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# Liquidator's Progress Report

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Pursuant to Sections 92A and 104A and 192 of the Insolvency Act 1986

To the Registrar of Companies

Company Number

OC337034

Name of Company

**AEGIS TAX LLP** 

I/We

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Lane Bednash, 37 Sun Street, London, EC2M 2PL

the liquidator(s) of the company attach a copy of my/our Progress Report under section 192 of the Insolvency Act 1986.

The Progress Report covers the period from 30/05/2016 to 29/05/2017

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

CMB Partners UK Limited 37 Sun Street London EC2M 2PL

Ref: A0073/LB/LP/DMC

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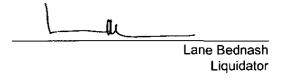


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# AEGIS TAX LLP (In Liquidation) Liquidator's Abstract of Receipts & Payments

From 30/05/2014 To 29/05/2017	From 30/05/2016 To 29/05/2017		Statement of Affairs
		ASSET REALISATIONS	
217.51	20.64	Book Debts	52,986.90
4,238.27	NIL	Cash at Bank	
1.92	0.42	Bank Interest Gross	
0.06	NIL	Bank Interest Net of Tax	
4,457.76	21.06		
		COST OF REALISATIONS	
3,009.00	NIL	Legal Fees (1)	
(3,009.00)	NIL		
		UNSECURED CREDITORS	
NIL	NIL	Trade & Expense Creditors	Uncertain
NIL	NIL	Mr C Gillespie	(5,670.00)
NIL	NIL	Member's Loan	(29,000.00)
NIL	NIL		
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1,448.76	21.06		18,316.90
		REPRESENTED BY	
1,448.76		Bank 1 Current	
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# Liquidator's Annual Progress Report to Creditors & Members

Aegis Tax LLP - In Liquidation

6 July 2017



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#### 1 Introduction and Statutory Information

- 1.1 I, Lane Bednash of CMB Partners UK Limited, 37 Sun Street, London, EC2M 2PL, was appointed as Liquidator of Aegis Tax LLP (the Company) on 30 May 2014. This progress report covers the period from 30 May 2016 to 29 May 2017 (the Period) and should be read in conjunction with any previous progress reports which have been issued
- 1.2 The principal trading address of the Company was 2 Stone Buildings, Lincoln's Inn, London, WC2A 3RH
- 1.3 The registered office of the Company has been changed to 37 Sun Street, London, EC2M 2PL and its registered number is OC337034.

### 2 Progress of the Liquidation

- 2.1 This section of the report provides creditors with an update on the progress made in the liquidation during the Period and an explanation of the work done by the Liquidator and his staff.
- 2.2 At Appendix A is my Receipts and Payments Account for the period of this report together with a cumulative Receipts and Payments Account for the period from the date of my appointment as Liquidator to 29 May 2017.

#### Administration

- 2.3 A liquidator must comply with certain statutory obligations under the Insolvency Act 1986 and other related legislation. This work includes dealing with the Company's creditors and employees together with administrative tasks associated the appointment, such as agreeing the strategy for the liquidation, filing notices of appointment, statutory advertising, opening and maintaining the estate cash book and bank accounts and reporting periodically to creditors, HMRC and the Registrar of Companies.
- 2.4 Creditors should note that this work will not necessarily bring any financial benefit to creditors, but is required on every case by statute.

#### Realisation of Assets

**Book Debt** 

2.5 The sum of £20.64 was received in respect of a final distribution in the liquidation of Base Interactive Limited. By way of reminder, the Company were a creditor in the sum of £29,909.87

Bank Interest Gross

- 2.6 All funds received within the liquidation are placed in a specifically designated interest bearing account The sum of £0.42 was received in respect of interest received in the period.
- 2.7 It is not anticipated that the work the Liquidator and his staff have undertaken to date will bring a financial benefit to creditors.

#### Creditors (claims and distributions)

- 2.8 Further information on the anticipated outcome for creditors in this case can be found at section 3 of this report. A Liquidator is 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.
- 2.9 Claims from preferential creditors typically involve employee claims and payments made on behalf of the Company by the Redundancy Payments Service following dismissal.
- 2.10 The above work will not necessarily bring any financial benefit to creditors generally, however a Liquidator is required by statute to undertake this work. Similarly, if a distribution is to be paid to any

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class of creditor, work will be required to agree those claims and process the dividend payments to each relevant class of creditor. The more creditors a company has, the more time and cost will be involved by the Liquidator in dealing with those claims.

#### Investigations

- You may recall from my previous progress reports to creditors that some of the work the Liquidator is required to undertake is 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 these investigations reveal potential asset recoveries that the Liquidator can pursue for the benefit of creditors.
- 2.12 My 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 year of the liquidation and is confidential.
- 2.13 Since my last progress report I would advise that no further asset realisations have come to light that may be pursued by me for the benefit of creditors.

#### 3 Creditors

#### Secured Creditors

3.1 There were no secured creditors.

#### Preferential Creditors

3.2 There were no preferential creditors.

#### Unsecured Creditors

- 3.3 I have received claims totalling £1,568,618.34 from four creditors. I have yet to receive claims from two creditors whose debts total £34,670 as per the directors' statement of affairs.
- 3.4 By way of reminder, it should be noted that the most significant claim is that of a joint party in the sum of £1,536,085.34 which had been disputed by the Partnership's members and had not been included as a creditor on the Statement of Affairs.
- 3.5 The disputed claim dates back to early 2014 when two individuals issued a negligence claim against the Partnership. Although the Members dispute both the veracity and quantum of the claim, there were insufficient funds to defend it prior to liquidation.
- 3.6 As you will be aware, following my appointment I instructed solicitors to correspond with the claimants' solicitors with a view to seeking resolution. The claimants' solicitors continue to demand that I consent to the matter being dealt with by arbitration. However, on the basis that there have been no material realisations, I have continued to take a neutral stance rather than being embroiled in an arbitration.
- 3.7 Following advice received, I have not consented to the arbitration on the basis that I can not incur any costs since I have no assets to discharge them with. In addition, there remains the possibility that an arbitrator could impose costs against me.
- 3.8 I would confirm that there will be insufficient funds realised after defraying the expenses of the liquidation to pay a dividend to unsecured creditors

#### 4 Liquidator's Remuneration

- 4.1 The Creditors approved that the basis of the Liquidator's remuneration be fixed by reference to the time properly spent by him and his staff in managing the Liquidation.
- My time costs for the Period are £2,275. This represents 9.40 hours at an average rate of £242 per hour. Attached as Appendix B is a Time Analysis which provides details of the activity costs incurred by staff grade during the Period in respect of the costs fixed by reference to time properly spent by me in managing the liquidation.
- Also attached as Appendix C is a cumulative Time Analysis for the period from 30 May 2014 to 29 May 2017 which provides details of my time costs since my appointment. The cumulative time costs incurred to date are £8,065 This represents 35.80 hours at an average rate of £225 per hour.
- 4.4 Due to the paucity of realisations, no fees have been drawn in respect of time costs incurred.
- 4.5 In considering the remaining work to be done in this liquidation, I currently anticipate that my time costs to complete the liquidation will be approximately £12,000 due to the ongoing matters I am dealing with. I will update creditors on this in my next progress report.
- 4.6 A copy of 'A Creditors' Guide to Liquidators' Fees' is available on request or can be downloaded from <a href="https://www.cmbukltd.co.uk/downloads">www.cmbukltd.co.uk/downloads</a>.
- 47 Attached as Appendix D is additional information in relation to the Liquidator's fees, expenses and disbursements, including where relevant, information on the use of subcontractors and professional advisers.

#### 5 Creditors' Rights

- 5.1 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 Liquidator provide further information about his remuneration or expenses which have been itemised in this progress report.
- 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 Liquidator's remuneration is inappropriate and/or the remuneration charged or the expenses incurred by the Liquidator, as set out in this progress report, are excessive

#### 6 Outstanding Matters

**Book Debts** 

- 6.1 As previously advised, in August 2013 three members left the Partnership unexpectedly and took a number of clients with them. It had been agreed that the Partnership would receive £53,000 in respect of work in progress from of one customer. Following the completion of this work, no payment was forthcoming and the Partnership, prior to liquidation, obtained a Court Order against the customer whose outstanding work was completed and placed a restriction over their property.
- 6.2 Following my appointment, I was advised that the property was in the process of being sold and I advised the customer's solicitors of my beneficial interest. Due to the lack of information and funds being received, despite numerous correspondences, I instructed solicitors to pursue the matter. Whilst this matter is ongoing, the initial opinion sought from Counsel was negative based on the information presented. Solicitors were continuing to obtain further documentation to strengthen the case, in order that a final opinion from Counsel could be sought

## 7 Next Report

7 I am required to provide a further report on the progress of the liquidation within two months of the next anniversary of the liquidation, unless I have concluded matters prior to this, in which case I will write to all creditors with my final account.

Yours faithfully

Lane Bednash

Liquidator

## Appendix A

Receipts and Payments Account for the Period from 30 May 2016 to 29 May 2017 together with a Cumulative Receipts and Payments Account for the Period since the Liquidator's Appointment

# AEGIS TAX LLP (In Liquidation) Liquidator's Summary of Receipts & Payments

Lane Bednash Liquidator

# Appendix B

Time Analysis for the Period from the 30 May 2016 to 29 May 2017

Name: Aegis Tax LLP - In Liquidation							
Period: 30 May 2016 to 29 May 2017 Time & Chargeout Summary							
Classification Administration/Planning	Partner Hours	Manager Hours	Other Senior Professionals Hours	Assistants & Support Staff Hours	Total Hours	Time Costs	Average Hourly Rate £/fir
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# Appendix C

Cumulative Time Analysis for the Period since the Liquidator's Appointment

Name: Aegis Tax LLP - In Liquidation							
Time & Chargeout Summary							
Classification Administrator/Planning	Partner	Manager Hours	Other Senior Professionals Hours	Assistants & Support Staff Hours	Total Hours	Time Costs	Average Hourly Rate £Ar
Statutory Reports & Returns Cashrering Job Planning & review Taxation Company Records Agents/Advisors Parter/Manager Review Other	1 50 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	2.5 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0	2 2 2 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	00000000	6 00 0 00 12 60 0 30 1 50 5 90	1632.50 0 00 2395 00 75 00 375 00 75 00 1625.00	272 08 0 00 190 08 250 00 250 00 275 42
Sub-total Investigations	250	1670	6 40 8 30	0000	27 50	180.00 6,357.50	200 00
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#### Appendix D

#### Additional Information in Relation to the Liquidator's Fees, Expenses & Disbursements

#### 1 Staff Allocation and the Use of Sub-Contractors

- 1.1 The general approach to resourcing our assignments is to allocate staff with the skills and experience to meet the specific requirements of the case.
- 1.2 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.
- 1.3 We are not proposing to utilise the services of any sub-contractors in this case.

#### 2 Professional Advisors

2.1 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 is subject to review on a regular basis.

Name of Professional Advisor	Basis of Fee Arrangement
SGH Martineau (legal advice)	Hourly rate and disbursements
MHS Sprecher Grier (legal advice)	Hourly rate and disbursements

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.

#### 3 Liquidator's Expenses & Disbursements

3.1 An analysis of the expenses paid to the date of this report, together with those incurred but not paid at the date of this report is provided below:

	Paid in prior period £	Paid in the period covered by this report £	Incurred but not paid to date £	Total anticipated cost £
Solicitors' costs	3,009	ΝĪ	Nil	3,009
Statutory advertising	Ni	Nil	150	150
Specific penalty bond	Nil	Z	220	220

- 3.2 Category I disbursements do not require approval by creditors. The type of disbursements that may be charged as a Category I disbursement to a case generally comprise of external supplies of incidental services specifically identifiable to the case, such as postage, case advertising, invoiced travel and external printing, room hire and document storage. Also chargeable will be any properly reimbursed expenses incurred by personnel in connection with the case. These disbursements are included in the tables of expenses above.
- 3.3 Category 2 disbursements 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 include shared or allocated costs that can be allocated to the appointment on a proper and reasonable basis such as internal room hire, document storage or business mileage. Details of Category 2 disbursements charged by this firm (where appropriate) were provided at the time the Liquidator's fees were approved by creditors. Any Category 2 disbursements incurred are specifically highlighted in the tables of expenses above.

# 4 Charge-Out Rates

- 4.1 A schedule of CMB Partners UK Limited charge-out rates was issued to creditors at the time the basis of the Liquidator's remuneration was approved. There have been no material increases in charge-out rates since that date.
- 4.2 Please note this firm records its time in minimum units of 6 minutes

GRADE	(Per hour) £
Partner	£350 - £400
Manager	£225 - £350
Administrator	£175 - £225
Support	£75 - £175