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Company name in full Birchwood Chemicals Limited

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2 Liquidator's name

Full forename(s) Karyn

Surname Jones

3 Liquidator's address

Building name/number 5th Floor

Street The Union Building

Post town 51-59 Rose Lane

County/Region Norwich

Postcode N R 1 1 B Y

Country

4 Liquidator's name ①

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**Birchwood Chemicals Limited
(In Members' Voluntary Liquidation)**

Final Account

Karyn Jones

**Parker Andrews Limited
5th Floor, The Union Building, 51-59 Rose Lane, Norwich, NR1 1BY**

Final Account

Birchwood Chemicals Limited (In Liquidation)

Date: 11 March 2024

BIRCHWOOD CHEMICALS LIMITED (IN LIQUIDATION)

FINAL ACCOUNT

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Proposed Final Account

Birchwood Chemicals Limited (In Liquidation)

Date: 11 March 2024

1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This Final Account summarises the winding-up as a whole ("the Review Period").

A summary of key information in this report is detailed below.

Realisations

Realisation	Estimated to realise per Declaration of Solvency £	Total realisations £
Cash at Bank	145,599.00	145,996.09
Tax Refund	3,862.00	3,958.76
Total	149,461.00	149,954.85

Expenses

Expense	Total expense incurred £	Total payments made £
Legal Fees (1)	250.00	250.00
Pre-appt Stat Adverts	299.40	299.40
Specific Bond	50.00	50.00
Total	599.40	599.40

Distributions

Class	Distribution Paid per Share £	Total paid £
Ordinary shareholders	74,676.73	149,353.35
Return of share capital	1.00	2.00
Total	74,677.73	149,355.45

2. INTRODUCTION

Karyn Jones of Parker Andrews Limited, 5th Floor, The Union Building, 51-59 Rose Lane, Norwich, NR1 1BY was appointed Liquidator of Birchwood Chemicals Limited ("the Company") on 3 April 2023.

The purpose of this Final Account is to summarise the winding-up as a whole and to put members on notice of the Liquidator's intention to seek release from office. The Final Account details the acts and dealing of the Liquidator and it should be read in conjunction with previous correspondence to members.

3. ADMINISTRATION AND PLANNING (INCLUDING STATUTORY REPORTING)

The Liquidator is required to meet a considerable number of statutory and regulatory obligations. Whilst many of these tasks do not have a direct benefit, they assist in the efficient and compliant progressing of the liquidation, which ensures that the Liquidator and her staff carry out work to high professional standards. The narrative detail in respect of these tasks may be found in Appendix 3.

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4. ASSET REALISATIONS

The Receipts and Payments Account for the whole period of the winding-up is attached at Appendix 2.

Detailed below is key information about asset realisations, however more detailed narrative about the work undertaken may be found at Appendix 3.

According to the Declaration of Solvency lodged in these proceedings, the assets of the Company had an estimated value of £149,461 which comprised principally of cash at bank and a tax refund.

Cash at Bank

The Company's bank account was closed and the closing balance of £145,996.09 was transferred to the Liquidation account. No further funds are expected from this source.

Tax Refund

A tax refund was detailed on the Declaration of Insolvency totalling £3,862. A tax refund totalling £3,958.76 (plus interest) was received during the course of the liquidation from HM Revenue & Customs (HMRC) in regard to corporation tax. No further funds are expected from this source.

5. CREDITORS

The key tasks carried out in this category are detailed at Appendix 3.

Preferential creditors

A notice to preferential creditors requiring them to submit claims was published in the London Gazette. In addition, several letters were sent to HMRC seeking confirmation of their claims and that no tax liabilities remained.

Unsecured creditors

A notice to creditors requiring them to submit claims was published in the London Gazette. No claims were received.

6. DISTRIBUTIONS TO SHAREHOLDERS

The following distributions were made to the shareholders:

Date of distribution	£ per share distributed	Total amount distributed (cash) £	Total amount distributed (in specie) £
(Return of share capital) 4 April 2023	1.00	2.00	0.00
4 April 2023	6,000.00	12,000.00	0.00
21 September 2023	68,676.73	137,353.45	0.00
Total	74,677.73	149,355.45	0.00

7. ETHICS

Please also be advised that the Liquidator is bound by the Insolvency Code of Ethics when carrying out all professional work relating to an insolvency appointment.

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General ethical considerations

Prior to the Liquidator's appointment, a review of ethical issues was undertaken and no ethical threats were identified. A further review has been carried out and no threats were identified in respect of the management of the insolvency appointment.

Specialist Advice and Services

When instructing third parties to provide specialist advice and services or having the specialist services provided by the firm, the Liquidator is obligated to ensure that such advice or work is warranted and that the advice or work contracted reflects the best value and service for the work undertaken. The firm reviews annually the specialists available to provide services within each specialist area and the cost of those services to ensure best value. The specialists chosen usually have knowledge specific to the insolvency industry and, where relevant, to matters specific to this insolvency appointment.

8. COSTS AND EXPENSES

The payments shown on the Receipts and Payments Account at Appendix 1 are in the main self-explanatory.

Liquidator's Expenses

The Liquidator's category 1 expenses paid are detailed at Appendix 2 and represent the simple reimbursement of actual out of pocket payments made on behalf of the assignment.

	Paid £	Incurred but not paid to date £	Total anticipated cost £
Statutory Advertising	299.40	0.00	299.40
Specific Penalty Bond	50.00	0.00	50.00

A copy of 'A Members' Guide to Liquidator's Fees' is enclosed.

Legal Fees

A payment of £250 was made to the Company's solicitor Blaser Mill in regards to legal fees.

9. CONCLUSION

The delivery of this final account to associates and to the Registrar of Companies concludes the administration of this winding up.

Should you have any queries regarding this matter, or the contents of this report, please do not hesitate to contact Keith Hewison on 01603 284284.



Karyn Jones
Liquidator

Final Account

Birchwood Chemicals Limited (In Liquidation)

Date: 11 March 2024

Appendix 1

Company Name	Birchwood Chemicals Limited
Former Trading Name	N/A
Company Number	02825098
Registered Office	Parker Andrews Limited, 5th Floor, The Union Building, 51-59 Rose Lane, Norwich, Norfolk, NR1 1BY
Former Registered Office	Shaw Gibbs Insolvency Limited, 264 Banbury Road, Oxford, OX2 7DY 3 Sheraton Close, Elstree, Borehamwood, Hertfordshire, WD6 3PZ
Officeholders	Karyn Jones
Officeholders address	Parker Andrews Limited, 5th Floor, The Union Building, 51-59 Rose Lane, Norwich, Norfolk, NR1 1BY
Date of appointment	03 April 2023
Change in office holder:	Karyn Jones moved to Parker Andrews Limited in 5 June 2023 but remains the Liquidator of the Company.

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Appendix 2

Receipts and Payments Account for the period 3 April 2023 to 11 March 2024

Birchwood Chemicals Limited
(In Liquidation)
Liquidator's Summary of Receipts & Payments

Declaration of Solvency £		From 03/04/2023 To 11/03/2024 £	From 03/04/2023 To 11/03/2024 £
	ASSET REALISATIONS		
145,599.00	Cash at Bank	145,996.09	145,996.09
3,862.00	Tax Refund	3,958.76	3,958.76
		149,954.85	149,954.85
	COST OF REALISATIONS		
	Legal Fees (1)	250.00	250.00
	Pre-appt Stat Adverts	299.40	299.40
	Specific Bond	50.00	50.00
		(599.40)	(599.40)
	SHARE CAPITAL		
	Share Capital	2.00	2.00
		(2.00)	(2.00)
	DISTRIBUTIONS		
	Ordinary Shareholders	149,353.45	149,353.45
		(149,353.45)	(149,353.45)
149,461.00		NIL	NIL
	REPRESENTED BY		
			NIL



Karyn Jones
Liquidator

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Appendix 3

Narrative detail of work undertaken for Birchwood Chemicals Limited (in Members' Voluntary Liquidation)

General Description	Includes
Administration and Planning	
Statutory/advertising	Filing of documents to meet statutory requirements Advertising in accordance with statutory requirements
Document maintenance/file review/checklist	Filing of documents Periodic file reviews Periodic reviews of the application of ethical, anti-money laundering and anti-bribery safeguards Maintenance of statutory and case progression task lists/diaries Updating checklists
Bank account administration	Preparing correspondence opening and closing accounts Requesting bank statements Bank account reconciliations Correspondence with bank regarding specific transfers Banking remittances and issuing cheques/BACS payments
Planning / Review	Discussions regarding strategies to be pursued Meetings with team members and independent advisers to consider practical, technical and legal aspects of the cWase
Member reports	Responding to members' queries
Realisation of Assets	
Cash at Bank	Liaising with the bank to transfer funds and close account
Corporation Tax Refund	Examining company records to support tax refunds Exchanges with government departments
Creditors	
Creditor Communication	Finalising pre appointment tax position Obtaining tax clearance
Distributions to Members	
Dividend procedures	Preparation of distribution calculation Preparation of correspondence to members announcing declaration of dividend Preparation of cheques/BACS to pay dividend Preparation of correspondence to members enclosing payment of dividend

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Appendix 4

A Members' Guide to Liquidators' Fees

A members' guide to liquidators' fees in solvent liquidations - England and Wales

1 Introduction

When a company goes into liquidation the costs of the proceedings are paid out of its assets. The members (i.e. shareholders) therefore have a direct interest in the level of costs, and in particular the remuneration of the insolvency practitioner appointed to act as liquidator. The insolvency legislation recognises this interest by providing mechanisms for members to fix the basis of the liquidator's fees. This guide is intended to help members be aware of their rights to approve and monitor fees and explains the basis on which fees are fixed.

2 Liquidation procedure

Liquidation (or 'winding up') is the most common type of corporate insolvency procedure. Liquidation is the formal winding up of a company's affairs entailing the realisation of its assets and the distribution of the proceeds in a prescribed order of priority. Where a declaration of solvency has been sworn by all or a majority of the directors of a company (as would usually be the case where they believe that the company has surplus assets to be distributed to members) a liquidation instituted by resolution of the shareholders is called a members' voluntary liquidation (often abbreviated to 'MVL').

3 Fixing the liquidator's fees

The basis for fixing the liquidator's remuneration in an MVL is set out in the Insolvency (England & Wales) Rules 2016 ("the Rules"). The Rules state that the remuneration shall be fixed either:

- as a percentage of the value of the assets which are realised or distributed or both, or
- by reference to the time properly given by the liquidator and his staff in attending to matters arising in the winding up; or
- as a set amount.

Any combination of these bases may be used to fix the remuneration and different bases may be used for different things done by the liquidator. Where the remuneration is fixed as a percentage, different percentages may be used for different things done by the liquidator.

4. Who fixes the remuneration?

It is for the members of the company to determine on which of these bases the remuneration is to be fixed, and if it is to be fixed as a percentage, to fix the percentage to be applied. The Rules state that in arriving at their decision the members shall have regard to the following matters:

- the complexity (or otherwise) of the case;
- any respects in which, in connection with the company's affairs, there falls on the liquidator any responsibility of an exceptional kind or degree;
- the effectiveness with which the liquidator appears to be carrying out, or to have carried out, his duties;

and

- the value and nature of the assets with which the liquidator has to deal.

A resolution specifying the terms on which the liquidator is to be remunerated may be passed at the same time as the resolution is passed appointing the liquidator. All members will receive notice of the proposed resolution. If the remuneration is not fixed by a members' resolution, the liquidator may apply to court for it to be fixed, but any such application must be made within 18 months of the liquidator's appointment.

5. **Review of remuneration**

Where there has been a material and substantial change in circumstances since the basis of the liquidator's remuneration was fixed, the liquidator may request that it be changed. The request must be made to the same body as initially approved the remuneration, and the same rules apply as to the original approval.

6. **What information should be provided by the liquidator?**

6.1 **General principles**

The liquidator should provide those responsible for approving his remuneration with sufficient information to enable them to make an informed judgement about the reasonableness of the liquidator's request. The information should be presented in a manner which is transparent, consistent throughout the life of the case and useful to members, while being proportionate to the circumstances of the case.

The liquidator should disclose:

- payments, remuneration and expenses arising from the administration paid to the liquidator or his or her associates; and
- any business or personal relationships with parties responsible for approving the liquidator's remuneration or who provide services to the liquidator in respect of the insolvency appointment where the relationship could give rise to a conflict of interest.

Where the liquidator sub-contracts out work that could otherwise be carried out by the liquidator or his or her staff, this should be drawn to the attention of members with an explanation of why it is being done.

6.2 **Key issues**

The key issues of concern to those with a financial interest in the level of payments from the insolvency estate will commonly be:

- the work the liquidator anticipates will be done, and why that work is necessary;
- the anticipated cost of that work, including any expenses expected to be incurred in connection with it;
- whether it is anticipated that the work will provide a financial benefit, and if so what benefit (or if the

work provided no direct financial benefit, but was required by statute);

- the work actually done and why that work was necessary;
- the actual costs of the work, including any expenses incurred in connection with it, as against any estimate provided; and
- whether the work has provided a financial benefit, and if so what benefit (or if the work provided no direct financial benefit, but was required by statute).

When providing information about payments, fees and expenses, the liquidator should do so in a way which facilitates clarity of understanding of these key issues. Narrative explanations should be provided to support any numerical information supplied. Where it is practical to do so, the liquidator should provide an indication of the likely return to creditors when seeking approval for the basis of his remuneration.

When approval for a fixed amount or a percentage basis is sought, the liquidator should explain why the basis requested is expected to produce a fair and reasonable reflection of the work that the liquidator anticipates will be undertaken.

6.3 Disbursements

Costs met by and reimbursed to the liquidator in connection with the liquidation will fall into two categories:

- Category 1 disbursements: These are payments to independent third parties where there is specific expenditure directly referable to the liquidation. Category 1 disbursements can be drawn without prior approval, although the liquidator should be prepared to disclose information about them in the same way as any other expenses.
- Category 2 disbursements: These are costs that are directly referable to the liquidation but not to a payment to an independent third party. They may include shared or allocated costs that may be incurred by the liquidator or their firm, and that can be allocated to the liquidation on a proper and reasonable basis. Category 2 disbursements require approval in the same manner as the liquidator's remuneration.

When seeking approval, the liquidator should explain, for each category of cost, the basis on which the charge is being made. If the liquidator has obtained approval for the basis of Category 2 disbursements, that basis may continue to be used in a sequential appointment where further approval of the basis of remuneration is not required, or where the liquidator is replaced.

The following are not permissible as disbursements:

- a charge calculated as a percentage of remuneration;
- an administration fee or charge additional to the liquidator's remuneration; or
- recovery of basic overhead costs such as office and equipment rental, depreciation and finance charges.

6.4 Progress reports and requests for further information

The liquidator is required to send annual progress reports to members. The reports must include:

- the basis fixed for the remuneration of the liquidator (or if not fixed at the date of the report, the steps taken during the period of the report to fix it);
- if the basis has been fixed, a statement of the remuneration charged during the period of the report, irrespective of whether it was actually paid during that period (except where it is fixed as a set amount, in which case it may be shown as that amount without any apportionment for the period of the report);
- if the report is the first to be made after the basis has been fixed, the remuneration charged during the periods covered by the previous reports, together with a description of the things done by the liquidator during those periods, irrespective of whether payment was actually made during the period of the report;
- a statement of the expenses incurred by the liquidator during the period of the report, irrespective of whether payment was actually made during that period; or
- a statement of the members' rights to request further information and their right to challenge the liquidator's remuneration and expenses.

Within 21 days of receipt of a progress report, a member may request the liquidator to provide further information about the remuneration and expenses set out in the report. A request must be in writing and may be made by members with at least 5% of the total voting rights of all the members having the right to vote at general meetings of the company or by any member with the permission of the court.

The liquidator must provide the requested information within 14 days, unless he considers that:

- the time or cost of preparation of the information would be excessive, or
- disclosure would be prejudicial to the conduct of the liquidation or might reasonably be expected to lead to violence against any person, or
- the liquidator is subject to an obligation of confidentiality in relation to the information requested,

in which case he must give the reasons for not providing the information.

Any member may apply to the court within 21 days of the liquidator's refusal to provide the requested information, or the expiry of the 14 days time limit for the provision of the information.

Provision of information – additional requirements

7. The liquidator must provide certain information about the time spent on the case, free of charge, upon request by any creditor, director or shareholder of the company.

The information which must be provided is –

- the total number of hours spent on the case by the liquidator and any staff assigned to the case;
- for each grade of staff, the average hourly rate at which they are charged out; and
- the number of hours spent by each grade of staff in the relevant period.

The period for which the information must be provided is the period from appointment to the end of the most recent period of six months reckoned from the date of the liquidator's appointment, or where he has vacated office, the date that he vacated office.

The information must be provided within 28 days of receipt of the request by the liquidator, and requests must be made within two years from vacation of office.

8. **What if a member is dissatisfied?**

If a member believes that the liquidator's remuneration is excessive, the basis is inappropriate, or the expenses incurred by the liquidator are in all the circumstances excessive, provided that certain conditions are met, the member may apply to the court.

Application may be made to the court by members with at least 10% of the total voting rights of all the members having the right to vote at general meetings of the company, or any member with the permission of the Court. Any such application must be made within 8 weeks of the applicant receiving the liquidator's progress report in which the charging of the remuneration or incurring of the expenses in question is first reported. If the court does not dismiss the application (which it may if it considers that insufficient cause is shown), the applicant must give the liquidator a copy of the application and supporting evidence at least 14 days before the hearing.

If the court considers the application well founded, it may order that the remuneration be reduced, the basis be changed, or the expenses be disallowed or repaid. Unless the court orders otherwise, the costs of the application must be paid by the applicant and not out of the assets of the company.

9. **Other matters relating to fees**

Where the liquidator realises assets on behalf of a secured creditor he is entitled to be remunerated out of the proceeds of sale in accordance with the scale laid down in the Rules. Usually, however, the liquidator will agree the basis of his fee for dealing with charged assets with the secured creditor concerned.

Where two (or more) joint liquidators are appointed it is for them to agree between themselves how the remuneration payable should be apportioned. Any dispute between them may be referred to the court, or a meeting of members.

If a new liquidator is appointed in place of another, any determination, resolution or court order which was in effect immediately before the replacement continues to have effect in relation to the remuneration of the new liquidator until a further determination, resolution or court order is made.

Where the basis of the remuneration is a set amount, and the liquidator ceases to act before the time has elapsed or the work has been completed for which the amount was set, application may be made for a determination of the amount that should be paid to the outgoing liquidator. The application must be made to the same body as approved the remuneration. Where the outgoing liquidator and the incoming liquidator are from the same firm, they will usually agree the apportionment between them.

There may also be occasions when members will agree to make funds available themselves to pay for the liquidator to carry out tasks which cannot be paid for out of the assets. Any arrangements of this nature will be a matter for agreement between the liquidator and the members concerned and will not be subject to the statutory rules relating to remuneration.

Whilst every care has been taken in its preparation, this statement is intended for general guidance only.