company paid on behalf of Bulb US and £0.2 million of Administrators' time costs.

As a result of lower energy prices, Bulb US may have a claim for increased expenses during the period of higher energy prices and may be entitled to a refund from the relevant state authority as a result. Until this position is known, Bulb US will not be liquidated.

Bulb US Inc is the parent company of Bulb US LLC and will remain in place until the position of Bulb US is finalised.

#### Intercompany

The Company has an intercompany balance with Bulb UK, a claim for which will be made in the Bulb UK administration. The Company has made distributions to and will be making distributions to Sequoia under its security. As Bulb UK was the primary borrower and the Company was the guarantor, the Company has a claim against Bulb UK for these distributions. The realisable value of the claim depends on the outcome of Bulb UK. The Bulb Spain transaction will enable us to recover a small proportion of the intercompany debt through the proceeds held on behalf of BIHL, the majority of the value will go to Bulb UK. The Company has not received any dividend from the Bulb France insolvency process and does not expect to. Realisations for the Company from Bulb US will not be known until the position on the potential refund to it is resolved.

#### Pre-administration VAT

As previously reported, we continue to work with KPMG LLP's ('KPMG') Legal team in pursuing a VAT appeal with HMRC, which the Company commenced prior to entering into administration. The appeal relates to approximately £1.3 million of output tax to June 2021. A Tribunal Hearing has been scheduled for mid-July 2023 after which the matter will be concluded.

We will provide creditors with a high-level update in our future progress reports.

Further information in relation to creditor approval to pay KPMG Legal for work undertaken is set out in Section 4.1 and Appendix 5.

Minority shareholding in Virmati Energy Limited ('Virmati')

As previously reported, the Company holds a minority shareholding in Virmati Energy Limited ('Virmati'). The value of these shares is commercially sensitive. The Joint Administrators are in regular dialogue with the founder of Virmati and will continue to monitor its performance, in order to determine the appropriate time and strategy for disposal.

## **2.2 Asset realisations**

Realisations during the period are set out in the attached receipts and payments account (Appendix 2).

Summaries of the most significant realisations during the period are provided below.

Sale of Zoa

This was achieved by non-cash consideration as described above.

Royalty – Property rights/Patents

In the reporting period, we have received a further £10.5 million representing royalty fees for the licensing of the Company's brand and software to Bulb UK, for the period to 23 May 2023. Of this, £9.6million has been paid to Zoa, as part of the deal agreed for the licence of software.

To date, we have received £31.5 million in royalty fees.

Professional costs recharge per Bulb TSA

Professional costs including those of the Joint Administrators totalling £1.4 million have been received in the period from Bulb UK for the period 24 November 2021 to 20 December 2022, and £0.3 million from Bulb HiveCo for the period 21 December 2022 to 24 February 2023 in line with the TSA. There is £0.3 million of outstanding amounts due to be received from Bulb UK in relation to the period.

Overseas subsidiaries – recharges and funding

Following the sale of Bulb Spain, it was agreed that the Company would continue to license its brand and provide certain shared services for a short period whilst the business was fully transitioned to the purchaser – this included items such as billing system support, finance and regulatory support as well as other technology operating expenditure software incurred by the Company. The provision of such services was governed by a transitional services agreement between the Company and Bulb Spain (the 'Bulb Spain TSA').

A recharge of £0.5 million was received from Bulb US in consideration of costs paid by the Company on behalf of Bulb US.

We have recharged costs to BIHL in respect of costs paid on behalf of Bulb Spain and Bulb France, totalling £0.3 million.

## 2.3 Receipts

Trust account funds for employee costs

We continued to invoice Bulb UK on a monthly basis for employee costs payable by the Company in line with the terms of the TSA until the transaction between Bulb UK and Octopus was completed on 20 December 2022. From this date, we began invoicing Bulb HiveCo on a monthly basis for employee costs payable by the Company in line with the terms of the TSA.

To date, we have received £55.0 million (inclusive of £5.3 million held in trust on appointment), from Bulb UK, of which £8.3 million was received in the reporting period, and £3.3 million from Bulb HiveCo, all of which was received in the period.

As these funds do not represent estate assets, any surplus trust account funds held at the end of the administration will be repaid to Bulb UK (less any amounts owed to the Company at the time of transfer) in accordance with the terms of the TSA.

Since completion of the Hive-down, costs related to the provision of technology services from employees at Zoa will be subject to recharge from Bulb UK and Bulb HiveCo via the Company. There is therefore a net zero impact to the estate.

Funds received on behalf of subsidiary (held to its account)

The Joint Administrators received in a prior period on BIHL's behalf EUR 3.7 million representing consideration for the sale of Bulb Spain. As BIHL did not have a bank account at the time of the transaction, the Company's Joint Administrators agreed to hold the funds on behalf of BIHL as shareholder of Bulb Spain. We continue to hold the EUR 3.7 million on behalf of BIHL.

These funds are held expressly to the instruction of BIHL and will be distributed under the direction of BIHL in due course. These funds do not represent an asset realisation in the estate.

This sum is shown in the Euro receipts and payments account at Appendix 2.

## 2.4 Costs

Payments made in this period are set out in the attached receipts and payments account (Appendix 2).

Summaries of the most significant payments made during the period are provided below.

Wages & Salaries, PAYE & NIC

We have paid £6.6 million in wages and salaries in the period. PAYE and NIC of £4.3 million has been paid in line with statutory deadlines. To date, we have paid £33.8 million in wages and salaries. We have paid £19.5 million of PAYE and NIC.



## Legal fees

We have paid approximately £2.1 million in legal fees in the period. This largely comprises legal costs paid to Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer LLP ('Freshfields') for their work in advising the Joint Administrators on all aspects of the Company's insolvency, including key workstreams such as the Zoa transaction, negotiating the TSA, the sales process and asset realisation strategies, the Company's overseas subsidiaries, and employee related matters. The remaining balance of legal fees mainly relates to Pinsent Masons LLP's work in relation to overseas subsidiaries and also their assistance with the Zoa transaction. The Joint Administrators review the quantum and appropriateness of the legal fees on a regular basis. To date, total legal fees are approximately £5.1 million.

## Professional fees

Professional fees of £0.3 million have been incurred in the period, and to date £1.2 million, in respect of suppliers used in the set-up and monitoring of Zoa. This includes market and sector advice, legal advice and payroll costs for Zoa.

## Bulb International Holdings Limited – cost

As set out above we have been working in conjunction with the intermediate holding company of the overseas subsidiaries, BIHL, and the respective management teams to assess the investment value and how the overseas businesses fit into the overall strategy of the administration.

BIHL, a holding company only and not itself in an insolvency process, does not have a bank account and, as such, the Company has agreed to meet certain costs of BIHL and the overseas subsidiaries until the respective processes for the overseas businesses are complete.

We have paid £0.1 million in respect of directors' and legal costs in the respective jurisdictions whilst assessment of the options is being considered within this period.

Total costs to date attributed to BIHL costs, not including legal time, is £0.6 million.

## Agents'/Valuers' fees

In the period we have paid approximately £0.3 million in agents'/valuers' fees. This figure comprises largely costs paid to Lazard & Co. Ltd in respect of the joint marketing for sale of the Company and Bulb UK's businesses in 2022.

The remaining costs relate largely to fees for processing of the monthly payroll.

To date, total agents'/valuers' fees are approximately £1.3 million.

## 2.5 Schedule of expenses

We have detailed the costs incurred during the period, whether paid or unpaid, in the schedule of expenses attached (Appendix 3).

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

#### Employee costs

Employee costs incurred but not yet paid which relate to the period comprise wages and salaries of £0.5 million, PAYE and NIC totalling £0.1 million.

#### Legal fees

Freshfields have outstanding legal costs of approximately £0.1 million, which relates primarily to advice in respect of the Hive-down, call option and proposed Bulb UK transaction with Octopus, in addition to general ad-hoc advice.

## **3 Dividend prospects**

### **3.1 Secured creditors**

Sequoia is the Company's sole Secured Creditor, in respect of a facility agreement between (among others) Sequoia as lender, BNY Mellon as Security Trustee, Bulk UK as borrower, and the Company (among other Group entities) as guarantor.

At the time of our appointment Sequoia were owed circa £55 million (plus interest which continues to accrue) by Bulb UK; Sequoia has a guarantee from the Company for this amount.

In the period, as a result of the hive-down and sale of Zoa, we have made a further distribution of £9.9 million to Sequoia from floating charge realisations and £1.5 from fixed charge realisations; this brings total distributions to date to £25.4 million.

The overall recovery available to Sequoia remains uncertain.

### **3.2 Ordinary preferential creditors (employees)**

We are not aware of any ordinary preferential claims against the Company.

### **3.3 Secondary preferential creditors**

We are not aware of any secondary preferential claims against the Company.

### **3.4 Unsecured creditors**

The unsecured claims have been agreed at £682,000.

A dividend to unsecured creditors of 81.97p in the £ was declared on 19 May 2023 and paid immediately thereafter. Please note as this payment falls into the next reporting period it does not show on the receipts and payments account included at Appendix 2.

The amount distributed to unsecured creditors by way of the Prescribed Part, after deduction of costs and expenses directly associated with the agreement of unsecured claims and making the distribution, was £558,772.50.

The position regarding any further distributions to unsecured creditors remains unclear.

## 4 Joint Administrators' remuneration and expenses

Approval for the basis of our remuneration was previously obtained from the unsecured creditors.

However, it became apparent during the previous period that we would exceed our initial fees estimate. Accordingly, we obtained approval from the unsecured creditors to draw additional remuneration of £ £4,045,812.78, bringing total approved remuneration to £9,768,180.

### Time costs

From 24 November 2022 to 23 May 2023, we have incurred time costs of £1,576,281. These represent 2,372 hours at an average rate of £665 per hour.

From the date of our appointment to 23 May 2023, we have incurred time costs of £9,642,016. These represent 12,835 hours at an average rate of £751 per hour.

Please see detailed analysis of time spent and a narrative description of the work performed (Appendix 5) and in our previous progress report.

### Remuneration

During the period, we have drawn floating charge remuneration of £2.1 million.

### Administrators' Expenses

During the period, we have incurred expenses of £80,102. This includes £78,462 of time costs incurred by KPMG Legal which represents time spent by them in assisting us with the VAT appeal. Further details of payments to KPMG Legal are detailed in Section 4.1.

In the period £126,458 was paid to KPMG Legal, of which £47,996 relates to time costs incurred by them in the prior reporting period.

### Additional information

We have attached a revised expenses estimate at Appendix 4. Our estimated expenses have increased due to additional legal work and professional fees incurred with the monitoring of Zoa and the continuing uncertainty of various aspects of the case including the Bulb estate.

We have also attached (Appendix 5) an analysis of the time spent, the charge-out rates for each grade of staff and the expenses paid directly by Interpath for the period from 24 November 2022 to 23 May 2023, along with our charging and expenses policy.

## **4.1 Payment to KPMG**

As previously advised, and as summarised in Section 2 above, we have engaged KPMG Legal to assist us in relation to the appeal with HMRC with a view to realising further VAT repayments for the Company's estate.

Up until 4 May 2021, the Joint Administrators and their staff were employees of KPMG.

Whilst KPMG Legal is no longer part of the same organisation as the officeholders, and not considered to be an associate for the purposes of SIP 9, for transparency, payments will be subject to the same disclosure and approval as the Joint Administrators' Category 2 expenses. Time incurred by KPMG Legal has been based on an arm's length agreement and will be paid and disclosed separately.

During the previous period, creditors provided approval for us to pay KPMG Legal for time spent by them and their in-house Counsel, up to the cost estimate provided of £365,000 plus VAT and disbursements. To date, fees of £176,458 have been paid to KPMG Legal.

# **5 Future strategy**

## **5.1 Future conduct of the administration**

We 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:

- Pursuing the most appropriate realisation strategy for the Company's assets;
- Managing compliance, stakeholder relationships and receipts and payments relevant to the TSAs;
- Managing the finalisation of the realisation process of the assets of Bulb US and amounts due from other affiliates, including monitoring the position of the potential refund due to Bulb US and Bulb UK in relation to decreased energy process and the subsequent impact of this on the Company;
- Progressing the appeal against an assessment raised by HMRC prior to administration;
- Monitoring the performance of Virmati, determining the appropriate time and strategy for disposal and pursuing the realisation of the asset;
- Determining and implementing a strategy for the disposal of the trademark and domain intangible assets owned by the Company;
- Completing administration corporation tax and VAT returns for the relevant periods from our appointment;

- Maintaining ongoing discussions with Bulb UK relating to tax losses and the general outturn from the Bulb estate to the extent they may have a bearing on the Company;
- Making distributions to the Secured Creditor (when funds allow);
- Payment of administration expenses, including our remuneration and KPMG Legal's costs as a Category 2 expense, in line with approvals from creditors;
- Categorisation of books and records received in line with the Joint Administrators' duties, inclusive of a storage and destruction plan of those records;
- Submitting an application to Court seeking approval to extend the period of the administration beyond 23 November 2023 if appropriate;
- At the appropriate time, determine and implement the administration exit strategy; and
- Complying with statutory and compliance obligations.

## **5.2 Extension of the administration**

The administration was previously extended by 12-months by approval of the unsecured creditors and is presently due to end on 23 November 2023.

As explained in this report, there are a number of ongoing matters in relation to this administration, which we are unlikely to be able to conclude prior to 23 November 2023. Whilst we are considering all available options, it is however likely that we will apply to Court for an order seeking an extension to the period of the administration.

If an application to Court is made, and an extension granted, we will make the notice of the extension of the administration available for viewing and downloading on our Portal at [www.ia-insolv.com/case+INTERPATH+SLB2583759.html](http://www.ia-insolv.com/case+INTERPATH+SLB2583759.html). No other notice will be delivered to creditors in this regard.

## **5.3 Future reporting**

We intend to provide a further progress report within one month of 24 November 2023 or earlier should the administration be completed prior to that time.

## Appendix 1      Statutory information

Company name	Simple Energy Limited (in administration)
Date of incorporation	6 October 2014
Company registration number	09249540
Present registered office	10 Fleet Place, London, EC4M 7RB
Administration appointment	The administration appointment granted in High Court of Justice Business and Property Courts of England & Wales Insolvency and Companies List (ChD), CR-2021-002191
Appointor	The qualifying floating charge holder, BNY Mellon Corporate Trustee Services Limited, as Security Trustee on behalf of Sequoia IDF Asset Holdings S.A.
Date of appointment	24 November 2021
Joint Administrators' details	Richard Heis, Mike Pink and Andrew Stone
Estimated values of the Net Property and Prescribed Part	Estimated Net Property is £29.6 million. The Prescribed Part is capped at the statutory maximum of £0.6 million. The Prescribed Part has been taken into account when determining the dividend prospects for unsecured creditors (Section 3).
Prescribed Part distribution	The Joint Administrators have declared and paid a dividend under the Prescribed Part.
Functions	The functions of the Joint Administrators are being exercised by them individually or together in accordance with Paragraph 100(2)
Current administration expiry date	23 November 2023

## Appendix 2 Joint Administrators' receipts and payments account

### Simple Energy Limited - in Administration

#### Abstract of receipts & payments

Statement of affairs (£)		From 24/11/2022 To 23/05/2023 (£)	From 24/11/2021 To 23/05/2023 (£)
FIXED CHARGE ASSETS			
	Intellectual property rights (SoFA Uncertain)	NIL	NIL
	Tech asset and sale of royalties to Zoa	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00
	Investment in subsidiaries (SoFA Nil)	NIL	NIL
	Other investments (SoFA Uncertain)	NIL	NIL
		3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00
FIXED CHARGE COSTS			
	Administrators' fees	NIL	(580,243.16)
	Legal fees	NIL	(637,062.46)
	Professional Fees	(250,800.00)	(292,464.14)
		(250,800.00)	(1,509,769.76)
FIXED CHARGE CREDITORS			
(55,000,000.00)	Fixed charge creditor	(1,490,230.23)	(1,490,230.23)
		(1,490,230.23)	(1,490,230.23)
ASSET REALISATIONS			
	Intercompany receivables (SoFA Nil)	NIL	NIL
12,180.00	Other current assets	NIL	NIL
	Call option	1.00	1.00
	Royalty - Property rights/Patents	10,500,000.02	31,500,000.02
9,721,964.00	VAT refunds (pre-app'ent)	NIL	8,902,023.48
4,610,633.00	Cash at bank	NIL	4,610,001.96
	Trust account funds for employee costs	11,596,070.77	54,806,474.40
	Professional costs recharge per Bulb TSA	1,765,269.24	2,971,603.35
		23,861,341.03	102,790,104.21
OTHER REALISATIONS			
	Bank interest, gross	175,369.76	290,365.82
	Overseas subsidiaries - funding	NIL	18,030.10
	Costs recharge per Bulb Spain TSA	NIL	89,028.41
	Overseas subsidiaries - cost recharges	735,952.33	928,032.83
	Wages & salaries - adjustments	3,346.38	6,469.59
	LTO - office recharge	110,000.00	110,000.00
	Transfer of shares to managers	1,750.00	1,750.00
	Tech asset and sale of royalties to SETL	8,311,769.00	8,311,769.00



# Simple Energy Limited - in Administration

## Abstract of receipts & payments

Statement of affairs (£)		From 24/11/2022 To 23/05/2023 (£)	From 24/11/2021 To 23/05/2023 (£)
		9,338,187.47	9,755,445.75
	<b>COST OF REALISATIONS</b>		
	LTO - office costs	(110,000.00)	(110,000.00)
	Wages & salaries - Zoa	(3,097,882.91)	(3,097,882.91)
	PAYE & NIC - Zoa	(997,569.09)	(997,569.09)
	Administrators' fees	(2,122,078.85)	(7,457,645.69)
	Advance of royalties to Zoa	(9,629,032.26)	(9,639,032.26)
	Agents'/Valuers' fees	(257,948.01)	(1,333,246.31)
	KPMG Fees	(126,458.15)	(176,458.15)
	Legal fees	(2,070,759.97)	(4,477,738.15)
	Professional fees	(21,008.97)	(892,300.70)
	Utilities	(1,569.04)	(13,381.13)
	Other costs	(151.00)	(30,890.34)
	Overseas subsidiaries - funding	NIL	(18,493.86)
	Bulb International Holdings Ltd - costs	(80,632.08)	(649,122.73)
	Sub-contractor costs	NIL	(108,650.00)
	Insurance of assets	NIL	(187,213.00)
	Wages & salaries – Bulb UK	(4,577,906.56)	(31,819,050.64)
	PAYE & NIC – Bulb UK	(3,397,064.46)	(18,632,987.16)
	Bank charges	(120.00)	(1,620.00)
	Bulb US LLC receivable	NIL	(3,368.49)
		(26,490,181.35)	(79,646,650.61)
	<b>FLOATING CHARGE CREDITORS</b>		
	Floating charge	(9,821,539.77)	(23,821,539.77)
	Floating charge (2)	(55,397.50)	(55,397.50)
		(9,876,937.27)	(23,876,937.27)
	<b>UNSECURED CREDITORS</b>		
(21,166,497.00)	Trade & expense	NIL	NIL
		NIL	NIL
	<b>DISTRIBUTIONS</b>		
(234,907.00)	Ordinary shareholders	NIL	NIL
		NIL	NIL
<b>(62,056,627.00)</b>		<b>(1,908,620.35)</b>	<b>9,021,962.09</b>
	<b>REPRESENTED BY</b>		

**Simple Energy Limited - in Administration****Abstract of receipts & payments**

Statement of affairs (£)	From 24/11/2022 To 23/05/2023 (£)	From 24/11/2021 To 23/05/2023 (£)
Floating ch. VAT rec'able		5,616,295.58
Floating charge current		9,071,728.35
Fixed charge VAT rec'able		251,793.95
Floating ch. VAT payable		(18,412,150.81)
Floating ch. VAT control		12,494,295.02
		<b>9,021,962.09</b>

**Simple Energy Limited - EURO - in Administration****Abstract of receipts & payments**

Statement of affairs (£)	From 24/11/2022 To 23/05/2023 (£)	From 24/11/2021 To 23/05/2023 (£)
ASSET REALISATIONS		
Shares and investments	NIL	3,652,666.00
	NIL	3,652,666.00
COST OF REALISATIONS		
Transaction costs recharge	(339,390.00)	(339,390.00)
	(339,390.00)	(339,390.00)
	<b>(339,390.00)</b>	<b>3,313,276.00</b>
REPRESENTED BY		
EURO current account		3,313,276.00
		<b>3,313,276.00</b>

Note: These funds are held expressly to the instruction of BIHL and will be distributed under the direction of BIHL in due course. Please refer to the description in Section 2.3 for further information.

## Appendix 3      Schedule of expenses

### Schedule of expenses (24/11/2022 to 23/05/2023)

Expenses (£)	Incurred and paid in the period (£)	Incurred in the period not yet paid (£)	Total (£)
<b>Fixed charge costs</b>			
Administrators' fees	0.00	0.00	<b>0.00</b>
Legal fees	0.00	0.00	<b>0.00</b>
Professional Fees	153,363.62	0.00	<b>153,363.62</b>
<b>Cost of realisations</b>			
LTO - office costs	0.00	0.00	<b>0.00</b>
Wages & salaries - SETL	1,971,134.95	504,653.10	<b>2,475,788.05</b>
PAYE & NIC - SETL	857,962.42	70,898.18	<b>928,860.60</b>
Administrators' fees	2,122,078.85	0.00	<b>2,122,078.85</b>
Intercompany loan (advance of royalties)	8,975,000.00	0.00	<b>8,975,000.00</b>
Agents'/Valuers' fees	254,004.51	0.00	<b>254,004.51</b>
KPMG Fees	78,461.80	0.00	<b>78,461.80</b>
Legal fees	546,821.34	0.00	<b>546,821.34</b>
Professional fees	28,825.77	3,000.00	<b>31,825.77</b>
Utilities	1,113.88	0.00	<b>1,113.88</b>
Other costs	151.00	0.00	<b>151.00</b>
Bulb International Holdings Ltd - costs	80,000.00	0.00	<b>80,000.00</b>
Wages & salaries	849,511.74	0.00	<b>849,511.74</b>
PAYE & NIC	1,657,774.36	0.00	<b>1,657,774.36</b>
Bank charges	120.00	0.00	<b>120.00</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>17,576,324.24</b>	<b>578,551.28</b>	<b>18,154,875.52</b>

Please note that there is a difference between the payments made during the period of £26.8 million (per the receipts and payments account) and the expenses incurred and paid in the period of £17.6 million (per the schedule of expenses).

This is due to the fact that some of the payments made in the period relate to expenses incurred in a prior period.

## **Requests for further information and right to challenge our remuneration and expenses**

Creditors' requests for further information

If you would like to request more information about our 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 our 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 by unsecured creditors must be made with concurrence of at least 10% in value of unsecured creditors (including the unsecured creditor making the challenge) or with the permission of the Court.

The full text of the relevant rules can be provided on request by emailing us at [simpleenergy@interpathadvisory.com](mailto:simpleenergy@interpathadvisory.com) or by writing to the Joint Administrators of Simple Energy Limited at 10 Fleet Place, London, EC4M 7RB.

## Appendix 4 Joint Administrators' revised expenses estimate

Summary of expenses from appointment - total for the Administration				
Expenses (£)	Notes	Estimate as at 23 November 2022 (£)	Revised estimate (£)	Total (£)
Employee costs		65,000,000	65,000,000	65,000,000
Legal fees	1	4,800,000	5,050,000	5,050,000
M&A Adviser fees		1,500,000	1,500,000	1,500,000
KPMG Legal costs		365,000	365,000	365,000
Overseas - legal and adviser fees		200,000	200,000	200,000
IT		200,000	200,000	200,000
Insurance		220,000	220,000	220,000
Contractor costs		108,650	108,650	108,650
Agent's and Valuers' fees		250,000	250,000	250,000
Sundry costs		60,000	60,000	60,000
Professional fees	2	800,000	950,000	950,000
<b>Total</b>		<b>73,503,650.00</b>	<b>73,903,650.00</b>	<b>73,903,650.00</b>
Less: Costs recharged under TSAs or to BIHL		-65,627,000	-65,627,000	-65,627,000
<b>NET TOTAL EXPENSES</b>		<b>7,876,650.00</b>	<b>8,276,650.00</b>	<b>8,276,650.00</b>

### Note 1: Legal fees

Legal fees comprise the costs expected to be incurred during the administration by our lawyers, primarily Freshfields, on a number of matters including advice in relation to: employment matters; TSAs; realising equity interests and realising any other assets; data protection related issues; counsel and Court fees for any other applications to Court; and general matters arising in the administration. This estimate has increased due to additional work undertaken in relation to general administration matters and ad-hoc queries.

### Note 2: Professional fees

Professional fees comprise of costs which directly relate to the sale of business contingency planning work, Zoa set up costs and other matters in relation to monitoring Zoa.

## Appendix 5 Joint Administrators' charging and expenses policy

### Joint Administrators' charging policy

The time charged to the administration is by reference to the time properly given by us and our staff in attending to matters arising in the administration. This includes work undertaken in respect of in-house Interpath Advisory tax, VAT and employee specialists.

Our policy is to delegate tasks in the administration to appropriate members of staff considering their level of experience and requisite specialist knowledge, supervised accordingly, so as to maximise the cost effectiveness of the work performed. Matters of particular complexity or significance requiring more exceptional responsibility are dealt with by senior staff or us.

A copy of "A Creditors' Guide to Joint Administrators Fees" from Statement of Insolvency Practice 9 ('SIP 9') produced by the Association of Business Recovery Professionals is available at:

<https://www.r3.org.uk/technical-library/england-wales/technical-guidance/fees/more/29113/page/1/guide-to-administrators-fees/>

If you are unable to access this guide and would like a copy, please email us [simpleenergy@interpathadvisory.com](mailto:simpleenergy@interpathadvisory.com) or contact Francine Pearlman on 0118 214 5925.

### Hourly rates

Set out below are the relevant hourly charge-out rates for the grades of our staff actually or likely to be involved on this administration. Time is charged by reference to actual work carried out on the administration, using a minimum time unit of six minutes.

All staff who have worked on the administration, including cashiers and secretarial staff, have charged time directly to the administration and are included in the analysis of time spent. The cost of staff employed in central administration functions is not charged directly to the administration but is reflected in the general level of charge-out rates.

### Table of charge-out rates

Managing Director	985	1060
Director	910	980
Senior Manager	810	870
Manager	650	700
Senior Administrator	475	510
Administrator	350	375
Support	165	175

This administration utilises Interpath's Restructuring charge out rates reflecting the complex nature and size of the business. In this particular administration we have entered into a series of TSAs, completed a Hive-down to protect the value of the Company's

technology platform, preserving that technology platform in the subsidiary entity and allowing for the sale of shares of that subsidiary at a later date, in addition to addressing matters arising in the overseas subsidiaries and seeking to maximise realisations from the Company's assets.

The charge-out rates used by us might periodically rise (for example to cover annual inflationary cost increases) over the period of the administration. In our next statutory report, we will inform creditors of any material amendments to these rates.

#### Policy for the recovery of expenses

Where funds permit the officeholders will seek to recover both Category 1 and Category 2 expenses from the estate. For the avoidance of doubt, such expenses are defined within SIP 9 as follows:

*Expenses:* These are any payments which are neither an office holder's remuneration nor a distribution to a creditor or a member. Expenses also includes disbursements which are payments first met by the office holder, and then reimbursed to the office holder from the estate.

*Category 1 expenses:* These are payments to persons providing the service to which the expense relates who are not an associate of the office holder. These may include, for example, advertising, room hire, storage, postage, telephone charges, travel expenses, and equivalent costs reimbursed to the officeholder or his or her staff.

*Category 2 expenses:* These are payments to associates or which have an element of shared costs. They may include shared or allocated costs that can be allocated to the appointment on a proper and reasonable basis, for example, business mileage.

*Associates:* are defined in the insolvency legislation but also extends to parties where a reasonable and informed third party might consider there would be an association between the third party and the office holder or their firm. Included in the summary of expenses table are the costs incurred by KPMG Legal who until 4 May 2021 were part of the same firm as the office holders. On 4 May 2021 KPMG LLP sold its Restructuring business in the UK to Interpath Ltd ('Interpath Advisory'). Whilst we do not consider KPMG are an associate of Interpath Advisory, for transparency, we have obtained approval from the creditors, who approve the office holders' remuneration, to pay KPMG Legal up to the cost estimate provided of £365,000 plus VAT and disbursements.

Category 2 expenses charged by Interpath Restructuring include mileage. This is calculated as follows:

Mileage claims fall into three categories:

Use of privately-owned vehicle or car cash alternative – 45p per mile.

Use of company car – 60p per mile.

Use of managing director's car – 60p per mile.

For all of the above car types, when carrying Interpath passengers an additional 5p per mile per passenger will also be charged where appropriate.

We have incurred the following expenses (excluding VAT) during the period 24 November 2022 to 23 May 2023.

Sundry	1,437.48	NIL	<b>1,437.48</b>
Travel	203.20	NIL	<b>203.20</b>
KPMG Legal	NIL	78,461.80	78,461.80
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,640.68</b>	<b>78,461.80</b>	<b>80,102.48</b>

We have the authority to pay Category 1 expenses without the need for any prior approval from the creditors of the Company.

Category 2 expenses have been approved in the same manner as our remuneration.

Narrative of work carried out for the period 24 November 2022 to 23 May 2023

The key areas of work have been:

Statutory and compliance	posting information on a dedicated web page; ensuring compliance with all statutory obligations within the relevant timescales.
Strategy documents, Checklist and reviews	monitoring and reviewing the administration strategy, including the monitoring of the TSAs and meetings with internal and external; briefing of our staff on the administration strategy and matters in relation to various work-streams; regular case management and reviewing of progress, 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 the various instructions, including agreeing content of formal letters and email communications; complying with internal filing and information recording practices, including documenting strategy decisions.
Reports to debenture holders	providing written and oral updates to representatives of the secured creditor regarding the progress of the administration and case strategy, including updates on the cash position and estimated outcome position.
Cashiering	preparing and processing vouchers for the payment of post-appointment invoices; creating remittances and sending payments to settle post-appointment invoices; preparing payroll payments, dealing with salary related queries; reviewing and processing employee expense requests; reconciling post-appointment bank accounts to internal systems; facilitating foreign receipts; ensuring compliance with appropriate risk management procedures in respect of receipts and payments.
Tax	analysing and considering the tax effects of various sale options, tax planning for efficient use of tax assets and to maximise realisations; working on tax returns relating to the periods affected by the administration; analysing VAT related transactions; discussing with the Joint Energy Administrators of Bulb UK the potential use of group tax losses and working with legal advisors to formalise a tax deed in relation to this; pursuing a potential VAT repayment from HMRC; dealing with post appointment tax compliance.



Shareholders	responding to enquiries from shareholders regarding the administration; providing copies of statutory reports to the shareholders.
General	reviewing time costs data and producing analysis of time incurred which is compliant with Statement of Insolvency Practice 9; drawing remuneration in accordance with the basis which has been approved by the unsecured creditors; dealing with the ongoing storage of Company physical and digital books and records.
Trading	preparing cash flow statements to monitor the cash position; attending to supplier queries and correspondence; dealing with issues in relation to assets required for trading; communicating and negotiating with the Joint Energy Administrators of Bulb UK; applying the rights set out in the TSA; monitoring the flow of funds in relation to the TSA.
Asset realisations	monitoring the intercompany debtor position between the Company and other group companies; monitoring the position of the minority shareholding in Virmarti; obtaining an understanding of the intellectual property, domains and trademarks, held by the Company and exploring options for the realisations of these assets; monitoring overseas subsidiaries.
Sale of business	working with incumbent management of the overseas subsidiaries in the USA in relation to a US government refund; Completion of the Hive-down process; Completion of the TUPE transfer of all employees; Execution of the Call Option Agreement with Sequoia; negotiate non-disclosure agreements with interested parties; working with Zoa following completion of the Hive-down; monitoring the flow of funds in relation to the back-to-back TSA.
Insurance	continued management of insurance cover for the Company's business and assets; assessing the level of insurance premiums and related cover; liaised with insurance brokers to extend the Company's US workers' compensation cover and business insurance to 31 December 2022.
Employees	dealing with queries from employees regarding various matters relating to the administration and their employment; dealing with statutory employment related matters, including statutory notices to employees and making statutory submissions to the relevant government departments; holding employee briefing meetings to update employees on progress in the administration and our strategy; administering the Company's payroll, including associated taxation and other deductions, and preparing PAYE and NIC returns; communicating and corresponding with HM Revenue and Customs;  working with our advisor, Russell Cooke, in order to make application to the Home Office for Zoa to hold its own sponsorship licence for those employees who were employed by the Company under its sponsorship licence;  working with Russell Cooke so that the Company could surrender its sponsorship licence.
Creditors and claims	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, adjudicating claims received and maintaining claim records; agreeing unsecured claims; arranging a distribution to the unsecured creditors by virtue of the Prescribed Part; drafting our progress report.

## Time costs

### SIP 9 –Time costs analysis (24/11/2022 to 23/05/2023)

	Hours	Time Cost (£)	Average Hourly Rate (£)
Cashiering			
Fund management	<b>11.60</b>	3,927.50	338.58
General (Cashiering)	<b>91.65</b>	30,727.75	335.27
Reconciliations (& IPS accounting reviews)	<b>14.60</b>	7,521.50	515.17
General			
Books and records	<b>17.85</b>	15,321.00	858.32
Fees and WIP	<b>160.25</b>	39,046.00	243.66
Engagement management	<b>257.50</b>	201,118.25	781.04
Other office holders	<b>9.10</b>	8,963.50	985.00
Statutory and compliance			
Budgets & Estimated outcome statements	<b>286.15</b>	215,516.00	753.16
Checklist & reviews	<b>5.60</b>	2,980.50	532.23
Closure and related formalities	<b>55.05</b>	5,155.25	93.65
Reports to debenture holders	<b>30.70</b>	31,663.50	1,031.38
Statutory advertising	<b>0.80</b>	560.00	700.00
Strategy documents	<b>52.05</b>	40,433.00	776.81
Tax			
Post appointment corporation tax	<b>215.60</b>	163,433.50	758.04
Post appointment overseas tax	<b>2.50</b>	1,700.00	680.00
Post appointment PAYE (Non-Trading)	<b>5.40</b>	3,510.00	650.00
Post appointment VAT	<b>54.45</b>	43,807.25	804.54
<b>Creditors</b>			
Creditors and claims			
Agreement of claims	<b>15.00</b>	8,780.00	585.33
Agreement of preferential claims	<b>1.10</b>	1,078.00	980.00
Agreement of unsecured claims	<b>27.50</b>	21,101.00	767.31
Creditors Meeting	<b>1.40</b>	1,379.00	985.00
Distributions	<b>83.65</b>	16,840.75	201.32
General correspondence	<b>10.45</b>	7,251.50	693.92
Payment of dividends	<b>15.00</b>	13,721.00	914.73
Pre-appointment VAT / PAYE / CT	<b>0.40</b>	424.00	1,060.00
Secured creditors	<b>29.10</b>	24,042.50	826.20
Statutory reports	<b>134.50</b>	88,899.50	660.96
Employees			

**SIP 9 –Time costs analysis (24/11/2022 to 23/05/2023)**

	Hours	Time Cost (£)	Average Hourly Rate (£)
Agreeing employee claims	0.60	420.00	700.00
Employees	9.80	9,870.50	1,007.19
Employee Correspondence	132.70	66,372.50	500.17
<b>Realisation of assets</b>			
Asset Realisation			
Cash and investments	20.10	20,481.00	1,018.96
Goodwill	15.10	15,413.50	1,020.76
Insurance	9.30	7,419.00	797.74
Intellectual Property	9.40	7,237.50	769.95
M&A process	62.50	55,797.50	892.76
Office equipment, fixtures & fittings	0.30	195.00	650.00
Other assets	1.10	1,158.00	1,052.73
Overseas subsidiaries - monitoring	70.05	59,078.00	843.37
Overseas subsidiaries - sale	3.75	1,533.75	409.00
Pre-appointment tax & VAT refunds	3.80	3,613.00	950.79
Sale of business	9.00	7,777.00	864.11
Zoa subsidiary matters	131.50	115,764.50	880.34
Back-to-back TSA management	62.35	51,743.50	829.89
Trading			
Cash & profit projections & strategy	24.10	13,908.50	577.12
Employee Matters / PAYE	195.40	133,128.00	681.31
Post trading related matters	15.75	1,181.25	75.00
Purchases and trading costs	0.60	591.00	985.00
Sales	2.30	2,370.50	1,030.65
Trading Management	3.10	2,143.50	691.45
TSA management	0.20	182.00	910.00
<b>Total in period</b>	<b>2,371.75</b>	<b>1,576,280.75</b>	<b>664.61</b>

Brought forward time (appointment date to SIP 9 period start date)	10,463.71	8,065,734.85
SIP 9 period time (SIP 9 period start date to SIP 9 period end date)	2,371.75	1,576,280.75
Carry forward time (appointment date to SIP 9 period end date)	12,835.46	9,642,015.60

Please note that there is £28,756 of brought forward time which relates to the previous period which was not previously included within our previous report.

All staff who have worked on this assignment, including cashiers and secretarial staff, have charged time directly to the assignment and are included in the analysis of time spent. The cost of staff employed in central administration functions is not charged directly to the assignment but is reflected in the general level of charge out rates.

All time shown in the above analysis is charged in units of six minutes.

## Appendix 6

## Glossary

<b>BIHL</b>	Bulb International Holdings Limited
<b>Bulb France</b>	Bulb France SAS (now called Bcomollf SAS)
<b>Bulb Spain</b>	Bulb Energia Iberica S.L.U.
<b>Bulb UK</b>	Bulb Energy Limited (in energy supply company administration)
<b>Bulb US</b>	Bulb US LLC
<b>Company</b>	Simple Energy Limited – in Administration
<b>Court</b>	The High Court of Justice Business and Property Courts of England and Wales Insolvency and Companies List (ChD)
<b>ETS</b>	Energy Transfer Scheme
<b>Freshfields</b>	Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer LLP
<b>Group</b>	The Company together with;  Bulb UK, BIHL; and its subsidiaries:  Bulb France, Bulb Spain (until 30 December 2021), Bulb Energy US Inc. and Bulb US
<b>Hive-down</b>	A transfer of the technology assets and product and technology teams of the Company to a subsidiary, Simple energy Technology Limited

<b>Joint Administrators/we/our/us</b>	Richard Heis, Mike Pink and Andrew Stone
<b>Interpath/Interpath Advisory</b>	Interpath Ltd
<b>Joint Energy Administrators</b>	The Joint Energy administrators of Bulb UK, namely Matthew Smith, Matthew Cowlshaw and Daniel Butters, all of Teneo Restructuring Limited
<b>KPMG</b>	KPMG LLP
<b>Lazard</b>	Lazard & Co Limited
<b>Proposals</b>	Statement of Proposals
<b>Secured creditor/Sequoia</b>	Sequoia IDF Asset Holdings S.A.
<b>SETL</b>	Simple Energy Technology Limited, now named Zoa Technologies Limited
<b>Security Trustee / BNY Mellon</b>	BNY Mellon Corporate Trustee Services Ltd
<b>TSA</b>	Transitional Services Agreement
<b>TUPE</b>	Transfer of Undertakings (Protection of Employment) Regulations 2006.
<b>Virmati</b>	Minority shareholding in Virmati Energy Limited
<b>Yotta BidCo</b>	Subsidiary of the Secured Creditor which has acquired the shareholding of Zoa held by the Company as part of the Call Option Agreement, formerly Sequoia BidCo

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