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Full forename(s) Adam
Surname Harris

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Surname Mather

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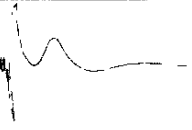
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**Aks International Trading Limited - In Liquidation
("the Company")**

Liquidators' progress report covering the period from 26 October 2018 to 25
October 2019

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AKS International Trading Limited - In Liquidation

Progress Report to Creditors & Members

1. Introduction

- 1.1. This report is prepared pursuant to Rules 18.3 and 18.7 of the Insolvency (England and Wales) Rules 2016, the purpose of which is to provide creditors with details of the progress of the Liquidation during the 12 months to 25 October 2019.
- 1.2. Adam Harris and I were appointed Joint Liquidators of AKS International Trading Limited by the Secretary of State on 26 October 2018. The winding-up order was made on 11 June 2018 in the Manchester District Registry under reference no 2379 of 2018.
- 1.3. We are both authorised to act as Insolvency Practitioners in the UK by the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales.
- 1.4. Identification details relating to the Company and the Liquidators are attached at Appendix A.

2. Liquidators' Receipts and Payments

- 2.1. A summary of receipts and payments covering the period from 26 October 2018 to 25 October 2019 is attached at Appendix B. This confirms that there is an overdrawn balance of £9,488.
- 2.2. The only receipt to date is the debtor's deposit on petition of £1,600. Payments to date comprise of the Company Liquidation administration fee of £5,000 and the Official Receiver's balance of £6,000; along with four ISA quarterly bank charges amounting to £88.

3. Asset Realisations and Details of Progress

- 3.1. There have been no asset realisations made during the period covered by this report.
- 3.2. There were no assets disclosed in the Official Receiver's report to creditors and none have been identified since the appointment of myself and Mr Harris.

4. Investigations

- 4.1. Following my appointment, an information gathering exercise was undertaken which led to the recovery of Company records and information from various sources, including the Official Receiver and the Company's bankers, Lloyds Bank plc.
- 4.2. A review was undertaken of the information delivered to the Official Receiver by the director, which included electronic data for the Company.



- 4.3. A detailed analysis of the Company's bank statements was undertaken, which resulted in a request for further information from Lloyds Bank Plc in respect of numerous transactions. I am yet to receive the information requested in full.
- 4.4. Further to our initial review of the records recovered from the Official Receiver, it appears that the Company was disputing the business rates due to Bradford Council. We will be making enquiries in this regard to establish whether there is a reason to investigate this matter further.
- 4.5. The Company's former accountants were contacted requesting any financial records they may be holding. A response is yet to be received.
- 4.6. Due to the ongoing basis of my investigations and the information I am yet to receive from various sources contacted to date, I will provide a further update on our progress in my next report to creditors.
- 4.7. Creditors are reminded that the statutory obligation to consider the directors' conduct and to submit a return / report to the Insolvency Service under the Company Directors' Disqualification Act 1986 remains with the Official Receiver.
- 4.8. A liquidator is obliged to report any matters of unfit conduct to the Official Receiver where identified and I can confirm that this obligation has been complied with.

5. Estimated Outcome Statement

- 5.1. Due to the ongoing investigations, the level of recoveries that may be made is uncertain and so I have not prepared an estimated outcome statement. In view of this, I am unable to determine the likely return to unsecured creditors at this stage.

6. Liabilities

Secured Creditors

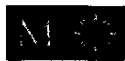
- 6.1. The Company does not have any secured creditors.

Preferential Creditors

- 6.2. Preferential claims arise from arrears of wages and accrued, unpaid holiday pay due to the former employees of the Company who did not receive their full entitlements on redundancy, prior to the Liquidation.
- 6.3. There are no preferential creditors in this case.

Unsecured Creditors

- 6.4. According to the Official Receiver's list of creditors, the Company had four unsecured creditors with debts totalling £114,754.83. I confirm that no further claims have been received to date.



7. Prescribed Part

- 7.1. In accordance with Section 176A of the Insolvency Act 1986, a proportion of the Company's net assets are to be set aside for the benefit of the Company's unsecured creditors where the Company has granted a floating charge after 15 September 2003. This is calculated as being 50% of the first £10,000 of net property and 20% of net property thereafter subject to a maximum fund of £600,000. Net property is defined as being the realisations from assets subject to the floating charge after costs and after settlement of the preferential creditors' claims.
- 7.2. As there is no floating charge, the prescribed part does not apply in this instance.

8. Liquidators' Remuneration

- 8.1. In accordance with Rule 18.16 of the Insolvency (England & Wales) Rules 2016, the basis of my remuneration may be fixed;
- a) as a percentage of the value of the assets which are realised or distributed, or of the one value and the other in combination; or
 - b) by reference to the time properly given by my staff and I in attending to matters arising in the winding-up; or
 - c) as a set amount; or
 - d) as a combination of any one or more of the above.
- 8.2. On this occasion, I am seeking a decision from creditors that my remuneration be fixed by reference to the time properly given by my staff and I in attending to matters arising in the winding-up, subject to my Fees Estimate detailed below.
- 8.3. When requesting fees on this basis I am required to provide creditors with a Fees Estimate, which is attached at Appendix D1 and D2. This provides details in respect of the work my staff and I propose to undertake in respect of this matter.
- 8.4. Creditors will note that the Fee Estimate totals £32,512. This estimate acts as a cap for my fees and I will be unable to take any additional fees without the approval of the general body of creditors.
- 8.5. Costs already incurred amount to £11,056 which represents 49.8 hours at a blended hourly rate of £222.01. A comparison of costs already incurred against my Fee Estimate is provided in the table at Appendix D1. A description of matters already undertaken is provided in Appendix D2.
- 8.6. If I exceed my Fees Estimate of believe it is likely I will do so I will revert to creditors again.
- 8.7. Routine administration of the liquidation has been dealt with by junior staff wherever possible in order to maximise the cost effectiveness of the work performed. These staff have been supervised by senior staff and the Joint Liquidators. Any matter of particular complexity or significance that has required responsibility of an exceptional kind has also been dealt with by senior staff and the Joint Liquidators.

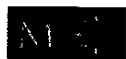


- 8.8. Charge out rates are reviewed annually on 1 September and in common with other professional firms, may increase over the period of the administration of the case. The rates are appropriate to the skills and experience of the team member and the work that they perform. All staff that work on the case, including cashiers, support and any secretarial staff charge their time directly to the assignment. Time is recorded in 6 minute units with supporting narrative to explain the work undertaken.
- 8.9. The charge out rates of the team members employed on the assignment during the period covered by this report and details of changes from previous periods are provided below.

Range (£)	Partner	Director	Manager	Administrator	Cashier
Current charge out rate per hour, effective from 1 September 2019	440-550	390-450	245-400	140-230	100-205
Previous charge out rate per hour, effective from 1 September 2018	550	450	270-375	105-200	80-190

9. Liquidators' Disbursements

- 9.1. I am also seeking the approval of payment of Category 2 disbursements in accordance with the firm's Rate and Disbursement Policy.
- 9.2. Category 1 disbursements: these are payments to independent third parties where there is specific expenditure directly referable to the case and as such can be drawn without prior approval.
- 9.3. Category 2 disbursements: These are costs that are directly referable to the case but not to a payment to an independent third party. They may include shared or allocated costs that may be incurred by the liquidator or his firm, and that can be allocated to the case on proper and reasonable basis.
- 9.4. It is proposed that the following Category 2 disbursements incurred in administering the case will be charged:
- 9.5. Mileage will be charged at relevant Inland Revenue rates, currently 45p per mile.
- 9.6. All other disbursements are to be reimbursed at cost.
- 9.7. We reserve our right to increase the charges applicable to mileage during the course of the case in line with inflation or increased from our suppliers. Any material amendments will be advised to creditors in the next statutory report.



9.8. Disbursements incurred but not yet paid are as follows:

Type of Disbursement	Description	Amount incurred in period (£)
<u>Category 1</u>		
Specific bond	It is a legal requirement that I take out a specific bond in respect of the value of the assets. On the basis the estimated value of recoverable assets was uncertain, the bond paid to JLT Speciality Ltd was £10.00 per Liquidator.	20.00
Statutory advertising	Costs are paid to Courts Advertising for statutory advertising requirements including London Gazette advertisements for notice of the appointment.	84.60
Total Category 1		104.60
<u>Category 2</u>		
	There have been no Category 2 disbursements incurred in the reporting period.	-
Total Category 2		-
Total		104.60

10. Expenses

- 10.1. Details of all expenses incurred during the period of the report and likely future expenses are provided in the Expenses Statement attached at Appendix C.
- 10.2. As noted on the Receipts and Payments account at Appendix B, I have not made payment of any expenses.

11. Creditors' Rights

Further information

- 11.1. I would advise you that pursuant to Rule 18.9 of the Insolvency (England and Wales) Rules 2016, a secured creditor or an unsecured creditor with concurrence of at least 5% in value of the unsecured creditors or an unsecured creditor with permission of the court, may, within 21 days of receipt of this progress report, ask the Liquidators for further information about the remuneration and expenses set out in this progress report.



Apply to Court

- 11.2. Additionally, pursuant to Rule 18.34 of the Insolvency (England and Wales) Rules 2016, a secured creditor or an unsecured creditor with concurrence of at least 10% in value of the unsecured creditors or an unsecured creditor with the permission of the court may, within 8 weeks of the receipt of this progress report, apply to the court on one or more of the following grounds:
- a. That the remuneration charged by the Liquidators, or
 - b. That the basis fixed for the remuneration, or
 - c. That the expenses incurred by the Liquidators,
- is in all of the circumstances, excessive or inappropriate.

Further guidance

- 11.3. Creditors can find additional information on their rights relating to Liquidators' fees in a copy of the publication "A creditors guide to Liquidators' Fees" which is available to download from <https://www.r3.org.uk/media/documents/publications/professional/Liquidations%20Creditor%20Fee%20Guide%20April%202017.pdf> or alternatively will be provided free of charge upon written request to this office.
- 11.4. For further general information regarding a creditor's role throughout an insolvency process, creditors are reminded that they can also visit www.creditorinsolvencyguide.co.uk.

N Mather
Joint Liquidator

Dated 20 December 2019

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APPENDIX A

**Aks International Trading Limited
In Liquidation**

Identification Details

Details relating to the Company

Company name	Aks International Trading Limited
Previous names	N/A
Company number	09948911
Registered office	C/o Mazars LLP, Tower Bridge House, St Katharine's Way, London, E1W 1DD
Trading address	164 Armley Road, Leeds, West Yorkshire, LS12 2TY

Details relating to the Liquidators

Date of appointment	26 October 2018
Liquidators	A Harris and N J Mather of Mazars LLP IP Nos 015454 and 008747
Liquidators' address	Mazars LLP Tower Bridge House, St Katharine's Way, London, E1W 1DD
Liquidators' contact telephone number	020 7063 4000



**AKS International Trading Limited
(In Liquidation)
Joint Liquidators' Summary of Receipts & Payments**

26 October 2018 to 25 October 2019

	£	£
ASSET REALISATIONS		
Deposit on creditors petition	<u>1,600.00</u>	<u>1,600.00</u>
 COST OF REALISATIONS		
Company Liquidation Administration Fee	5,000.00	
OR Balance	6,000.00	
Bank Charges	88.00	
	<u> </u>	(11,088)
		<u><u>(9,488.00)</u></u>
 REPRESENTED BY		
ISA IB		<u>(9,488.00)</u>
		<u><u>(9,488.00)</u></u>

AKS INTERNATIONAL TRADING LIMITED– IN LIQUIDATION
APPENDIX C
EXPENSES STATEMENT

Type of Expenditure	Who expense incurred by and nature of expense	Incurred in current period	Likely future expenses	Total expenses												
		(£)	(£)	(£)												
Professional advisors' costs The officeholder's choice of the professional advisors listed below was based on their perception of the advisors' experience and ability to perform this type of work, the complexity and nature of the assignment and the basis of the fee arrangement with them.																
Other expenses																
Secretary of State Bank Charges	All funds collected in a compulsory winding up must be banked with The Insolvency Service at the Bank of England. A breakdown of the fees charged is as follows: <table><tr><td>Fee</td><td>£</td></tr><tr><td>Quarterly Banking Fee</td><td>88.00</td></tr><tr><td>BACS Payment</td><td>0.15</td></tr><tr><td>Cheque Fee</td><td>1.10</td></tr><tr><td>CHAPS Payment</td><td>10.30</td></tr><tr><td>Unclaimed Dividend Fee</td><td>25.75</td></tr></table>	Fee	£	Quarterly Banking Fee	88.00	BACS Payment	0.15	Cheque Fee	1.10	CHAPS Payment	10.30	Unclaimed Dividend Fee	25.75	88.00	44.00	132
Fee	£															
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BACS Payment	0.15															
Cheque Fee	1.10															
CHAPS Payment	10.30															
Unclaimed Dividend Fee	25.75															
Secretary of State Fee	A fixed fee of £6,000 was levied by the Secretary of State on all cases where the winding up petition was presented after 21 July 2016. The fee contributes towards the costs of administering the cases by the Official Receiver/Insolvency Service.	6,000	-	6,000												
Official Receiver's Costs	The Official Receiver's initial costs of administration must be paid as priority in all cases. In this case the sum of £5,000 has been charged. As £1,600 is deposited with the Official Receiver in respect of the liquidation petition, the balance is £9,400, as shown in the Receipts and Payments Account.	5,000	-	5,000												
Corporation tax	Corporation tax may be payable in respect of the interest accrued whilst any surplus funds are held on an interest-bearing deposit account. No costs have been incurred in the current period	-	Uncertain	Uncertain												

AKS INTERNATIONAL TRADING LIMITED– IN LIQUIDATION
APPENDIX C
EXPENSES STATEMENT

Type of Expenditure	Who expense incurred by and nature of expense	Incurred in current period	Likely future expenses	Total expenses
		(£)	(£)	(£)
Petitioning Creditor's Costs	The petitioning creditor is entitled to receive their costs in presenting a petition and obtaining a winding up order as a priority after the Official Receiver's costs. The petition creditor has not yet confirmed their costs and these will only be paid if sufficient realisations are made.	-	Uncertain	Uncertain
Joint Liquidators' Remuneration	To project manage the orderly winding up of the Company's affairs, and to perform those tasks required as dictated by statute, best practice and ethical requirements.	11,056	21,456	32,512
Joint Liquidators' Disbursements	Disbursements are expenses paid by this firm in the first instance and subsequently re-charged to the estate when there are sufficient funds. A further breakdown of the disbursements incurred in the period is provided within Section 9 of the report.	105	-	105
Total		22,249	Uncertain	Uncertain



LIQUIDATORS' ANALYSIS OF TIME COSTS AND COMPARISON TO FEES ESTIMATE

My total fees estimate as at 12 December 2019 to conclude this matter is approximately £32,512. A breakdown of how these costs will be split between the different functions my staff and I are likely to perform on this case is provided in the table below.

Attached to this Fees Estimate is a detailed summary of the work anticipated, together with an explanation as to why the various tasks are required.

Creditors will note that a blended hourly charge-out rate has been provided. This is calculated as the prospective average cost per hour based upon the estimated time to be expended by each grade of staff at their specific charge out rate. Details of the hourly rates of staff anticipated to work on this case can be found on the Rates and Disbursements policy attached to this report.

Not all of the work which I am required to perform will provide a direct financial benefit to creditors. Some of the work to be undertaken is required because statute dictates that I must perform this task, or because guidance issued by the Insolvency Service or my regulatory body requires such. However, a large proportion of the work will be dealing with securing and realising assets, with a view to maximising the funds available to creditors.

Costs already incurred

Some work has already been undertaken on this case prior to fee approval, primarily due to statutory deadlines. A breakdown of the actual time costs incurred to date along with the estimated costs as per the Fees Estimate is provided in the table below.

Exceeding the Fees Estimate

The Fees Estimate has been based on my current knowledge of the case and work which I anticipate will be necessary. In the event that further action is necessary, it is likely that the Fees Estimate will be exceeded, at which point it may be necessary to seek further approval for an increase.

LIQUIDATORS' ANALYSIS OF TIME COSTS
AND COMPARISON TO FEES ESTIMATE

Description of Work	Fees Estimate as at 12 December 2019			Actual costs incurred for the reporting period		
	Time incurred (hours)	Total Costs (£)	Blended Hourly Rate (£)	Time incurred (hours)	Total Costs (£)	Blended Hourly Rate (£)
Administration & Planning	11.0	3,920.00	356.36	7.4	2,365.50	319.66
Taxation	2.5	720.00	288.00	1.1	115.50	105.00
Investigations	56	15,742.00	281.11	21.4	5,737.50	268.11
Creditors	6.0	1,720.00	286.67	0.7	132.00	188.57
Reporting	21	5,370.00	255.71	1.0	105.00	105.00
Cashiering	2.0	630.00	315.00	0.8	140.00	175.00
Statutory & Compliance	20.0	4,410.00	220.50	17.4	2,460.5	141.41
Totals	118.5	32,512.00	274.36	49.8	11,056.00	222.01

DETAILED FEES ESTIMATE
Introduction

The summary provides a proportionate overview of the work carried out in light of the specific circumstances of the case and includes details of the work that has been done during the period, why it was done and whether the work provides a financial benefit to creditors, it also includes a narrative for the likely future work yet to be undertaken.

*The majority of this work derived no financial benefit for creditors. However, appropriate case administration and planning ensures that the case is managed coherently and efficiently, with minimisation of costs and avoidance of duplication of work. A clear case strategy and strong internal processes aid to add value through the efficient management of the case. This work is also required in order to appropriately document and record how the case has been administered in accordance with regulatory requirements.

Description of work
Administration and planning - £3,920*

The Liquidators have undertaken the following work:

- Case acceptance and ethical reviews.
- Completing case strategy notes.
- Holding strategy meetings.
- Managing and maintaining the case on the firm's client systems and specialist insolvency software system.
- Case filing.
- Logging incoming post.
- Dealing with outgoing post.
- Initial liaison with our solicitors regarding asset realisation strategy.

Work yet to be undertaken:

- Further strategy meetings.
- Managing and maintaining the case on the Firm's client systems and our specialist insolvency software system.
- Continue to hold strategy meetings.
- Case filing, logging incoming post and dealing with outgoing post.

Taxation - £720*

The following activities were undertaken in order to ensure the Company is compliant with tax requirements:

- Notifying HM Revenue & Customs ("HMRC") of my appointment and establishing whether they have any outstanding claims or ongoing investigations.
- Various notices sent to HMRC notifying them of my appointment.

Work yet to be undertaken:

- Reviewing the Company's VAT position; and the pre-liquidation VAT Account.
- Finalising post Liquidation corporation tax returns.

Investigations - £15,742

Further details of the investigation carried out is provided within Section 4 of the report.

A summary of the work undertaken to date is as follows:

- Initial contact with the company's former bankers and accountants.
- Detailed analysis of the company's bank account and further enquiries with the bank in light of findings.
- Review of records recovered from the Official Receiver.
- Review of the Director's completed questionnaire.

Work yet to be undertaken:

- Follow up on information yet to be recovered from the bank and accountants.
- Make enquiries with third parties and director in respect of Bradford Council dispute.
- Finalise bank analysis once information has been recovered from the Lloyds Bank plc.
- Seek legal advice in relation to any potential claims identified from bank analysis and other records.
- Pursue recovery of any potential claims identified if deemed economical to do so.

Creditors - £1,720*

DETAILED FEES ESTIMATE

Details of claims received to date can be found in Section 6 of the report. However, this is subject to change due to potential advertising and proof of debt submissions.

The following work has been undertaken in the period of this report:

- Collating information regarding unsecured claims from the Company.
- Logging claims and responding to queries that arise.

Work yet to be undertaken:

- There is likely to be ongoing work in respect of all these tasks as the Liquidation progresses.

Reporting - £5,370*

Reporting requirements during the period as prescribed by statute have included the following:

- Initial letter to creditors
- Commencement of work on annual report.

Work yet to be undertaken:

- Recording decisions.
- Regular updates to creditors on the case and dividend prospects.
- Reporting to creditors in respect of fee and expenses approvals.
- Further reporting as required by statute.
- Publishing reports and circulars.

Cashiering - £630*

Cashiering work undertaken includes:

- Establishing set up of case details on our insolvency software system.
- Setting up a bank account.
- Bank account maintenance, including periodic reconciliations.

The majority of this work has been undertaken but there will be on-going cashiering tasks up to the date of closure, such as, issuing payments and banking receipts and completing periodic reconciliations.

Statutory and Compliance - £4,410*

The work undertaken as required by statute and our internal procedures involves:

- Preparation and lodgement of statutory appointment documents.
- Initial notices and advertisements following appointment.
- Case monitoring and statutory compliance, including internal case reviews.
- Case bordereau.

Work yet to be undertaken:

- Case monitoring and statutory compliance, including internal case reviews.