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Joint Administrators' progress report for the period 20 July 2021 to 19 January 2022

J E Beale Public Limited Company - in
Administration

16 February 2022

Deemed delivered: 16 February 2022

Notice to creditors

Please note that KPMG LLP sold its Restructuring practice in the UK to Interpath Ltd ('Interpath Advisory') on 4 May 2021. This will not have an impact on your day to day dealings of the administration of the Company and your case contacts remain the same. Please note that the contact details for your primary case contacts may have changed, please check the insolvency portal at www.ia-insolv.com/case+INTERPATH+BK114A3436.html for the latest contact details.

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

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

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

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

A glossary of the abbreviations used throughout this document is attached (Appendix 5).

Finally, we have provided answers to frequently asked questions and a glossary of insolvency terms on the following website, www.ia-insolv.com/case+INTERPATH+BK114A3436.html. We hope this is helpful to you.

Please also note that an important legal notice about this progress report is attached (Appendix 6).

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1 Executive summary

This progress report covers the period from 20 July 2021 to 19 January 2022.

During the period we continued to sell stock from the Peterborough store via a concession agreed with New Start prior to a complete sale of all remaining stock to Hilco Capital. In addition we continued to pursue business rates refunds for the benefit of the estate. (Section 2 - Progress to date)

We anticipate that secured creditors will suffer a signification shortfall in respect of the funding provided to the Company and the wider Group. (Section 3 - Dividend prospects)

Preferential creditors are expected to be paid in full. (Section 3 - Dividend prospects)

Based on current estimates, we anticipate that a distribution will be made to the unsecured creditors. (Section 3 - Dividend prospects).

During the period we applied to the Court to extend the Administrators' term of office and the Court granted the requested 12 month extension to 20 January 2023.

Please note: you should read this progress report in conjunction with our previous progress reports and proposals issued to the Company's creditors which can be found at www.ia-insolv.com/case+INTERPATH+BK114A3436.html. Unless stated otherwise, all amounts in this progress report and appendices are stated net of VAT.



Will Wright
Joint Administrator

2 Progress to date

This progress report covers the period from 20 July 2021 to 19 January 2022. This section updates you on our strategy for the administration and on our progress to date. It follows the information provided in our previous progress report.

2.1 Strategy and progress to date

Strategy

Our proposals and previous progress reports discuss in detail the full administration strategy; however we have set out below an overview of the remaining key workstreams we have undertaken during the reporting period.

Concession agreement

As previously reported, the Company entered into a concession agreement with New Start to sell through the stock which was stored in the Peterborough store. During the period, in line with advice received from our trading agents, the concession agreement was ended due to the de-minimis sales that were being achieved. Due to the age and fragmented nature of the stock New Start expressed no interest in acquiring the remaining stock.

Hilco Capital, our trading agents, expressed interest in the stock and made an offer of £2,500 (inclusive of them uplifting it). Having considered the lack of interest in the stock coupled with the costs of uplifting the stock from the store and any further costs associated with the marketing or disposal of the stock elsewhere, the transactions maximised return for the administration estate. The sale of the remaining concession stock completed in November 2021.

Credit card claim

Prior to our appointment, the Company was party to a class action against Visa/Mastercard in relation to overcharged amounts. Shortly after the Administrators appointment, the Company entered into a settlement agreement with a creditor, who held material retention of title claims over stock on our appointment, to assign the value of the claim in order to settle any retention of title claims made against the Company.

Should the class action be successful, then the creditor is obliged to pay any monies received from the claim in excess of the agreed settlement amount to the administration estate. As such, there is a possibility that there could be a realisation into the J E Beale estate should the claim be successful.

The Administrators have been in a regular contact with representatives and legal advisors acting for the class action creditors. From these discussions, it is unlikely that a resolution on the class action will be reached in short order. Given that other material matters in the administration have now concluded, the Administrators will explore options to accelerate any possible realisation of this asset for the J E Beale estate.

Corporation tax

Following the cessation of the concession agreement and sale of the remaining stock, we have engaged our internal tax team to prepare the necessary tax computations and tax return to account to HMRC for the cessation of trading. As part of the process, the Joint Administrators will also seek a formal confirmation from HMRC to conclude the winding up of the tax matters and to obtain tax clearance in respect of the trading activities.

Furthermore, we will shortly be taking steps to de-register the Company for VAT purposes and to disband the VAT group as required by HMRC.

2.2 Asset realisations

Realisations during the period are set out in the attached receipts and payments account (Appendix 2). Summaries of the most significant realisations during the period are provided below.

Trading account

Concession sale

As previously reported, the Company entered into a concession agreement with New Start to sell through the stock which was stored in the Peterborough store. During the period we received £43,846 of concession commission income. As detailed earlier in this report, the concession agreement with New Start ended and there will be no further concession commission income.

Asset Realisations

Rates refunds

During the period we realised a further £77,361 in respect of business rates rebates from the rating authorities.

Stock

The residual stock that was held following the end of the concession agreement with New Start was sold to Hilco Capital for £2,500.

Brand/IP

During the period we completed a sale of the Company's domain name "beale.co.uk" to New Start, who previously acquired the Company's brand name and certain IP. A sale consideration for £3,500 was received in full, this is inclusive of New Start's contribution towards our legal costs in advising on the transaction as noted in 2.3 below. After taking into account the payment of legal costs, the sale of the domain name to New Start represented the best value to creditors.

Mr Anthony Brown, a director of J E Beale Plc and Beale Limited, was made a director of New Start on 15 June 2020. As previously advised, New Start received independent legal advice from Howard Kennedy LLP and the Administrators received independent legal advice from DLA Piper in relation to the sale of the Company's IP and brand name.

2.3 Costs

Payments made in this period are set out in the attached receipts and payments account (Appendix 2). Summaries of the most significant payments made during the period are provided below.

Trading costs

Business rates

During the period we have settled £67,252 of business rates costs incurred in relation to the Company's occupation of the Bournemouth store during the trading period.

Wages

We have paid £3,792 in respect of outstanding pension contributions.

Other costs

Insurance of assets

We have settled insurance costs of £29,482 relating to property, public liability, stock and terrorism cover. Some of these costs will be re-charged to Beale, an associated company.

Agents' fees

Hilco Profit Recovery were engaged to assist us with recovery of business rates rebates. During the period we have paid £4,112 to Hilco Profit Recovery in respect of commission on account of rates recovered.

Legal fees

We paid our legal advisors, DLA Piper, a fee of £1,250 for their assistance with drafting a sale agreement for the Company's domain name. These costs were covered by New Start.

2.4 Schedule of expenses

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

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

Legal fees

Legal costs incurred in the period which remain unpaid amount to £8,600 (inclusive of counsel's fee of £600) which relates to legal advice provided by DLA Piper in extending the administration period and applying to court for extension, ad-hoc property advice and other matters arising during the course of the administration.

3 Dividend prospects

3.1 Secured creditors

Please refer to our proposals and subsequent progress reports for (1) details of security and (2) the Secured creditors' indebtedness at the date of our appointment.

3.2 Preferential creditors

Since our appointment, we became aware of a number of tribunal claims lodged against the Company in respect of redundancies made prior to the administration. Such claims if successful can increase the preferential liabilities. Our ERA specialist confirmed that the remaining claims were heard throughout September 2021 and all of the individual judgements have now been received.

The affected employees have now made claims to the RPS. Our ERA team have been in regular contact with the RPS throughout the process assisting with any employee related queries. The RPS have now issued their final claim in the administration estate and we are now taking steps to adjudicate employees' residual preferential claims as they may have in addition to the RPS claim.

We estimate the amount of preferential claims to be £227,000 this is inclusive of the RPS and the employees estimated preferential liability. The final claims' value will be confirmed once we completed the adjudication process as noted above.

Based on current estimates, we anticipate that preferential creditors should receive a dividend of 100p in the £.

3.3 Unsecured creditors

Based on current estimates, we anticipate that unsecured creditors should receive a dividend. We have yet to determine the amount of this, but we will do so when we have completed payment of associated costs, adjudicated employees' preferential claims and agreed creditors' claims.

4 Joint Administrators' remuneration and expenses

Time costs

From 20 July 2021 to 19 January 2022, we have incurred time costs of £123,961. These represent 329 hours at an average rate of £376 per hour.

Remuneration

During the period we have drawn fees of £950,000 on account of our remuneration, all of which related to time costs incurred in the prior periods.

Additional information

Our time costs have increased due to additional complexities in realising the remaining assets, namely stock during the Covid-19 pandemic, employee related matters and the ongoing credit card claim as detailed in section 2.1 as well as managing the Company's and the Group's VAT and tax affairs and ongoing reporting requirements as a result of extending the administration for a further year to January 2023.

We have attached (Appendix 4) an analysis of the time spent, the charge-out rates for each grade of staff and the expenses paid directly by Interpath for the period from 20 July 2021 to 19 January 2022. We have also attached our charging and expenses policy.

5 Future strategy

5.1 Future conduct of the administration

We will continue to manage the affairs, the business and the property of the Company in order to achieve the purpose of the administration. This will include but not be limited to:

- Seeking further clarity on the class action brought against Visa/Mastercard, to which J E Beale is a party, and if there may be a surplus to the estate;
- Finalising tax and VAT affairs of the Company including submission of tax and Group VAT returns, settlement of any liabilities and seeking tax clearance (when appropriate);
- Agreeing preferential and unsecured creditor claims with a view to paying a dividend to these creditors;
- Payment of administration expenses; and

Attending to statutory and compliance obligations in order to conclude the administration.

5.2 Extension of the administration

During the period we applied to court to extend the Administrators' term of office. The court granted a 12 month extension to the period of the administration.

The administration is currently due to end on 20 January 2023.

5.3 Future reporting

We will provide a further progress report within one month of 19 July 2022 or earlier if the administration has been completed prior to that time.

Appendix 1 Statutory information

Company name	J E Beale Public Limited Company
Date of incorporation	1 February 1912
Company registration number	00120002
Present registered office	10 Fleet Place, London, EC4M 7QS
Administration appointment	The administration appointment granted in High Court of Justice, Business and Property Courts in Leeds, LDS-000026 of 2020
Appointor	Directors
Date of appointment	20 January 2020
Joint Administrators' details	Will Wright and Steve Absolom
Estimated values of the Net Property and Prescribed Part	Estimated Net Property is yet to be determined. The Prescribed Part is expected to be capped at the statutory maximum of £600,000. The Prescribed Part has been taken into account when determining the dividend prospects for unsecured creditors (Section 3).
Prescribed Part distribution	The Joint Administrators do not intend to apply to Court to obtain an order that the Prescribed Part shall not apply. Accordingly, the Joint Administrators intend to make a distribution to the unsecured creditors.
Functions	The functions of the Joint Administrators are being exercised by them individually or together in accordance with Paragraph 100(2)
Current administration expiry date	20 January 2023

Appendix 2

Joint Administrators' receipts and payments account

J E Beale Public Limited Company - in Administration		
Trading accounts		
Statement of Affairs (£)	From 20/07/2021 To 19/01/2022 (£)	From 20/01/2020 To 19/01/2022 (£)
POST-APPOINTMENT SALES		
Sales	NIL	15,769,152.50
Misc. concession commission income	NIL	361,385.23
Poole - Concession sales	43,845.30	215,325.27
Other income	NIL	65,286.76
JRS Grant	NIL	152,543.25
	43,845.30	16,563,693.01
PURCHASES		
Concession partner funds paid	NIL	(5,255,015.02)
Purchases - with VAT invoice	NIL	(1,839,983.41)
Purchases - proforma invoice	NIL	(90,430.67)
Purchases - catering	NIL	(55,123.02)
	NIL	(7,240,552.12)
OTHER DIRECT COSTS		
Wages and salaries	(3,791.78)	(1,873,624.19)
PAYE/NIC	NIL	(322,384.48)
Employee disbursements	NIL	(3,221.01)
	(3,791.78)	(2,199,229.68)
TRADING EXPENSES		
Health and safety	NIL	(171,478.70)
Agent costs	NIL	(1,198,231.44)
Rent	NIL	(506,435.66)
Rates	(67,251.56)	(338,281.63)
Water rates	(550.51)	(16,064.96)
Heat & light	NIL	(363,424.05)
Travel	NIL	(4,482.88)
Ransom payments	NIL	(127,474.93)
IT and telecom expenses	NIL	(98,795.61)
Insurance	NIL	(125,941.25)
Professional fees	NIL	(14,053.00)
Cash service provider charges	NIL	(64,635.26)
Licence fees	NIL	(3,950.00)

J E Beale Public Limited Company - in Administration**Trading accounts**

Statement of Affairs (£)	From 20/07/2021 To 19/01/2022 (£)	From 20/01/2020 To 19/01/2022 (£)
Repairs and maintenance	NIL	(3,608.94)
Sundry expenses	NIL	(1,000.00)
Advertising costs	NIL	(1,494.00)
ROT settlements	NIL	(1,344,149.13)
Marketing and promotions	NIL	(77,497.35)
	(67,802.07)	(4,460,998.79)
Trading surplus/(deficit)	(27,748.55)	2,662,912.42

J E Beale Public Limited Company - in Administration**Abstract of receipts & payments**

Statement of affairs (£)	From 20/07/2021 To 19/01/2022 (£)	From 20/01/2020 To 19/01/2022 (£)
FIXED CHARGE ASSETS		
3,370,000.00 Freehold property	NIL	3,300,000.00
Interest Income	NIL	55.03
Brand/IP	3,500.00	6,000.00
	3,500.00	3,306,055.03
FIXED CHARGE COSTS		
Administrators' fees	(19,805.00)	(19,805.00)
Legal fees	(1,250.00)	(31,250.00)
Agents'/Valuers' fees	NIL	(2,750.00)
	(21,055.00)	(53,805.00)
FIXED CHARGE CREDITORS		
(19,585,479.00) Fixed charge creditor	NIL	(3,250,000.00)
	NIL	(3,250,000.00)
ASSET REALISATIONS		
Awaiting Analysis	NIL	3,372.22
Leasehold property (SoFA Nil)	NIL	NIL
Assigned credit card claim (SoFA Nil)	NIL	NIL
20,000.00 Fixtures & Fittings	NIL	12,000.00
5,538,778.00 Stock	2,500.00	1,603,900.00
80,531.00 Book debts	1,284.45	18,529.58
Contribution to cost	613.50	1,633.50
Third party VAT payable - funds received	NIL	183,649.05

J E Beale Public Limited Company - in Administration
Abstract of receipts & payments

Statement of affairs (£)		From 20/07/2021 To 19/01/2022 (£)	From 20/01/2020 To 19/01/2022 (£)
	Third party VAT receivable	NIL	40,772.19
319,451.00	Cash at bank	NIL	37,053.43
	Subtenant Rent	(2,708.33)	(758.57)
	Insurance Settlement	NIL	4,281.60
		1,627.42	1,904,371.00
	OTHER REALISATIONS		
	Bank interest, gross	NIL	3,412.74
30,000.00	EP(C)A funds	NIL	NIL
	Sundry refunds	328.56	11,783.13
	Trading surplus/(deficit)	(27,748.55)	2,662,912.42
	Rate refunds	77,361.48	99,922.49
310,104.00	Cash in transit	NIL	572,354.50
108,535.00	Cash floats	NIL	241,210.00
	Prepayments (SoFA Nil)	NIL	NIL
	Receipts on behalf of Beale Limited	NIL	28,161.09
		50,003.69	3,619,818.57
	COST OF REALISATIONS		
	Payments on behalf of Beale Ltd	(707.04)	(3,801.52)
	Administrators' fees	(930,195.00)	(930,195.00)
	Third Party VAT receivable – paid out	NIL	(38,426.22)
	Agents'/Valuers' fees	(4,112.00)	(56,725.94)
	Third Party VAT payable	NIL	(183,649.05)
	Legal fees	NIL	(121,872.00)
	Reimbursements to/from Beale	NIL	(6,817.95)
	Storage costs	(633.76)	(3,332.68)
	Statutory advertising	NIL	(79.00)
	Other costs	NIL	(23,335.82)
	Insurance of assets	(29,482.24)	(75,188.43)
	PAYE & NIC	(143.38)	(143.38)
	Bank charges	(105.00)	(5,845.00)
	Store closure costs	NIL	(62,531.38)
		(965,378.42)	(1,511,943.37)
	PREFERENTIAL CREDITORS		
(227,672.00)	Employees' holiday pay	NIL	NIL

J E Beale Public Limited Company - in Administration

Abstract of receipts & payments

Statement of affairs (£)		From 20/07/2021 To 19/01/2022 (£)	From 20/01/2020 To 19/01/2022 (£)
		NIL	NIL
	FLOATING CHARGE CREDITORS		
	Floating charge	NIL	(2,310,000.00)
		NIL	(2,310,000.00)
	UNSECURED CREDITORS		
(10,001,181.00)	Trade & expense	NIL	NIL
(4,626,803.00)	Connected companies	NIL	NIL
(523,458.00)	Corp tax etc/nonpref PAYE	NIL	NIL
(1,700,545.00)	Non-preferential VAT	NIL	NIL
(1,423,205.00)	Postponed or deferred	NIL	NIL
		NIL	NIL
	DISTRIBUTIONS		
(1,023,254.00)	Ordinary shareholders	NIL	NIL
		NIL	NIL
(29,334,198.00)		(931,302.31)	1,704,496.23
	REPRESENTED BY		
	Floating ch. VAT rec'able		2,427,945.32
	Floating charge current		1,491,690.66
	Fixed charge VAT rec'able		10,761.00
	Fixed charge VAT payable		(700.00)
	Trade creditors		22,794.24
	Floating ch. VAT payable		(3,686,138.80)
	Floating ch. VAT control		1,438,458.73
	Fixed charge VAT control		(550.00)
			1,704,261.15

Appendix 3

Schedule of expenses

Fixed charge costs

Administrators' fees	0.00	4,880.00	4,880.00
Legal fees	1,250.00	0.00	1,250.00

Cost of realisations

Administrators' fees	0.00	119,080.50	119,080.50
Agents'/Valuers' fees	4,112.00	0.00	4,112.00
Legal fees	0.00	12,100.00	12,100.00
Storage costs	133.76	0.00	133.76
TOTAL	5,495.76	136,060.50	141,556.26

Please note that there is a difference between the payments made during the period (per the receipts and payments account) and the expenses incurred and paid in the period (per the schedule of expenses). This is due to the fact that some of the payments made in the period relate to expenses incurred in a prior period and were disclosed in our proposals and/or our previous progress reports.

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

Creditors' requests for further information

If you would like to request more information about our remuneration and expenses disclosed in this progress report, you must do so in writing within 21 days of receiving this progress report.

Requests from unsecured creditors must be made with the concurrence of at least 5% in value of unsecured creditors (including, the unsecured creditor making the request) or with the permission of the Court.

Creditors' right to challenge our remuneration and expenses

If you wish to challenge the basis of our remuneration, the remuneration charged, or the expenses incurred during the period covered by this progress report, you must do so by making an application to Court within eight weeks of receiving this progress report.

Applications by unsecured creditors must be made with concurrence of at least 10% in value of unsecured creditors (including the unsecured creditor making the challenge) or with the permission of the Court.

The full text of the relevant rules can be provided on request by writing to Hayley Jennings at 10 Fleet Place, London, EC4M 7QS.

Appendix 4 Joint Administrators' charging and expenses policy

Joint Administrators' charging policy

The time charged to the administration is by reference to the time properly given by us and our staff in attending to matters arising in the administration. This includes work undertaken in respect of in-house Interpath Advisory tax, VAT and employee specialists. This also includes work undertaken by KPMG Pensions specialists up to 1 March 2020 who, until this date were part of the same firm as the office holders and their staff

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

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

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

If you are unable to access this guide and would like a copy, please contact Hayley Jennings on 0118 214 5926.

Hourly rates

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

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

Table of charge-out rates

Partner	690	690	725
Director	620	620	675
Senior Manager	560	560	590
Manager	467	467	495
Senior Administrator	325	325	345
Administrator	236	236	245
Support	147	147	147

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

Policy for the recovery of expenses

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

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

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

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

Associates: are defined in the insolvency legislation but also extends to parties where a reasonable and informed third party might consider there would be an association between the third party and the office holder or their firm.

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

Mileage claims fall into three categories:

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

Use of company car – 60p per mile.

Use of partner's car – 60p per mile.

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

We have incurred no expenses during the period 20 July 2021 to 19 January 2022.

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

Narrative of work carried out for the period 20 July 2021 to 19 January 2022

The key areas of work have been:

Statutory and compliance	posting information on a dedicated web page; preparing statutory receipt and payments accounts; and ensuring compliance with all statutory obligations within the relevant timescales.
Strategy documents, Checklist and reviews	formulating, monitoring and reviewing the administration strategy, including the decision to trade and meetings with internal and external parties to agree the same; briefing of our staff on the administration strategy and matters in relation to various work-streams; regular case management and reviewing of progress, including regular team update

	meetings and calls; meeting with management to review and update strategy and monitor progress; reviewing and authorising junior staff correspondence and other work; dealing with queries arising during the appointment; reviewing matters affecting the outcome of the administration; allocating and managing staff/case resourcing and budgeting exercises and reviews; liaising with legal advisors regarding the various instructions; and complying with internal filing and information recording practices, including documenting strategy decisions.
Reports to debenture holders	providing written and oral updates to representatives of Secured creditors regarding the progress of the administration and case strategy.
Cashiering	preparing and processing vouchers for the payment of post-appointment invoices; creating remittances and sending payments to settle post-appointment invoices; reconciling post-appointment bank accounts to internal systems; and ensuring compliance with appropriate risk management procedures in respect of receipts and payments.
Tax	analysing and considering the tax effects of various sale options, tax planning for efficient use of tax assets and to maximise realisations; working on tax returns relating to the periods affected by the administration; analysing VAT related transactions, complying with ongoing VAT reporting obligations and attending to HM Revenue and Customs' enquiries; and dealing with post appointment tax compliance.
General	reviewing time costs data and producing analysis of time incurred which is compliant with Statement of Insolvency Practice 9; and drawing remuneration on account of our fees.
Trading and post-trading related matters	attending to supplier and customer queries and correspondence; dealing with issues in relation to stock and other assets required for trading; communicating and negotiating with customers regarding ongoing supplies, including agreeing terms and conditions; and ensuring ongoing provision of emergency and other essential services to site.
Asset realisations	collating information from the Company's records regarding the assets; liaising with agents regarding the sale of assets; dealing with issues associated with the sale of stock; reviewing outstanding debtors and management of debt collection strategy; and reviewing the inter-company debtor position between the Company and other group companies.
Property matters	reviewing the Company's leasehold properties, including review of leases; and communicating with landlords regarding rent, property occupation and other issues.
Health and safety	liaising with health and safety specialists in order to manage all health and safety issues and environmental issues, including ensuring that legal and licensing obligations are complied with; and liaising with the Health and Safety Executive regarding the administration and ongoing health and safety compliance.
Open cover insurance	liaising with the post-appointment insurance brokers to provide information, assess risks and ensure appropriate cover in place; and assessing the level of insurance premiums.
Employees	dealing with queries from employees regarding various matters relating to the administration and their employment; dealing with statutory employment related matters, including statutory notices to employees and making statutory submissions to the relevant government departments; communicating and corresponding with HM Revenue and Customs; dealing with issues arising from employee redundancies, including statutory notifications and liaising with the Redundancy Payments Office; and managing claims from employees;
Pensions	liaising with the trustees of the defined benefit pension scheme, the Pensions Regulator and the Pensions Protection Fund concerning the changes caused to the pension scheme as a result of our appointment.
Creditors and claims	updating the list of unsecured creditors; responding to enquiries from creditors regarding the administration and submission of their claims; reviewing completed forms submitted by creditors, recording claim amounts and maintaining claim records; and drafting our progress report.

Time costs

SIP 9 –Time costs analysis (20/07/2021 to 19/01/2022)			
	Hours	Time Cost (£)	Average Hourly Rate (£)
Administration & planning			
Cashiering			
General (Cashiering)	20.90	6,636.70	317.55
Reconciliations (& IPS accounting reviews)	0.90	212.40	236.00
General			
Books and records	2.10	726.60	346.00
Fees and WIP	5.80	2,113.70	364.43
Statutory and compliance			
Appointment and related formalities	1.00	693.50	693.50
Budgets & Estimated outcome statements	5.00	3,120.00	624.00
Checklist & reviews	8.55	2,492.10	291.47
Extension related formalities	17.95	9,740.20	542.63
Strategy documents	0.40	186.80	467.00
Tax			
Post appointment corporation tax	22.80	7,811.70	342.62
Post appointment PAYE (Non Trading)	2.50	1,167.50	467.00
Post appointment VAT	33.20	15,522.60	467.55
Creditors			
Creditors and claims			
Agreement of preferential claims	1.30	607.10	467.00
Agreement of unsecured claims	0.50	233.50	467.00
General correspondence	43.25	15,961.80	369.06
Payment of dividends	0.10	24.50	245.00
Secured creditors	0.75	420.00	560.00
Statutory reports	14.20	6,456.20	454.66
Employees			
Correspondence	21.50	10,085.30	469.08
Pension funds	0.70	346.50	495.00
Realisation of assets			
Asset Realisation			
Cash and investments	2.20	521.00	236.82
Debtors	16.20	5,030.00	310.49
Freehold property	1.30	690.80	531.38
Goodwill	1.10	759.00	690.00

SIP 9 –Time costs analysis (20/07/2021 to 19/01/2022)

	Hours	Time Cost (£)	Average Hourly Rate (£)
Insurance	5.10	1,662.20	325.92
Intellectual Property	3.05	1,768.00	579.67
Leasehold property	10.55	4,412.50	418.25
Other assets	5.90	2,546.70	431.64
Stock and WIP	3.00	1,660.50	553.50
Trading			
Post trading related matters	70.90	17,568.70	247.80
Purchases and trading costs	1.70	347.40	236.00
Sales	5.00	2,335.00	467.00
Total in period	329.40	123,960.50	376.32

Brought forward time (appointment date to SIP 9 period start date)	7,042.69	2,687,434.79
SIP 9 period time (SIP 9 period start date to SIP 9 period end date)	329.40	123,960.50
Carry forward time (appointment date to SIP 9 period end date)	7,372.09	2,811,395.29

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

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

Appendix 5 Glossary

Company/J E Beale	J E Beale Public Limited Company - in Administration
DLA Piper	DLA Piper LLP
ERA	Employment Rights Act
Group	The Company together with Beale Limited – in Administration
Hilco Capital	Hilco Capital Limited
Hilco Profit Recovery	Hilco Profit Recovery Limited
HMRC	HM Revenue and Customs
Interpath/Interpath Advisory	Interpath Ltd
JLT	JLT Speciality Limited
Joint Administrators/we/our/us	Will Wright and Steve Absolom
KPMG	KPMG LLP
Mulino	Mulino Investments Trust Limited
New Start	New Start 2020 Limited
RPS	Redundancy Payments Service
Scheme	The Beales Pension Scheme

Secure creditors

Mulino Investments Trust Limited and The
Beales Pension Scheme

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