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Court name High Court of Justice Business & Property Courts of England and Wales Insolvency and Companies List

Court number 0 0 1 2 6 7 2 0 2 3

3 Administrator's name

Full forename(s) James Douglas Ernle

Surname Money

4 Administrator's address

Building name/number 6 Snow Hill

Street

Post town London

County/Region

Postcode E C 1 A 2 A Y

Country

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5	Administrator's name ①		
Full forename(s)	Steven Edward		① Other administrator Use this section to tell us about another administrator.
Surname	Butt		
6	Administrator's address ②		
Building name/number	6 Snow Hill		② Other administrator Use this section to tell us about another administrator.
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Joint Administrators' Final Progress Report

**Account Technologies Holdings Limited –
In Administration**

For the period from 14 September 2023 to 8 March 2024

ACCOUNT TECHNOLOGIES HOLDINGS LIMITED - IN ADMINISTRATION

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ACCOUNT TECHNOLOGIES HOLDINGS LIMITED - IN ADMINISTRATION

1 Introduction

- 1.1 I, together with my partner Steven Edward Butt, was appointed Joint Administrator of Account Technologies Holdings Limited ("the Company") ("ATHL") on 14 March 2023. The appointment was made by the Directors of the Company.
- 1.2 This Administration has been handled by Rollings Butt LLP at 6 Snow Hill, London, EC1A 2AY, United Kingdom. The Administrators' contact details are by phone on 020 7002 7960 or via email at mail@rollingsbutt.com. The Administration is registered in the High Court of Justice Business & Property Courts of England and Wales Insolvency and Companies List, under reference number 001267 of 2023.
- 1.3 As the Administration has now completed, we are required to provide a progress report covering the period since our last report which ended on 13 September 2023. This is now our final report in the Administration and covers the period from 14 September 2023 to 8 March 2024 ("the Period") and should be read in conjunction with our earlier Proposals report and the previous progress report which have been issued. This report covers the final steps taken in the Administration and the outcome for creditors.
- 1.4 A summary of the Administrators' Proposals as approved can be found at Appendix A. We confirm that there were no amendments to, or deviations from, the Proposals, as approved during the Administration.
- 1.5 Information about the way that we will use, and store personal data on insolvency appointments can be found at www.rollingsbutt.com/legal. If you are unable to download this, please contact us and a hard copy will be provided to you.
- 1.6 Creditors will recall that the principal activity of ATHL was that of a holding company. The principal activity of ATHL's subsidiaries ("the Group") was the provision of running account consumer credit services which were marketed under the "SafetyNet Credit" and "Tappily" branding. This was a facility that offered customers flexible credit whereby money could be borrowed up to a certain limit and once repaid, the funds could be borrowed again. The Group developed and maintained its own bespoke software in order to identify and manage risk before approving new loans to customers.
- 1.7 Creditors will further recall that on 9 January 2023, Joseph O'Connor, Clare Kennedy and Simon Appell were appointed Administrators of ATHL's two principal subsidiaries, Indigo Michael Limited ("IML") and Account Technologies Software Limited ("ATSL").
- 1.8 The registered office of the Company is 6 Snow Hill, London, EC1A 2AY and its registered number is 11802480.

2 Receipts and Payments

- 2.1 At Appendix B is our Receipts and Payments Account covering the Period together with a cumulative Receipts and Payments Account from the date of our appointment to the conclusion of the Administration.
- 2.2 In Section 3 below, you will find an update on the Administration during the Period in realising the Company's assets and dealing with its affairs. We would, however, bring the following matters about the receipts and payments during the Administration to your attention:

Secured Lender Funding for Costs

- 2.3 During the course of the Administration, the sum of £80,000 was received from Atalaya Asset Income Fund V LP ("the Secured Lender") to cover the costs of the Administration.

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Shares & Investments

- 2.4 During the course of the Administration, the sum of £10,000 was received as a result of the sale of shares in Account Technologies Property Services Limited ("ATPS") over which the Company had an interest. Please see paragraph 3.15 below for further details relating to the transaction.

Agents/Valuers Fees

- 2.5 During the course of the Administration, the sum of £6,300 was paid to agents in respect of carrying out the valuation of the shares in ATPS and £2,500 to agents in respect of the Company's listing and ultimate delisting on The International Stock Exchange together with £20 for disbursements.

Cash At Bank

- 2.6 During the Period, £1,137.65 was realised, this being the outstanding credit balance on the Company's bank account.

Legal Fees

- 2.7 During the Period, the sum of £20,190 was paid to Charles Russell Speechlys in their capacity as our legal advisors.

3 Work undertaken by the Administrators

- 3.1 As noted previously, the statutory objective pursued in the Administration was realising property to make a distribution to the secured or preferential creditors. In addition to the pursuance of this statutory objective, the Administrators have duties imposed by insolvency and other legislation, some of which may not have provided any financial benefit to creditors.
- 3.2 This section of the report provides creditors with an overview of the work undertaken in the Period, both in terms of the statutory objective, but also work which is required of the Administrators under other related legislation.

Administration (including statutory compliance & reporting)

- 3.1 As noted above, the Administrators must comply with certain statutory obligations under the Insolvency Act 1986 and other related legislation. Creditors will recall that following our appointment, the strategy for the Administration was assessed to ensure that the objective could be achieved. This work included liaising with solicitors to deal with any legal considerations surrounding the Company's insolvency (such as assessing the validity of any 3rd party security in relation to the assets) and liaising with valuation agents about the most appropriate means of realising the value in the Company's business and assets.
- 3.2 This work has not necessarily brought any financial benefit to creditors but is work required on every case by statute.

Realisation of Assets

Shares & Investments

- 3.3 As noted earlier, ATHL's principal activity was that of a holding company. Creditors will recall that on appointment, the only known realisable asset of the Company was that of interest in shares of a secondary subsidiary Company within the group, ATPS. A valuation of these shares was carried out and a sale with a connected party was completed. Further information about the sale can be found in paragraph 3.15.

German Subsidiary

- 3.4 As noted in my previous report, we were made aware of a potential asset of the Company, being cash held by a German subsidiary. The sum in question was 25,000 Euros. Documentation was retrieved and solicitors instructed to review the position. Documentation indicated that the Company was far removed from being able to realise this cash which was actually share capital in a secondary subsidiary of the German entity. Advice received from our lawyers was that the secondary subsidiary would have to be wound up to distribute any balance to its parent, which would then in turn need to be wound up to allow for a distribution to ATHL. Not only would this have required the co-operation of both sets of subsidiary company directors, but the costs involved, especially where there would be a need to instruct German advisors, was assessed as being likely to exceed the amount of funds in question. As such, this was deemed not cost effective to pursue.

Cash at Bank

- 3.5 Shortly before the previous report was issued, we were made aware of c£900 in a bank account that was not previously brought to our attention. After further investigation and working with the Administrators of IML and ATSL this was found to not be a bank account relating to ATHL. Consequently no realisations have been made in this regard.
- 3.6 In addition to the bank account referred to above, we were aware of a bank account in the Company's name that potentially held a credit balance. After liaising with the bank we have realised the remaining funds in the account being £1,137.65.
- 3.7 The work undertaken by the Administrators and their staff to date in realising the Company's assets has been necessary in order to maximise the likelihood of a return to creditors being made. It is anticipated that the work the Administrators and their staff have undertaken to date will bring a financial benefit to creditors.

Creditors (claims and distributions)

- 3.8 Further information on the outcome for creditors in this case can be found at section 5 of this report. Administrators are not only required to deal with correspondence and claims from unsecured creditors (which may include retention of title claims), but also those of any secured and preferential creditors of the Company. This may involve separate reporting to any secured creditor and dealing with distributions from asset realisations caught under their security, most typically a debenture.
- 3.9 Since 1 December 2020, claims from preferential creditors now fall into one of two categories, either ordinary (typically involving employee claims and payments made on behalf of the Company by the Redundancy Payments Service following dismissal, which rank equally among themselves), or secondary (which are claims by HMRC for VAT or other relevant tax deductions such as PAYE and employee NIC deductions, together with student loans and CIS deductions, which also rank equally among themselves). Ordinary preferential claims rank ahead of secondary preferential claims and all preferential creditors must be paid in full before any distribution can be made to the unsecured creditors of a company.
- 3.10 The work done by the Administrators may not necessarily have brought any financial benefit to creditors generally and the more creditors there are on an assignment, the higher the resultant cost will usually be however the Administrators are required by statute to undertake this work.
- 3.11 We consider the following matters worth bringing to the attention of creditors:
- There is one secured creditor who is owed approximately c£54m as at the date of appointment.

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- We did not anticipate claims from any ordinary or secondary preferential creditors and none have been received.
- While we have not received any claims from unsecured creditors, according to the directors statement of affairs, there were 9 unsecured creditors with a value of £1,915,910 of which c£900k relates to group liabilities.

Investigations

- 3.12 You may recall from our earlier progress report to creditors that some of the work the Administrators were required to undertake was to comply with legislation such as the Company Directors' Disqualification Act 1986 ("CDDA 1986") and Statement of Insolvency Practice 2 – Investigations by Office Holders in Administration and Insolvent Liquidations and may not necessarily bring any financial benefit to creditors, unless those investigations revealed potential asset recoveries that could have been pursued for the benefit of creditors.
- 3.13 Our report on the conduct of the Directors of the Company to the Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy under the CDDA 1986 was submitted during the first period of the Administration and is confidential.
- 3.14 Since our last progress report, we would advise that no further asset realisations have come to light that may be pursued by us for the benefit of creditors.

Connected party transactions

- 3.15 In accordance with Statement of Insolvency Practice 13, we would advise you that the following assets were sold to the following:

Date of transaction	Assets involved & nature of transaction	Consideration paid & date	Sold to	Relationship
26 July 2023	Shares in ATPS	£10,000 21 July 2023	Dwelt Limited	Common directorship in the appointment of Robert Ashton

4 Unrealised Assets

- 4.1 We would confirm that all possible assets have now been realised and the cumulative Receipts and Payments Account at Appendix B reflects the final position on both realisations achieved and payments made during the course of the Administration. This includes details of all expenses incurred and paid by the Administrators.

5 Outcome for Creditors

Secured Creditors

- 5.2 The Secured Lender holds a fixed and floating charge over the Company's assets. At the date of the Administration the indebtedness to the secured creditor was estimated at c£54m.
- 5.3 As advised at paragraph 2.3 above, £80,000 was made available by the Secured Lender in order to pay the costs of the Administration. There is no surplus of this amount to be returned to the Secured Lender.
- 5.4 The sum of £10,000 was received following the sale of shares in a sub-subsidary. Further details can be found in paragraph 3.15. This sum has been paid to the Secured Lender under its fixed charge.

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Preferential Creditors

- 5.5 As per the Directors' Statement of Affairs, no ordinary or secondary preferential creditors were anticipated. We can confirm that no claims from any class of preferential creditor have been received.

Unsecured Creditors

- 5.6 While we did not receive any claims from unsecured creditors, according to the directors' statement of affairs, there were 9 unsecured creditors with a value of £1,915,910 of which it was estimated that c£900k related to group liabilities
- 5.7 The Company granted a floating charge to Midtown Madison Management LLC (registered in Delaware) for Atalaya Asset Income Fund V LP, on 15 June 2021. Accordingly, we are required to create a fund out of the Company's net floating charge property for the benefit of unsecured creditors (known as the Prescribed Part). However, there are insufficient realisations to create a fund out of floating charge realisations therefore no funds were available under the prescribed part.

6 Joint Administrators' Remuneration

- 6.1 As Joint Administrators, we are required to provide creditors with details of the work we propose to undertake in the Administration and the expenses we consider will be, or are likely to be, incurred in dealing with the Company's affairs, prior to determining the basis upon which our remuneration will be fixed.
- 6.2 In addition to this, where Administrators seek agreement to the basis of their remuneration by reference to time properly spent by them and their staff in attending to matters arising in the Administration, a fees estimate outlining the time and estimated cost of the work to be done must also be provided.
- 6.3 We are not seeking approval of the basis of our remuneration from creditors. This is because the Secured Lender has provided funds and approval to cover the costs of the Administration.
- 6.4 A copy of "A Creditors' Guide to Administrators' Fees" is available on request or can be downloaded from <https://www.r3.org.uk/technical-library/england-wales/technical-guidance/fees/>.
- 6.5 Attached at Appendix C is additional information in relation to the Administrators' fees, expenses and the use of subcontractors and other professional advisers.

7 Creditors' rights

- 7.1 Within 21 days of the receipt of this report, a secured creditor, or an unsecured creditor (with the concurrence of at least 5% in value of the unsecured creditors) may request in writing that the Joint Administrators provide further information about their remuneration or expenses (other than pre-administration costs) which have been itemised in this progress report.
- 7.2 Any secured creditor, or an unsecured creditor (with the concurrence of at least 10% in value of the unsecured creditors) may within 8 weeks of receipt of this progress report make an application to court on the grounds that, in all the circumstances, the basis fixed for the Administrators' remuneration is inappropriate and/or the remuneration charged or the expenses incurred by the Administrators, as set out in this progress report, are excessive.

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8 Ending the Administration

- 8.1 We confirm that we have sent a notice to the Registrar of Companies to be filed, moving the Company to dissolution as there is no property which might permit a distribution to the unsecured creditors.
- 8.2 The Joint Administrators' appointment will end following the registration of the notice by the Registrar of Companies. A copy of this notice is enclosed.

Yours faithfully
For Account Technologies Holdings Limited

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'James Money', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

James Money
Joint Administrator

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Appendix A

Summary of Administrator's Proposals

It was agreed that the Administrators will continue to manage the affairs of the Company in order to achieve the objective of the Administration. In the circumstances the agreed proposals are:

- The Administrators will continue to manage the Company in order to achieve the intended objective of the Administration as outlined in the Report and Statement of Proposals.
- If, however, having realised the assets of the Company the Administrators think that a distribution will be made to the unsecured creditors other than by virtue of section 176A(2)(a), they propose filing a notice with the Registrar of Companies which will have the effect of bringing the appointment of the Administrators to an end and will move the Company automatically into Creditors' Voluntary Liquidation ("CVL") in order that the distribution can be made. In these circumstances, it is proposed that the Administrators in office at the date of conversion to CVL will become the Joint Liquidators in the CVL. The acts of the Joint Liquidators may be undertaken by either or both of them.
- Court approval is not required to enable the Administrators to make a distribution to the unsecured creditors of the Prescribed Part. If, however, a distribution to unsecured creditors not limited to the Prescribed Part is anticipated, the Administrators may consider making an application to Court to seek permission to distribute this in the Administration. If permission is granted, the Company will exit into dissolution once the distribution has been made and the Administration is concluded.
- If the Administrators think that the Company has no property which might permit a distribution to its creditors, they will file a notice with the Court and the Registrar of Companies for the dissolution of the Company.
- It is currently anticipated that once the purpose of the Administration has been achieved, the Company will be dissolved OR exit Administration by the Company being placed into Compulsory Liquidation.
- The Administrators shall do all such other things and generally exercise all of their powers as contained in Schedule 1 of the Insolvency Act 1986, as they consider desirable or expedient to achieve the statutory purpose of the Administration.
- If the Administrators consider it necessary to extend the period of the Administration, they will seek the consent of creditors or the approval of the Court to the extension. Creditors may consent to an extension for a period of up to one year and the Court can order that the Administrators' term of office be extended for a specified period determined by it.
- If creditors consider establishing a Creditors' Committee and that if any such Committee is formed they be authorised to sanction the basis of the Administrators' remuneration, Category 2 expenses (where charged) and any proposed act on the part of the Administrators without the need to report back to creditors generally, to include any decision regarding the most appropriate exit route from the Administration.
- The basis of the Administrators' remuneration may be fixed as one or more of the following bases and different bases may be fixed in respect of different things done by them:
 - As a percentage of the value of the assets they have to deal with, or
 - By reference to time properly spent by the Administrators and their staff managing the Administration, or
 - As a set amount
- In this case, the Administrators will, in due course, be seeking to approve the basis of their remuneration as follows:

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- By reference to the time properly spent by the Administrators and their staff in attending to matters arising in the Administration
- The Administrators will be discharged from liability under Paragraph 98 of Schedule B1 to the Insolvency Act 1986 immediately upon their appointment as Administrators ceasing to have effect.

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Appendix B

Receipts and Payments Account for the Period from 14 September 2023 to 8 March 2024 together with a Cumulative Receipts and Payments Account for the period from 14 March 2023 to 8 March 2024.

Account Technologies Holdings Limited (In Administration) Joint Administrators' Summary of Receipts & Payments

	From 14/09/2023 To 08/03/2024 £	From 14/03/2023 To 08/03/2024 £
SECURED ASSETS		
Secured Lender funding for costs	NIL	80,000.00
Shares & Investments	NIL	10,000.00
Secured Creditor - Midtown Madison Chargeholder (1)	(10,000.00)	(10,000.00)
	<u>(10,000.00)</u>	<u>80,000.00</u>
ASSET REALISATIONS		
Cash at Bank	1,137.65	1,137.65
	<u>1,137.65</u>	<u>1,137.65</u>
COST OF REALISATIONS		
Office Holder Fees	51,908.10	51,908.10
Legal Fees	20,190.00	20,190.00
Agents/Valuers Fees (1)	NIL	8,800.00
Agents/Valuers Fees (2)	NIL	20.00
Statutory Advertising	99.80	99.80
Specific Bond	40.00	40.00
Call Charges	29.75	29.75
Meeting Room Hire	50.00	50.00
	<u>(72,317.65)</u>	<u>(81,137.65)</u>
	<u><u>(81,180.00)</u></u>	<u><u>0.00</u></u>
REPRESENTED BY		<u><u>NIL</u></u>

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Appendix C

Additional Information in Relation to the Administrators' Fees, Expenses & the use of Subcontractors

Staff Allocation and the Use of Subcontractors

Additional Information in Relation to the Joint Administrators' Fees, Expenses & the use of Subcontractors

Staff Allocation and the Use of Subcontractors

The general approach to resourcing our assignments is to allocate staff with the skills and experience to meet the specific requirements of the case.

The constitution of the case team will usually consist of a Partner, a Manager, and an Administrator or Assistant. The exact constitution of the case team will depend on the anticipated size and complexity of the assignment and the experience requirements of the assignment.

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

Professional Advisors

On this assignment we have used the professional advisors listed below. We have also indicated alongside, the basis of our fee arrangement with them, which was subject to review on a regular basis.

On this assignment, we used the professional advisors listed below:

Name of Professional Advisor	Basis of Fee Arrangement
Charles Russell Speechlys (legal advice)	Time costs (capped at £20,000 plus Expenses)
Valuation Consulting (valuation and disposal advice)	Fixed Fee

Our choice was based on our perception of their experience and ability to perform this type of work, the complexity and nature of the assignment and the basis of our fee arrangement with them.

Joint Administrators' Expenses

Category 1 expenses

These expenses do not require prior approval by creditors. The type of expenses that may be charged to a case as a Category 1 expense generally comprise of external supplies of incidental services specifically identifiable to the case, such as postage, case advertising, invoiced travel and external printing, external room hire and external storage costs. Also chargeable, will be any properly reimbursed expenses incurred by personnel in connection with the case. These expenses may include expenses which are payments first met by an office holder and then reimbursed from the estate.

Expense	Estimated overall cost £	Paid in Prior Period £	Paid in the period covered by this report £	Total costs incurred £
Agent's fees & expenses	6,300	6,300	0.00	6,300
Legal fees & expenses	20,000	N/A	20,190	20,190
Statutory advertising	99.80	N/A	99.80	99.80
Specific Penalty Bond	40.00	N/A	40.00	40.00
Call Charges	14.50	N/A	29.75	14.50

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Meeting Room Hire	50.00	N/A	50.00	50.00
Agents – TISE	2,500	2,520	0.00	2,520

Category 2 expenses

These expenses do require approval from creditors. These are costs which are directly referable to the appointment in question but are not payments which are made to an independent third party and may therefore include payments to associates of the office holder or shared or allocated costs that can be allocated to the appointment on a proper and reasonable basis. However we do not propose to charge Category 2 expenses in this instance.

Charge-Out Rates

Rollings Butt LLP's current charge-out rates For the period of this Administration are detailed below. Please note this firm records its time in minimum units of 6 minutes.

Grade	Rate (£ per hour)	Rate (£ per hour)
	1 April 2023 - 31 March 2024	1 April 2022 - 31 March 2023
Partner	675	620
Director	535	495
Principal Manager	N/A	475
Senior Manager	485	450
Manager	415	345-395
Assistant Manager	365	N/A
Senior Associate (incl Cashier)	280-320	N/A
Associate	215-235	N/A
Business Trainee	160-205	130-195