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Full forename(s)	Jason Mark	
Surname	Elliott	
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Building name/number	Regency House	
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Post town 45-53 Chorley New Road		
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Mid Holding Co UK Limited (In Administration) Joint Administrators' Summary of Receipts & Payments

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Note:

1. The directors were requested to complete a Statement of Affairs for the Company however failed to provide one.

Craig Johns Joint Administrator

Joint Administrators' Progress Report

Mid Holding Co UK Limited Formerly T/A Mid Group - In Administration

For the Period from 13 September 2022 to 20 January 2023

16 February 2023



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THE JOINT ADMINISTRATORS' PROGRESS REPORT

1 Introduction

- 1.1 Jason Mark Elliott and Craig Johns were appointed Joint Administrators of Mid Holding Co UK Limited ("the Company") on 21 July 2022. The appointment was made by the director, Sahel Majali.
- 1.2 This Administration is being handled by Cowgill Holloway Business Recovery LLP ("CHBR LLP") at Regency House, 45-53 Chorley New Road, Bolton, BL1 4QR. The Joint Administrators' contact details are by phone on 0161 827 1200 or via email NoreplyMidGroup@cowgills.co.uk. The Administration is registered in the High Court of Justice Business and Property Courts in Manchester Insolvency and Companies List (CHd), reference number CR-MAN-000543-2022.
- 1.3 As Joint Administrators, we are required to provide a progress report covering the period of six months commencing from the date the Company entered Administration and every subsequent period of six months. This progress report covers the period from 13 September 2022 to 20 January 2023 ("the Period") and should be read in conjunction with our earlier proposals report.
- 1.4 Information about the way that we will use, and store personal data on insolvency appointments can be found at https://www.cowgills.co.uk/services/business-recovery/privacy-notice/. If you are unable to download this, please contact us and a hard copy will be provided to you.
- 1.5 The trading address of the Company is Hapag-Lloyd House, Cambridge Road, Barking, IG11 8HH. The business traded under the name Mid Group.
- 1.6 The registered office of the Company is c/o Cowgill Holloway Business Recovery LLP, Regency House, 45-53 Chorley New Road, Bolton, BL1 4QR and its registered number 09045035.

2 Receipts and Payments

- 2.1 At Appendix A is our Receipts and Payments Account covering the period of this report, together with a Cumulative Receipts and Payments Account from the date of our appointment as Joint Administrators to 20 January 2023.
- In Section 3 below, you will find an update on the progress made during the Period in realising the Company's assets and dealing with its affairs.

3 **Progress of the Administration**

3.1 You may recall that the statutory objective being pursued in the Administration was the third statutory purpose of 'realising property in order to make a distribution to one or more secured or preferential creditors', as realisations will result in the secured creditor receiving a dividend pursuant to its security, in addition to the secondary preferential creditors.

- 3.2 Based on present information, the Joint Administrators believe this purpose will be achieved, as realisations to date will be sufficient to enable to a distribution to both the secured and secondary preferential creditors. Further details concerning a distribution are included below.
- 3.3 In addition to the pursuance of this statutory objective, the Joint Administrators have duties imposed by insolvency and other legislation, some of which may not provide any financial benefit to creditors.
- 3.4 This section of the report provides creditors with an update on the progress made in the Period, both in terms of the achievement of the statutory objective, but also work which is required of the Joint Administrators under other related legislation.

Administration (including statutory compliance & reporting)

- 3.5 As noted above, the Joint Administrators must comply with certain statutory obligations under the Insolvency Act 1986 and other related legislation. Details about the work that we anticipated would need to be done in this area was outlined in our initial fees estimate/information which was previously agreed by creditors.
- 3.6 Where the costs of statutory compliance work or reporting to creditors exceeds the initial estimate, it will usually be because the duration of the case has taken longer than anticipated, possibly due to protracted asset realisations, which have in turn placed a further statutory reporting requirement on the Joint Administrators.
- 3.7 As noted in our initial fees estimate/information, this work will not necessarily bring any financial benefit to creditors, but is required on every case by statute.
- 3.8 It should also be noted that the although the Company's workforce were contractually employed by a connected company, Mid Group Services Limited, their services were then contracted out to the Company and others within the group. As such, the Joint Administrators provided advice and consulted all employees regarding their status, as a result of the Company's financial difficulties.
- 3.9 Ultimately their services were no longer required by the Company and as a result, all employees were made redundant on 25 July 2022. The Joint Administrators wanted to ensure that employees were treated fairly and appropriately, given they would have no claim in the Administration estate. As such, the directors sought advice and therefore Mid Group Services Limited was placed into Creditors' Voluntary Liquidation on 8 August 2022, with Jason Mark Elliott and Craig Johns of CHBR being appointed Joint Liquidators.
- 3.10 The Joint Administrators instructed an employee claims specialist, ERA Solutions Limited ("ERA"), to assist the employees in making their claims to the Redundancy Payments Service. Although the claims will be made through the liquidation of Mid Group Services Limited, the Joint Administrators sought approval to pay the costs of ERA's services as an expense of the Administration estate, given that the employees services were rendered redundant as a direct result of the Administration.

Realisation of Assets

Cash Held on Appointment

3.11 Please note it was previously reported that the Joint Administrators held the sum of £193,294.15 in respect of cash held in appointment from the Company's bank account. The actual sum held was £185,794.15, which included the funds referred to in paragraph 3.12. Please also note that a sum of £22,500 was received in error and should have been allocated to Mid Contracting and Consulting Ltd (In Administration). This was repaid during the Period and the revised net sum held is £170,794.15. No further realisations are anticipated to be received in this respect.

Cash Held for Professional Services

3.12 As referred to above, the cash held on appointment balance also contained an amount of £15,000, which was introduced by a third party in respect of a deposit towards professional services. This has been corrected during the Period and the amount of £15,000 has been paid.

Furniture & Office Equipment

- 3.13 As detailed in our Proposals, the Joint Administrators instructed Jonathan Kay of Robson Kay Associates ("RKA") who is a member of the National Association of Valuers and Auctioneers to attend the Company's head office, complete an inventory and uplift of the Company's office furniture and equipment.
- 3.14 RKA were instructed to provide a valuation and dispose. They provided a forced sale valuation of £2,850 and after being listed at the next available auction, the sum of £3,795 plus VAT was realised. No further realisations are anticipated.

Stock

- 3.15 After the Joint Administrators had circulated their statement of proposals to creditors, they became aware that the Company had pre-paid for a delivery of building materials to ET Bricks, who still held the stock pending delivery to the respective building site.
- 3.16 The Joint Administrators therefore engaged in discussions with ET Bricks regarding payment being made by the new site contractor to purchase the title to this stock.
- 3.17 As such, the sum of £37,730.16 has since been realised in respect of the cost value of the stock pre-paid by the Company. No further realisations are anticipated.

Book Debts

- 3.18 The Company paid a deposit of £500,000 to a contractor in respect of a bond against future works. As these will not be completed, the Joint Administrators have instructed their agent to seek recovery of these funds. It is understood that a commercial settlement may be required and as such, this matter is currently ongoing with an uncertain estimated to realise value.
- 3.19 An update will be provided to creditors in the next progress report.

Retentions

- 3.20 As previously reported, The Joint Administrators have instructed Andrew White of The Alderley Group Ltd ("AW") to assist with dealing with these in the most appropriate manner, in order to maximise realisations for the Administration estate. Following a review, it has been determined that the remaining collectable retentions have an estimated book value of £221,754.22 however of these, £171,743.98 are not due until February 2023.
- 3.21 The Joint Administrators agreed the option of a re-assignment in return for a commission based agreement on 15% of realisations. This matter is currently ongoing with an uncertain estimated to realise value and therefore an update will be provided to creditors in the next progress report.

Intercompany Loans

- 3.22 As previously reported, the Company was owed the total sum of £60,324,144 in respect of Intercompany lending. Of this sum, £47,794,503 was due from Mid Contracting and Consulting Ltd in Administration, £6,849,636 from Mid Group (West) Limited In Liquidation and £14,109 from Mid Group Services Limited in Liquidation. Therefore, the likelihood of recoveries is uncertain.
- 3.23 The Joint Administrators will continue to review the position and make claims in the relevant insolvencies of the connected companies.
- 3.24 An update will be provided to creditors in the next progress report.

HMRC Refund

- 3.25 It was understood that the Company was due a refund from HMRC at the date of the Joint Administrators appointment. However, the quantum of HMRC's claim is yet to be verified. As such, due to possible right of offset by HMRC, the estimate to realise value was uncertain and this matter is yet to be resolved. HMRC have not submitted their final claim due to outstanding pre-appointment returns.
- 3.26 An update will be provided to creditors in the next progress report.
- 3.27 It is anticipated that the work the Joint Administrators and their staff have undertaken to date will bring a financial benefit to creditors because this may for example be a distribution to secured creditors of the Company only (from which a Prescribed Part fund may be derived for the benefit of unsecured creditors) or may, depending on realisations and the extent of any 3rd party security, result in a distribution to the preferential and unsecured creditors of the Company.

Creditors (claims and distributions)

3.28 Joint Administrators are not only required to deal with correspondence and claims from unsecured creditors (which may include retention of title claims), but also those of any secured and preferential creditors of the Company. This may involve separate reporting to any secured creditor and dealing with distributions from asset realisations caught under their security, most typically a debenture.

- 3.29 Since 1 December 2020, claims from preferential creditors now fall into one of two categories, either ordinary (typically involving employee claims and payments made on behalf of the Company by the Redundancy Payments Service following dismissal, which rank equally among themselves), or secondary (which are claims by HMRC for VAT or other relevant tax deductions such as PAYE and employee NIC deductions, together with student loans and CIS deductions, which also rank equally among themselves). Ordinary preferential claims rank ahead of secondary preferential claims and all preferential creditors must be paid in full before any distribution can be made to the unsecured creditors of a company.
- 3.30 Work undertaken by the Joint Administrators in dealing with a company's creditors may only bring a financial benefit to certain classes of creditor such as a secured creditor or the preferential creditors, however an Administrator is required by statute to undertake this work. Similarly, if a distribution is to be paid to any 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 Administrator in dealing with those claims.
- 3.31 More information on the anticipated outcome for all classes of creditor in this case can be found in Section 4 below.
- 3.32 At this stage, we consider the following matters worth bringing to the attention of creditors:
 - There is one secured creditor who are owed approximately £1,500,000;
 - We anticipate claims from secondary preferential creditors totalling £1; and
 - There are approximately 73 unsecured creditor claims in this case with a value per the estimated financial position statement of the Company of £24,045,757.

Investigations

- 3.33 Some of the work the Joint Administrators are 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 Joint Administrators can pursue for the benefit of creditors.
- 3.34 We can confirm that we have submitted a report on the conduct of the Directors of the Company to the Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy under the CDDA 1986. As this is a confidential report, we are unable to disclose the contents.
- 3.35 Shortly after appointment, we 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 (where held) or as a response to my request to complete an investigation questionnaire.
- 3.36 Our investigations have revealed that several transactions made by the Company which require further investigation alongside other matters which we do not wish to currently disclose for confidentiality reasons, as not to jeopardise our investigations.

3.37 An update will be provided to creditors when we believe it is appropriate to do so.

What remains to be done in the Administration.

- 3.38 The following matters remaining outstanding before the Administration can be concluded:
 - Continue to monitor and liaise with relevant parties regarding book debts and retentions;
 - Continue to monitor and liaise with relevant parties regarding investigations and potential financial recoveries;
 - Assess the overall position in respect of the intercompany lending and whether any potential financial recoveries can be made;
 - Liaise with HMRC regarding their position in respect of whether any refund is due or a liability claim is to be adjudicated on;
 - Declare and pay distribution to secondary preferential creditors, should HMRC submit their claim;
 - Make a distribution to Coutts under their floating charge;
 - Declare and pay distribution to unsecured creditors from the prescribed part fund, should funds permit; and
 - Deregister the VAT account and submit final VAT returns.

4 Estimated Outcome for Creditors

- 4.1 Attached at Appendix E is an updated Estimated Outcome Statement. This represents our estimate of the outcome of the Administration as at the end of the Period covered by this report.
- 4.2 At the present time, it is anticipated there will be sufficient funds available to make a distribution to the secured and preferential creditors, in addition to the unsecured creditors from the prescribed part fund only. The sections below provide details of the anticipated outcome for each class of creditor and further updates will be provided in the Joint Administrators' subsequent progress reports.

Secured Creditors

- 4.3 The Company granted a fixed and floating charge to Coutts and Company ("Coutts") which was created on 23 August 2021 and delivered on 26 August 2021. Coutts have the benefit of the fixed and floating charge via a cross guarantee, in respect of a Coronavirus Business Interruption Loan Scheme ("CBILS") loan obtained by a connected company, Mid Contracting and Consulting Ltd. Coutts have confirmed that £1,500,000 is currently outstanding.
- 4.4 It is anticipated that based on present realisations, there will be sufficient funds to make a distribution to Coutts under their floating charge although the quantum and timing is yet to be confirmed. It is also noted that Coutts may receive a distribution under their floating charge against Mid Contracting and Consulting Ltd (In Administration) also.

4.5 The Company also granted a fixed and floating charge to Bibby Financial Services Limited ("Bibby") which was created on 29 April 2021 and delivered on 3 May 2021; however, Bibby have confirmed that no outstanding balance is due, and their facility is closed. The charge was registered as satisfied on 19 October 2022.

Preferential Creditors

4.6 A summary of the preferential claims and details of any distributions paid to date can be found below:

Secondary preferential claims	Agreed Claim £	Statement of Affairs Claim £	Dividend paid p in the £1	Date dividend paid
VAT (HMRC)	ТВС	£1	Nil	N/A

- 4.7 As detailed above, the Company records indicate that the Company is due a refund from HMRC; however, this is yet to be confirmed. A provision of £1 has been included in the event that HMRC submit a claim into the estate, and this will be confirmed in due course.
- 4.8 Should a claim be received, it is anticipated that a dividend will be paid to secondary prior to the conclusion of the Administration, the details of which will be provided to the preferential creditors in due course.

Unsecured Creditors

- 4.9 We have received claims totalling £2,729,203.70 from 22 creditors. We have yet to receive claims from 53 creditors whose debts total £22,445,536.50 as per the Company's estimated financial position.
- 4.10 As detailed above, the Company granted a fixed and floating charge to Coutts on 23 August 2021. Accordingly, we are required to create a fund out of the Company's net floating charge property for the benefit of unsecured creditors (known as the "Prescribed Part").
- 4.11 Based on present information, we estimate that the Company's net property will be £36,403 and therefore arising from this, the Prescribed Part Fund available to unsecured creditors would be £10,281. Please note that this is only an estimate and may fluctuate depending on asset realisations and any claim from HMRC as a secondary preferential creditor.

5 **Pre-administration Costs**

5.1 On 29 September 2022, the following amounts in respect of pre-administration costs were approved:

Name of recipient	Brief description of services provided	Total amount approved
CHBR LLP	 Meeting with the Board of Directors and advice provided to the Company Reviewing the financial position and potential strategies for the Company to include CVA, CVL and Administration Daily correspondence with the director and 	£9,112.50 plus VAT

	several meetings to discuss the options available	
	 Extracting financial information for the 	
	Company and liaising with the secured	
	creditors in relation to the proposed strategy.	
Horwich Farrelly	Preparing appointment documentation and	£2,595.50 plus VAT
LLP	filing of the same	and expenses

5.2 These costs have been paid in full, as shown in the enclosed Receipts and Payments Account.

6 Joint Administrators' Remuneration

- 6.1 The basis of the Joint Administrators' fees have been fixed in the Administration by reference to the time properly spent by them and their staff in managing the Administration. Our fees estimate/information was originally provided to creditors when the basis of our remuneration was approved and was based on information available to us at that time.
- 6.2 A copy of the approved fees estimate for the Administration is reproduced below:

											Average	
				Assistant	Senior		Junior		Total	Total Cost	Cost	
	Partner	Director	Manager	Manager	Administrator	Administrator	Administrator	Cashier	hours	£	£	
Administration (including Stat	45.00	5.00	10.00	40.00	80.00	35.30	50.00	15.00	280.30	64,702.50	230.83	
Creditors (Claims and Distributions)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Investigations	20.00	-	2.50	35.00	50.00	5.00	5.00	-	117.50	30,062.50	255.85	
Asset Realisation/Management	20.00	-	5.00	20.00	40.00	2.50	10.00	-	97.50	24,912.50	255.51	
Total Hours	85.00	5.00	17.50	95.00	170.00	42.80	65.00	15.00	495.30	119,677.50	241.63	
Current Chargeout Rates	395.00	350.00	275.00	250.00	225.00	175.00	120.00	150.00				

- 6.3 Our time costs for the Period are £36,030. This represents 137 hours at an average rate of £262 per hour. Attached at 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 in managing the Administration.
- Also attached at Appendix C is a Cumulative Time Analysis for the period from 21 July 2022 to 20 January 2023. which provides details of our time costs since our appointment. The cumulative time costs incurred to date are £71,774 and this represents 278 hours at an average rate of £258 per hour. To date, the sum of £70,500, plus VAT and expenses, has been paid on account.
- 6.5 At the date of this report, we would confirm that our fees estimate for the Administration remains unchanged and we currently anticipate that the total amount that will be paid to our firm in respect of the time costs incurred will not exceed this estimate. Where this amount is less than our overall fees estimate, it may be that our fee recoveries will be restricted as a result of the funds available in the Administration, which will prevent our time costs being recovered in full.
- 6.6 A copy of 'A Creditors' Guide to Administrators' Fees' is available on request or can be downloaded from https://www.cowgills.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2016/01/Creditors-Guide-to-Administrators-fees.pdf.
- 6.7 Attached at Appendix D is additional information in relation to the Joint Administrators fees, expenses and disbursements, including where relevant, information on the use of subcontractors and professional advisers.

7 Creditors' Rights

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

8 Ending the Administration

- 8.1 All Administrations automatically come to an end after the period of one year, unless the Company's creditors agree to extend this period, or the Court orders the Joint Administrators' term of office be extended for a specified period of time.
- 8.2 At the time of drafting this Report we believe that an extension to the period of Administration may be necessary, however will confirm the position to creditors in a subsequent progress report in due course.
- 8.3 Based on information currently available, the information on the exit route(s) we believe may be appropriate in this Administration is/are set out below.

Dissolution of the Company

- 8.4 Based on present information, the Joint Administrators think that a distribution will be available to the unsecured creditors from the Prescribed Part by virtue of section 176A(2)(a). This will be distributed in due course within the Administration and a notice will thereafter be filed at Court and with the Registrar of Companies with the Joint Administrators final report, for the dissolution of the Company.
- 8.5 The Joint Administrators' appointment will end following the registration of the notice by the Registrar of Companies.

Compulsory Liquidation

8.6 If a move to Creditors' Voluntary Liquidation is not possible because a dividend to the unsecured creditors (other than by virtue of the Prescribed Part) is not anticipated, but the Joint Administrators conclude that an exit into liquidation is appropriate so that further investigations into the Company's affairs may be carried out for example, an application to Court may be made to exit into Compulsory Liquidation instead. If this exit route is appropriate, at this stage it is anticipated (but is not mandatory) that the Joint Administrators will become the Joint Liquidators in the subsequent liquidation.

8.7 The Joint Administrators will be discharged from liability under Paragraph 98(3) of Schedule B1 to the Insolvency Act 1986 immediately upon their appointment as Joint Administrators ceasing to have effect.

9 Next Report

9.1 The Joint Administrators are required to provide a progress report within one month of the end of the next six months of the Administration or earlier if the Administration has been finalised or they wish to extend it.

For and on behalf of Mid Holding Co UK Limited

Craig Johns

Joint Administrator

Appendix A

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(4,759.00)		VAT Payable	
28,468.86		VAT Receivable	
89,975.10			

Note:

^{1.} The directors were requested to complete a Statement of Affairs for the Company however failed to provide one.

Appendix B

Joint Administrators' Time Analysis for the Period from 13 September 2022 to 20 January 2023

											Average
				Assistant	Senior		Junior		Total	Total Cost	Cost
	Partner	Director	Manager	Manager	Administrator	Administrator	Administrator	Cashier	hours	£	£
Administration (including Stat)	29.05	-	-	3.20	10.00	46.70	8.50	0.10	97.55	23,732.25	243.28
Creditor Claims (Claims and Distributions)	1.50	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.50	592.50	395.00
Investigations	8.50	-	-	8.90	-	3.50	-	-	20.90	6,195.00	296.41
Planning & Strategy	-	-	-	-	-	-	=	-	-	-	-
Realisation of Assets	10.50	-	-	0.50	2.00	4.50	=	=	17.50	5,510.00	314.86
Total Hours	49.55	-	-	12.60	12.00	54.70	8.50	0.10	137.45	36,029.75	262.13
Current Chargeout Rates	395.00	350.00	275.00	250.00	225.00	175.00	120.00	150.00			

Appendix C

Joint Administrators' Cumulative Time Analysis for the Period from 21 July 2022 to 20 January 2023

											Average	
				Assistant	Senior		Junior		Total	Total Cost	Cost	
	Partner	Director	Manager	Manager	Administrator	Administrator	Administrator	Cashier	hours	£	£	
Administration (including Stat)	76.55	-	-	6.40	10.00	120.20	15.90	0.60	229.65	57,120.25	248.73	
Creditor Claims (Claims and Distributions)	1.50	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.50	592.50	395.00	
Investigations	8.50	-	-	8.90	-	3.50	-	-	20.90	6,195.00	296.41	
Planning & Strategy	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Realisation of Assets	14.25	-	-	0.50	2.00	9.50	-	-	26.25	7,866.25	299.67	
Total Hours	100.80			15.80	12.00	133.20	15.90	0.60	278.30	71,774.00	257.90	
Total nours	100.60			15.60	12.00	155.20	15.90	0.00	2/6.30	71,774.00	257.90	
Current Chargeout Rates	395.00	350.00	275.00	250.00	225.00	175.00	120.00	150.00				

Joint Administrators' Progress Report

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

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 On this case we have utilised the services of the subcontractors noted below. It is considered that the cost of subcontracting this work to specialist contractors will be less than, or equivalent to, the cost of these services being undertaken by the office holder(s) or their staff and the outsourcing of this work will bring greater efficiency to this element of the work necessary in the Administration.
- 1.4 In respect of the costs paid to ERA Solutions Limited, please refer to paragraph 3.9 above.

Service (s)	Provider	Work done/to be done	Basis of fee arrangement	Paid to date £	Anticipated total cost
Employee claims processing	ERA Solutions Limited	Employee claims support, assisting with the submission of ERA claims to the Redundancy Payments Service and agreement of employee claims with the office holder. This may also include the production of P45s for former employees where appropriate. This is a specialist claims area and we believe greater efficiencies will be created for the former employees and the estate if this sub-contractor works alongside the office holder to assist with the processing of claims, etc.	Fixed fee per employee	2,410 plus VAT	2,410 plus VAT
Professional Services	Antony Knapton	Providing professional services provided since the date of Administration, relating to all projects, including commercial and operational issues, site security, health and safety matters, insurance issues, liaising with clients, subcontractors, suppliers and design professionals. Preliminary assessment of retention issues	Fixed fee	7,500	7,500
Professional Services	Gary Lambourne	Services provided since the date of Administration, relating to all projects, including commercial and operational issues, site security, health and safety matters, insurance issues, liaising with clients, subcontractors, suppliers and design professionals. Preliminary assessment of retention issues	Fixed fee	7,500	7,500

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
Beyond Corporate LLP (legal advice)	Time costs plus VAT and expenses
Horwich Farrelly LLP (legal advice)	Time costs plus VAT and expenses
The Aldereley Group (valuation and disposal advice)	Time costs plus VAT and expenses
Robson Kay Associates (valuation and disposal advice)	Time costs plus VAT and expenses
AUA Insolvency Risk Services Limited (insurance and bond)	Fixed costs plus insurance premium tax
Carden IT Services (IT software and services)	Fixed costs plus VAT and expenses

2.2 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 **Joint Administrators' Expenses**

3.1 The estimate of expenses which were anticipated in the Administration was provided to creditors when the basis of my fees was approved. The table below compares the anticipated costs against those incurred to date.

Category 1 Expenses

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

Expense	Estimated overall cost	Paid in Prior Period £	Paid in the period covered by this report	Incurred but not paid to date f
	_	_	£	_
Agent's Fees	20,879.50 plus		20,879.50 plus VAT	
	VAT			
Agent's Expenses	1,595.68 plus VAT		1,595.68 plus VAT	
Legal Fees	9,641.25 plus VAT		7,141.25 plus VAT	
Statutory advertising	182.25 plus VAT		88.75 plus VAT	
Specific Penalty Bond	180.00		180.00	
External storage costs	500.00 plus VAT			
IT Software and Services	7,610.08 plus VAT	3,117.59 plus VAT	4,492.49 plus VAT	
Bank charges	15.00 plus VAT		15.00 plus VAT	
Postage and stationery	515.95 plus VAT		215.95 plus VAT	

Category 2 Expenses

3.3 These expenses do require approval from creditors. These are costs which are directly referable to the appointment in question but are not payments which are made to an independent third party and may therefore include payments to associates of the office holder or shared or allocated costs that can be allocated to the appointment on a proper and reasonable basis. Details of Category 2 expenses charged by this firm (where appropriate) were provided at the time the Administrator's fees were approved by creditors:

Expense	Estimated overall cost £	Paid in Prior Period £	Paid in the period covered by this report £	Incurred but not paid to date £
Accountancy Fees	1,000.00 plus			
	VAT			

3.4 It should be noted the above payment is being made to an associated party. The Joint Administrators considered the matter carefully and in comparison to this work being

contracted to external party, believe there would have been no difference in the financial cost to the estate.

Charge-Out Rates

- 4 Cowgill Holloway Business Recovery LLP's current charge-out rates effective from 01 June 2021 are detailed below:
- 4.1 Please note this firm records its time in minimum units of 6 minutes.

Staff Grade	Per Hour (£)
Partner	395
Consultant	350
Director	350
Senior Manager	300
Manager	275
Assistant Manager	250
Senior Administrator	225
Administrator	175
Cashier / Support Staff	150
Junior Administrator	120

Appendix E

Estimated Outcome Statement as at 20 January 2023

	Notes	£
Assets Subject to a Floating Charge		
Cash Held by Joint Administrators	1	89,975
Book Debt .	2	Uncertain
Retentions	3	Uncertain
Intercompany Loans	4	Uncertain
HMRC Refund	5	Uncertain
		89,975
Less: Estimated costs of Administration	6	(53,572)
Estimated funds available for Preferential Creditors		36,404
Less: Estimated Secondary Preferential Creditors	7	(1)
Estimated Surplus / (Deficiency) to Preferential Creditors		36,403
Prescribed Part calculation c/d	8	(10,281)
Estimated funds available to floating charge creditor		26,122
Less: Debts secured by floating charge:		
Coutts and Company ("Coutts")	9	(1,500,000)
Estimated Surplus / (Shortfall) to floating charge creditor c/d		(1,473,878)
Add back Prescribed Part	8	10,281
Estimated available to unsecured creditors		10,281
Less: Unsecured Creditors:		
Intercompany Loan - Mid Contracting and Consulting Ltd	10	(16,459,024)
Intercompany Loan - Mid Group (West) Ltd	10	(113,587)
Trade & Expense Creditors	11	(7,473,146)
Total Unsecured Creditors		(24,045,757)
Estimated (Shortfall to Unsecured Creditors)		(24,035,476)
Estimated (Shortfall) to Floating Charge Creditors		(1,473,878)
Estimated Total (Shortfall) to Creditors		(25,509,353)

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Estimated Outcome Statement as at 20 January 2023

Notes

- 1. The Joint Administrators currently hold this sum, including VAT.
- 2. The Company paid a deposit of £500,000 to a contractor in respect of a bond against future works. As these will not be completed, the Joint Administrators have instructed their agent to seek recovery of these funds. It is understood that a commercial settlement may be required and as such, the estimate to realise position is currently uncertain.
- 3. The Joint Administrators are currently liaising with their agent regarding the realisation strategy of retentions owed to the Company. It has been determined that the remaining collectable retentions have an estimated book value of £221,754.22 however of these, £171,743.98 are not due until February 2023. The Joint Administrators have agreed a commission agreement to re-assign the retentions for 15% however at present the estimate to realise is uncertain due to potential counter-claims.
- 4. The Company is owed sums in respect of several intercompany loans. These are; £47,794,503 from Mid Contracting and Consulting Ltd in Administration, £1,478,603 from Mid Co Holdings Guernsey Limited, £6,849,636 from Mid Group (West) Limited, £14,109 from Mid Group Services Limited in Liquidation and £4,187,293 from Sterling MEP Services Limited. It should be noted that these figures are estimates based on the draft financial management accounts dated 30 November 2021 but in any event, these companies have either entered a form of insolvency or have ceased to trade. Therefore, the estimate to realise positon is currently uncertain.
- 5. As per the proposal, it was understood the Company was due a refund from HMRC. This is still being established and therefore the estimate to realisation is uncertain.
- 6. See the below breakdown.
- 7. It is uncertain that HM Revenue & Customs will have a claim in the Administration in respect of VAT and CIS/PAYE however as the quantum of this is yet to be established and therefore for the purposes of this statement, have been listed as £1.
- 8. This is the estimated precribed part calculation based on the Company's net property.
- 9. Coutts have the benefit of a fixed and floating charge via a cross guarantee, in respect of a Coronavirus Business Interruption Loan Scheme ("CBILS") loan obtained by a connected company, Mid Contracting and Consulting Ltd. Coutts have confirmed that £1,500,000 is currently outstanding.
- 10. The Company has outstanding intercompany loans due however it should be noted these balances are estimates based on draft management financial accounts dated 30 November 2021.
- 11. The trade and expense creditors have been calculated using the figures contained in the Company's books and records and claims received to date.

Estimated costs of Administration	
CHBR Joint Administrators' Fees - Time costs expected to be circa £119,678	(49,178)
CHBR- Disbursements	(1,894)
Legal Fees	(2,500)
	(53,572)