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Company number 0 9 9 4 8 9 1 1

Company name in full Aks International Trading Limited

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bold black capitals.

2 Liquidator's name

Full forename(s) Adam

Surname Harris

3 Liquidator's address

Building name/number Tower Bridge House

Street St Katharine's Way

Post town London

County/Region

Postcode E 1 W 1 D D

Country

4 Liquidator's name ①

Full forename(s) Neil John

Surname Mather

① Other liquidator

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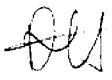
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**AKS International Trading Limited
In Liquidation**

**Liquidators' Progress report covering the period from 26
October 2019 to 25 October 2020**

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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 2020.
- 1.2. Neil John Mather 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 2019 to 25 October 2020 is attached at Appendix B. The receipts and payments account also covers the cumulative period from the date of appointment to 25 October 2020.
- 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 eight ISA quarterly bank charges amount to £176.

3. **Asset Realisations and Details of Progress**

- 3.1.1. There have been no asset realisations made during the period covered by this report.
- 3.1.2. There were no assets disclosed in the Official Receiver's report to creditors and none have been identified since my appointment.

4. **Estimated Outcome Statement**

- 4.1. 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.

5. **Liabilities**

5.1. **Secured Creditors**

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

5.2. **Preferential Creditors**

5.2.1. 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.

5.2.2. There are no preferential creditors in this case.

5.3. **Unsecured Creditors**

5.3.1. According to the Official Receiver's list of creditors, the Company had four unsecured creditors with debts totalling £114,755. I confirm that one claim has been received to date totalling £30,355.

6. **Prescribed Part**

6.1. 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.

6.2. As there is no floating charge, the Prescribed Part does not apply in this instance.

7. **Liquidators' Remuneration**

7.1. On 8 January 2020, a decision was made by the creditors following a 'decision by correspondence' process, enabling the Joint Liquidators to draw remuneration by reference to the time properly given by the Joint Liquidators and their staff in attending to matters arising in the Liquidation, subject to the Fees Estimate of £32,512, issued to creditors on 20 December 2019.

7.2. Attached at Appendix D1 is a comparison of the Liquidators' Fees Estimate to actual time costs for the period 26 October 2019 to 25 October 2020, which total £10,668, representing 38 hours and 30 minutes at an average hourly rate of £277.09. The Liquidators' cumulative time costs since appointment to 25 October 2020 total £21,724, representing 88 hours and 18 minutes at an average hourly rate of £246.02.

7.3. Attached at Appendix D2 is a narrative summary of the Liquidators' time costs, which provides further information on the work carried out during the current reporting period, why the work was necessary and whether the work has provided a financial benefit to creditors.

7.4. As at 25 October 2020, no funds have been drawn against the Liquidators' time costs in respect of the Liquidation.

7.5. Based on the current level of time costs and expected future work for the completion of the Liquidation, the Liquidators' total time costs are expected to be within the approved Fees Estimate of £32,512.

- 7.6. 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.
- 7.7. 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.
- 7.8. 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. Specialist departments within our Firm (such as, Tax and VAT) have charged time to this case when their expert advice is required. The rate ranges provided incorporate these different rates.

| Range (£) | Partner | Director | Manager | Administrator | Cashier |
|--|---------|----------|---------|---------------|---------|
| Current charge out rate per hour, effective from 1 September 2020 | 605 | 440-495 | 330-385 | 200-255 | 135-155 |
| Previous charge out rate per hour, effective from 1 September 2019 | 440-550 | 390-450 | 245-400 | 140-230 | 100-205 |

8. Liquidators' Disbursements

- 8.1. Disbursements are expenses paid by this firm in the first instance and subsequently re-charged to the estate when there are sufficient funds. There are two categories of disbursements, including Category 1 (payments to independent third parties) and Category 2 (costs incurred by the Joint Liquidators or the firm that can be allocated to the case on a proper and reasonable basis).
- 8.2. Category 2 disbursements require approval in the same manner as remuneration and a resolution was passed on 8 January 2020 by creditors in agreement of the anticipated Category 2 disbursements of the Joint Liquidators.
- 8.3. There have been no disbursements incurred or paid during the current reporting period.

9. **Expenses**

- 9.1. Details of all expenses incurred during the period of the report and likely future expenses are provided in the Expenses Statement attached at Appendix D. This also includes a comparison to the original Expense Estimate.
- 9.2. As noted on the Receipts and Payments account at Appendix B, I have not made payment of any expenses.
- 9.3. I have reviewed the expenses incurred to date and I am satisfied that they are reasonable in the circumstances of the case.

10. **Investigations**

- 10.1. As previously reported, Company records were recovered from various third parties and a review has been undertaken.
- 10.2. As a result of this, further enquiries were made with the director and third parties, including Bradford Council. I am awaiting the recovery of further information from the Company's bankers in respect of one final transaction identified as requiring explanation.
- 10.3. Once this final line of enquiry is complete, I will consider the appropriate next course of action.
- 10.4. I am unable to provide further detail at this stage as doing so may prejudice any potential future litigation.
- 10.5. 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.
- 10.6. 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.

11. **Matters outstanding**

- 11.1. Our investigations are ongoing as mentioned in the above section and once these have been finalised, steps can be taken to conclude the liquidation.

12. **Creditors' Rights**

12.1. **Further information**

- 12.1.1. 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.

12.2. **Apply to Court**

- 12.2.1. 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.

12.3. Further guidance

- 12.3.1. Creditors can find additional information on their rights relating to Liquidators' fees in a copy of the publication "Guide to Liquidators Fees" which is available to download from <https://www.r3.org.uk/technical-library/england-wales/technical-guidance/fees/more/29114/page/1/guide-to-liquidators-fees/> or alternatively will be provided free of charge upon written request to this office.
- 12.3.2. 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.



A Harris
Joint Liquidator

Dated 2 December 2020

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AKS International Trading Limited

In Liquidation

Identification Details

Details relating to the Company

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|--------------------------|--|
| 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

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| 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

| Statement of Affairs £ | From 26/10/2019 To 25/10/2020 £ | From 26/10/2018 To 25/10/2020 £ |
|--|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| ASSET REALISATIONS | | |
| Deposit on creditors petition | NIL | 1,600.00 |
| | NIL | 1,600.00 |
| COST OF REALISATIONS | | |
| Bank Charges | 88.00 | 176.00 |
| Company Liquidation Administration Fee | NIL | 5,000.00 |
| OR Balance | NIL | 6,000.00 |
| | (88.00) | (11,176.00) |
| | (88.00) | (9,576.00) |
| REPRESENTED BY | | |
| ISA IB | | (9,576.00) |
| | | (9,576.00) |

Note:



Adam Harris
Joint Liquidator

EXPENSES STATEMENT

| Type of Expenditure | Who expense incurred by and nature of expense | Incurred in previous period (£) | Incurred in current period (£) | Likely future expenses (£) | Revised Expenses estimate Total Expenses (£) |
|---------------------------------|--|--|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|
| 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: | 88.00 | 88.00 | 88.00 | 264.00 |
| | Fee £ | | | | |
| | Quarterly Banking Fee 22.00 | | | | |
| | 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 is 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 | NIL | NIL | 6,000 |
| Official Receiver's Costs | The Official Receiver's initial costs of administration must be paid as a priority in all cases. In this case the sum of £5,000 has been charged. | 5,000 | NIL | NIL | 5,000 |
| Corporation tax | Corporation tax will be payable in respect of the interest accrued whilst surplus funds are held on an interest-bearing deposit account. No costs have yet been incurred. | NIL | NIL | Uncertain | Uncertain |
| 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 | NIL | NIL | Uncertain | Uncertain |

EXPENSES STATEMENT

| Type of Expenditure | Who expense incurred by and nature of expense | Incurred in previous period (£) | Incurred in current period (£) | Likely future expenses (£) | Revised Expenses estimate Total Expenses (£) |
|----------------------------|---|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|--|
| | confirmed their costs and these will only be paid if sufficient realisations are made. | | | | |
| 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 | 10,668 | 10,788 | 32,512 |
| 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 8 of the report. | 105 | NIL | NIL | 105 |
| Total | | 22,249 | 10,756 | Uncertain | Uncertain |

**LIQUIDATORS' ANALYSIS OF TIME COSTS
AND COMPARISON TO FEES ESTIMATE**

The Liquidators' total Fees Estimate as approved by creditors on 8 January 2020 was £32,512.

As detailed in Section 7 of the report, total costs incurred to date are £21,724.

The following table provides details of the Liquidators' actual time costs incurred in the current reporting period, 26 October 2019 to 25 October 2020, compared to the estimated costs as per the Fees Estimate. The table also includes the cumulative period from 26 October 2018 to 25 October 2020, which provides details of the Liquidators' total time costs since appointment.

Further information on the work undertaken in the current reporting period, including an explanation as to why the various tasks were required and whether the work provides a financial benefit to creditors is provided within the narrative summary of work undertaken by the Joint Liquidators at Appendix D2.

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. Please note that where total costs do not equate to the total time at the blended hourly rate, this is due to rounding.

**LIQUIDATORS' ANALYSIS OF TIME COSTS
AND COMPARISON TO FEES ESTIMATE**

| | Fees Estimate Approved on 8 January 2020 | | | Actual time costs for the period 26 October 2019 to 25 October 2020 | | | Cumulative time costs for the period 26 October 2018 to 25 October 2020 | | |
|--------------------------|---|--------------------|-------------------------------|--|--------------------|-------------------------------|--|--------------------|-------------------------------|
| Description of Work | Total Time (hours) | Total Costs (£) | Blended Hourly Rate (£) | Time incurred (hours) | Total Costs (£) | Blended Hourly Rate (£) | Time incurred (hours) | Total Costs (£) | Blended Hourly Rate (£) |
| Admin & Planning | 11.0 | 3,920.00 | 356.36 | 3.6 | 1,006.50 | 279.58 | 11.0 | 3,372.00 | 306.55 |
| Taxation | 2.5 | 720.00 | 288.00 | 0.2 | 70.00 | 350.00 | 1.3 | 185.50 | 142.69 |
| Investigations | 56.0 | 15,742.00 | 281.11 | 18.9 | 5,393.50 | 285.37 | 39.9 | 11,089.00 | 277.92 |
| Realisation of Assets | 0.0 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 1.0 | 266.00 | 266.00 | 1.0 | 266.00 | 266.00 |
| Employees | 0.0 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.0 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.4 | 42.00 | 105.00 |
| Creditors | 6.0 | 1,720.00 | 286.67 | 2.3 | 766.00 | 333.04 | 3.0 | 898.00 | 299.33 |
| Reporting | 21.0 | 5,370.00 | 255.71 | 6.5 | 1,770.00 | 272.31 | 7.5 | 1,875.00 | 250.00 |
| Distributions | 0.0 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.0 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.0 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Cashiering | 2.0 | 630.00 | 315.00 | 1.5 | 382.00 | 254.67 | 2.3 | 522.00 | 226.96 |
| Statutory compliance | 20.0 | 4,410.00 | 220.50 | 4.5 | 1,014.00 | 225.33 | 21.9 | 3,474.50 | 158.65 |
| Totals | 118.5 | 32,512.00 | 274.36 | 38.5 | 10,668.00 | 277.09 | 88.3 | 21,724.00 | 246.02 |

NARRATIVE SUMMARY OF THE JOINT LIQUIDATORS' TIME COSTS FOR THE PERIOD 26 OCTOBER 2019 TO 25 OCTOBER 2020

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| <p>Introduction</p> <p>This summary should be read together with the Joint Liquidators' Time Costs Analysis at Appendix D1.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>The costs incurred in relation to each category are set out in the attached Time Cost Analysis. This shows the time spent by each grade of staff by work category and provides the total cost and average hourly rate charged for each work category.</p> |
| <p>Work carried out in the current period</p> <p><u>Administration and planning</u></p> <p>Work undertaken in the current period:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ongoing strategy meetings. • Managing and maintaining the case on the Firm's client systems and our specialist insolvency software system. • Filing documentation appropriately <p>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.</p> |
| <p><u>Taxation</u></p> <p>The following activities were undertaken in order to ensure the Company is compliant with tax requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sending correspondence to HMRC re Corporation Tax returns. <p>The majority of this work derived no financial benefit for creditors, however, it is required in accordance with tax legislation.</p> |
| <p><u>Investigations</u></p> <p>Work undertaken in the current period</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Further enquiries with the bank in respect of transactions identified. • Reviewing records in light of information received from the bank. • Preparing a detailed note of our findings. • Making enquiries with Bradford Council. • Issuing letter/emails to the director requesting evidence in support of transactions identified. • Reviewing director's responses. <p>The majority of this work derived no financial benefit for creditors. However, it is required in order to ensure compliance with statutory duties.</p> |
| <p><u>Creditors</u></p> <p>There are approximately four unsecured creditor claims with one claim received to date. In order to ensure that creditors are dealt with appropriately, the following work has been undertaken:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dealing with creditor queries. • Reviewing creditor claims received. |

NARRATIVE SUMMARY OF THE JOINT LIQUIDATORS' TIME COSTS FOR THE PERIOD 26 OCTOBER 2019 TO 25 OCTOBER 2020

- Liaising with creditors and providing advice when necessary re voting in decision procedure.

The majority of work in this category is required for statutory purposes and so does not provide a direct financial benefit to creditors.

Reporting

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

- Reporting to creditors annually.
- Preparing report to creditors in respect of fee and expenses approvals.
- Recording outcome of decisions

The majority of this work derived no financial benefit for creditors. However, it is required in order to ensure that the case has been administered in line with regulatory requirements.

Cashiering

Cashiering work undertaken in the period includes:

- Bank account maintenance, including periodic reconciliations.

The majority of this work derived no financial benefit for creditors. However, it is required in order to ensure that the estate bank account is operated in accordance with guidance issued by my regulatory body.

Statutory and Compliance

Work undertaken during the period includes:

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

The majority of this work derived no financial benefit for creditors. However, this work is required in order to ensure that the case has been administered in accordance with regulatory requirements.