# Liquidator's Progress Report

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

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To the Registrar of Companies

		Company Number			
		06442082			
	Name of Company				
a) Insert full name of company	(a)AUTO-TXT LIMITED - IN LIQUIDATION				
(b) Insert full name(s) and address(es)					
	the liquidator of the company attach a copy of my Progress Report under section 192 of the Insolvency Act 1986				

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Signed

Date

30 September 2013

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# **IN THE MATTER OF**

### **AUTO-TXT LIMITED - IN LIQUIDATION**

### <u>AND</u>

### **THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986**

THE LIQUIDATOR'S SECOND ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT
PURSUANT TO SECTION 104A OF THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
AND
RULE 4.49C OF THE INSOLVENCY RULES 1986
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 1 AUGUST 2013

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#### **AUTO-TXT LIMITED - IN LIQUIDATION**

#### Annual Progress Report pursuant to Section 104A of the Insolvency Act 1986

#### (a) Introduction

The Company was placed into liquidation by a Special Resolution of the members followed by a meeting of the Creditors convened pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 on 2 August 2011 This report provides an update on the progress in the liquidation for the year ended 1 August 2013

#### Rule 4.49C-CVL(5): Progress Report

#### (b) Statutory information

Company name Auto-Txt Limited

Registered office 26-28 Bedford Row, London WC1R 4HE

Company number 06442082

Trading address Telematics Centre

Unit 15, Sugarswell Business Park, Shenington

Banbury, Oxfordshire, OX15 6HW

#### (c) Liquidator's names and address:

Paul Appleton of David Rubin & Partners LLP, 26 - 28 Bedford Row, London, WC1R 4HE was appointed Liquidator of the Company on 2 August 2011

#### (d) Basis of Liquidator's remuneration

Basis of remuneration

- At the first meeting of Creditors, a resolution was passed approving that the basis of my remuneration as Liquidator be fixed by reference to the time properly spent by my staff and myself in attending to matters arising in the winding-up
- In accordance with the provisions of Statement of Insolvency Practice 9 ("SIP 9"), a schedule of my firm's charge-out rates was issued to creditors at the time the basis of the Liquidator's remuneration was approved. There has not been any material increase in the rates during this appointment. Our current hourly chargeout rates, exclusive of VAT, are as follows -

	£
Partners/Office holders	300 - 395
Managers / Senior Managers	250 - 295
Senior Administrators	180 - 220
Administrators	130 - 160
Cashiers and Assistants	120 - 160
Supports	110 - 120

Chargeout rates are normally reviewed annually in November, when rates are adjusted to reflect such matters as inflation, increases in direct wage costs, and changes to indirect costs such as Professional Indemnity Insurance Time is charged in minimum units of 6 minutes

#### 1 3 Staff allocation and the use of subcontractors

Our 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, Manager, Senior Administrator and two Administrators. The exact constitution of the case team will depend on the anticipated size and complexity of the assignment, and additional staff may be allocated to meet the demands of the case.

We have not utilised the services of any subcontractors in this case

#### (e) Liquidator's remuneration

My time costs for the year under review are £49,382 This represents 166 hours at an average rate of £297 per hour—I attach, as Appendix B, a Time Analysis, which provides details of the activity during the year, analysed by staff grade

As Creditors will recall, a substantial amount of Partner time was needed in this matter due to the issues arising from the warranties provided to Aston Martin Lagonda Limited ('AML') by the Company, together with the security issues involving Ipex 1 Fund Limited Partnership ("IPEX1"), together with its links with Porsche Engineering Group GmBH

I have also reviewed my cumulative time costs for the period from 2 August 2011 to 1 August 2013 and would report that my total time costs are £253,443 for 881 hours, which equates to an average cost of £288 per hour A breakdown of my time charges is also set out in Appendix B To date, £170,000 has been paid on account of these time costs

To view an explanatory note concerning Liquidators' remuneration issued by the Joint Insolvency Committee, please visit the Publications folder on our website at <a href="https://www.drpartners.com/cases">www.drpartners.com/cases</a>, using the following log-on details

USERNAME a327 aut@sharesrvr com PASSWORD tua723A\*

Alternatively, please contact this office to arrange for a copy to be sent to you

Included in the work undertaken by me and my staff is, inter alia, the following -

- Dealing with creditors' enquiries both by correspondence and by telephone, and noting their claims
- 11) Correspondence with HM Revenue & Customs and the preparation of appropriate tax returns on behalf of the Company
- Carrying out all necessary investigations, including the examination of the Company's statutory books and books of accounts and records in order to enable me to prepare and submit my report on the conduct of the Directors pursuant to the requirements of the Company Directors Disqualification Act 1986
- Preparation and circulation of my annual progress reports and Receipts and Payments Account to creditors pursuant to S104A of the Insolvency Act 1986, and submission of same to the Registrar of Companies

- v) Dealing with all matters relating to the Secured Creditor and the quantification of it's debt
- vi) Dealing with all matters relating to book debts, including correspondence and telephone attendances with the debtors and, in particular, with AML regarding the outstanding debt and warranty claims
- vii) Sundry statutory and administrative duties

#### (f) Liquidator's expenses

Expenses incurred in the liquidation are explained at (g) below in my comments on the Receipts and Payments Accounts

#### (g) Details of progress for the period under review and cumulatively:

A Receipts and Payments Account is attached at Appendix A, which is further explained below Also, attached at Appendix A is a cumulative Receipts and Payments Account for the period from 2 August 2011 to 1 August 2013

#### 1. Receipts

#### 1.1 Goodwill & IPR

As Creditors will recall in my previous report, there was a residual amount of Intellectual Property that had yet to be disposed of I confirm that this asset has now been sold, and the amount of £480 was received in respect of the same

#### 1.2 Book Debts

As mentioned in my previous report, I resolved the issues with AML in relation to the warranty claims and the total outstanding liability. Accordingly, the amount of £28,520 was recovered during the period under review

Further to my previous report, I would advise that the employee loans and non-trade debtors detailed in the Estimated Statement of Affairs ('ESOA') have not been able to be recovered due to the lack of documentation to substantiate the veracity of the same

#### 1.3 Bank interest gross

Interest earned on the funds in hand amounts to £2,264

#### 2. Payments

#### 2.1 Liquidator's Remuneration

As outlined in (e) above, I have drawn the sum of £170,000, plus VAT, on account of my outstanding time costs, to date During the period under review, £90,000 has been drawn in respect of the above

#### 2.2 Corporation Tax

The amount of £37 60 has been paid in respect of Corporation Tax relating to chargeable gains made by the Company during the period under review

#### (h) Details of any assets that remain to be realised and outstanding matters

In addition to the assets mentioned in (g) 1 2 above, I provide the following information in relation to the Rent Deposit held by the Company's Landlord

#### 1.1 Rent Deposit

Creditors will recall that the Company's Landlord held a rent deposit in the sum of £10,000 as at the date of liquidation. As expected, the Landlord has offset the amount of the rent deposit against his claim for outstanding rent, which has resulted in a claim of £11,591 being submitted by the same

# (i) Investigations

1.1 In accordance with the Company Directors Disqualification Act 1986, I have submitted a report on the conduct of the Directors of the Company to the Department for Business Innovation & Skills (BIS) As this is a confidential report, I am not able to disclose the contents

Shortly after my appointment, I made an initial assessment of whether there could be any matters that might lead to recoveries for the estate and what further investigations may be appropriate. This assessment took into account information provided by creditors either at the initial meeting or as a response to my request to complete an investigation questionnaire. My examinations have not revealed any issues requiring further investigation.

### (j) Creditors' rights – Rule 4.49E and Rule 4.131

- 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 provides 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 the basis fixed for the Liquidator's remuneration, the remuneration charged or the expenses incurred by the Liquidator, as set out in this progress report, are excessive

#### (k) Any other relevant information:

#### (i) (a) Secured Creditor

As mentioned in my previous report, IPEX1 was granted a Fixed and Floating Charge over the Company's assets and it was created on 12 July 2010 and registered at Companies House on 30 July 2010. The outstanding hability due to IPEX 1 as at the date of liquidation was £15 6m. However, it should be noted that, under the terms of the Debenture, the amount, which IPEX1 is able to claim under the same, is dependent on the amount of funds it has paid to Porsche, which is a creditor of the Company.

I would advise that, to date, I still have not received the final reconciliation in respect of the above Consequently, I am not in a position where I can agree the claim of the Secured Creditor

#### (b) Prescribed Part

Section 176A of the Insolvency Act 1986 provides for a prescribed part of the Company's net property to be retained from distribution to the floating charge holder, where the debenture was created on or after 15 September 2003 and made available for the satisfaction of unsecured debts

Based on present information, I estimate that there will be a sum available to Unsecured Creditors under the provisions of the Prescribed Part However, until such time as I receive the necessary reconciliation from IPEX1, I am unable to agree the amount due to the same pursuant to it's Debenture and cannot determine the value of this fund

#### (ii) Preferential Creditors

I have received a preferential claim from the Redundancy Payments Office ("RPO") in the sum of £19,715 There are also preferential claims of 23 employees, who are owed the balance of their wages and holiday pay amounting to £30,388 I would advise that Preferential Creditors were paid in full on 5 March 2012

#### (iii) Unsecured Creditors

As funds will become available for unsecured Creditors, I have been requesting creditors to submit their claims for adjudication. As at the date of this report, the claims of 43 creditors with a total value of £796,580, have been agreed. The claims of 28 creditors, with an estimated total value of £79,000, have yet to be established.

## (l) Next report

I am required to provide a further report on the progress of the liquidation within two months of the end of the next anniversary of the liquidation, unless I have concluded matters prior to that, in which case I will write to all creditors with my final progress report ahead of convening the final meeting of creditors

I trust you will find this report adequate for your purposes but should you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact in the first instance, either my Senior Manager, Glyn Middleton, or his assistant, Ben Svendsen at this office

PAUL APPLETON - LIQUIDATOR

DATE: 30 SEPTEMBER 2013

### **AUTO-TXT LIMITED - IN LIQUIDATION**

# LIQUIDATOR'S RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

### FROM 2 AUGUST 2011 TO 1 AUGUST 2013

	Estimated to realise £	Realised to-date £	<u>Y/E</u> <u>01-Aug-13</u> £
Balance brough forward			237,436 65
Receipts			
Cash held on Appointment Cash at Bank Goodwill & IPR Furniture, Fittings & Equipment Stock Book Debts Insurance Refund NNDR Refund Bank Interest Received	185,840 Uncertain 4,950 250	18,000 00 363,055 60 10,480 00 11,513 50 3,738 00 28,519 65 2,664 37 359 29 2,451 54	28,519 65 - 22,263 94
Payments .		440,781 95	268,700 24
Statement of Affairs Fees Corporation Tax Statutory Advertising Insurance of Assets Professional Fees Agent's Fees Specific Bond Liquidator's Disbursements Liquidator's Remuneration Preferential Creditors - Paid in Full		27,500 00 37 60 306 00 148 40 125 00 12,017 50 316 80 1,565 26 170,000 00 50,102 75 262,119 31	90,000 00
Receipts less Payments		178,662 64	178,662 64
Represented by - Balance at Bank VAT Recoverable			160,662 64 18,000 00 178,662 64

# AUTO-TXT LIMITED - IN LIQUIDATION LIQUIDATOR'S TIME COSTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 1 AUGUST 2013 SIP 9 TIME SUMMARY

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Classification of work function	Hours					Total Cost	Average	
	Partners	Managers / Senior Managers	Administrators/ Senior Administrators	Cashiers	Total hours	£	hourly rate £	
Statutory compliance, admin and planning	13 12	17 30	26 00	05 42	62.24	15,436 50	247 38	
investigations	00 00	17:06	00 00	00 00	17-06	5,044 50	295 00	
Realisations of assets	18 54	07 30	04 00	00 00	30 24	10,265 50	337 68	
Creditors	37 12	08 24	10 30	00 00	56 06	18,636 00	332 19	
Trading	00 00	00 00	00 00	00.00	00:00	0.00	0 00	
Total hours and costs	69 18	50 30	40 30	05 42	166 00	49,382 50	297 48	

LIQUIDATOR'S CUMULATIVE TIME COSTS FOR THE PERIOD 2 AUGUST 2011 TO 1 AUGUST 2013 SIP 9 TIME SUMMARY							
	Hours					<b>A</b>	
Classification of work function	Partners	Managers / Senior Managers	Administrators/ Senior Administrators	Cashiers	Total hours	Total Cost £	Average hourly rate
Statutory compliance, admin and planning	33 24	52 24	76 42	18 18	180 48	40,573 00	224 408186
Investigations	21 00	95 18	03 06	00 00	119 24	36,599 00	306 52
Realisations of assets	128 12	54 00	58 42	00 00	240 54	73,390 00	304 65
Creditors	178 36	76 00	85 18	00 00	339 54	102,881 00	302 68
Trading	00 00	00 00	00 00	00 00	00.00	0 00	0 00
Total hours and costs	361 12	277 42	223 48	18 18	881.00	253,443 00	287 68

The above headings include inter alia

Administration and Planning

case planning

appointment notification

maintenance of records

statutory reporting and compliance

tax and VAT

Realisation of Assets

identifying and securing assets

debt collection

property, business and asset sales

Investigations

SIP2 review

reports pursuant to Company Directors Disqualification Act 1986

investigating antecedent transactions

Creditors

communications with creditors

creditors claims (including secured creditors, employees and preferential

creditors)

#### Direct expenses ("Category 1 disbursements")

Category I disbursements as defined by SIP 9, which can be specifically identified as relating to the administration of the case will be charged to the estate at cost, with no uplift. These include but are not limited to such items as case advertising, bonding and other insurance premiums and properly reimbursed expenses incurred by personnel in connection with the case.

#### Indirect expenses ("Category 2 disbursements")

It is normal practice to also charge the following indirect disbursements ("Category 2 disbursements" as defined by SIP 9) to the case, where appropriate

#### Postage and stationery circulars to creditors

Headed paper

25p per sheet

Envelopes

25p each

Photocopying

6p per sheet

Postage

Actual cost

#### Storage and Archiving

We use a commercial archiving company for storage facilities for company's records and papers. This is recharged to the estate at the rate of £10 per box per quarter, and includes a small charge to cover the administration costs of maintaining the archiving database and retrieval of documents. We also use our own personnel and vehicle for collection of books and records for which we charge £30 per hour.

Mileage incurred as a result of any necessary travelling is charged to the estate at the HM Revenue & Customs approved rate, currently 45p per mile