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1	Company details	
Company number	0 9 0 4 5 0 3 5	→ Filling in this form
Company name in full	Mid Holding Co UK Limited	Please complete in typescript or in bold black capitals.
2	Administrator's name	<u>'</u>
Full forename(s)	Jason Mark	
Surname	Elliott	
3	Administrator's address	
Building name/number	Regency House	
Street		
Post town	45-53 Chorley New Road	
County/Region	Bolton	
Postcode	B L 1 4 Q R	
Country		
4	Administrator's name •	
Full forename(s)	Craig	Other administrator Use this section to tell us about
Surname	Johns	another administrator.
5	Administrator's address @	
Building name/number	Regency House	Other administrator Use this section to tell us about
Street		another administrator.
Post town	45-53 Chorley New Road	
County/Region	Bolton	
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Country		

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Administrator's signature	Signature	×
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Contact name	Ashley Carlton
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Address	Regency House
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Post town	Bolton
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DX	
Telephone	0161 827 1200

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Mid Holding Co UK Limited (In Administration) Joint Administrators' Summary of Receipts & Payments

From 21/01/2023	From 21/07/2022
To 20/07/2023	To 20/07/2023
£	£
NIL	170,794.15
NIL	15,000.00
NIL	22,500.00
NIL	3,795.00
NIL	37,730.16
54,431.84	54,431.84
54,431.84	304,251.15
NIL	1,595.68
NIL	20,879.50
NIL	15.00
NIL	2,410.00
NIL	22,500.00
NIL	7,610.08
25,500.00	96,000.00
NIL	9,112.50
NIL	7,141.25
NIL	2,595.50
NIL	15,000.00
NIL	180.00
2.05	218.00
NIL	88.75
(25,502.05)	(185,346.26)
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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 21 January 2023 to 20 July 2023

11 August 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 21 January 2023 to 20 July 2023 ("the Period") and should be read in conjunction with our earlier proposals report and any previous progress reports which have been issued.
- 1.4 We would confirm that since the Joint Administrators' last progress report, the period of the Administration has been extended to 20 July 2024. Further information on this can be found in Section 3 below.
- 1.5 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.
- 1.6 The trading address of the Company is Hapag-Lloyd House, Cambridge Road, Barking, IG11 8HH. The business trades/traded under the name Mid-Group
- 1.7 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 July 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 the realisations to date will be sufficient to enable to a distribution to both the secured and secondary preferential creditors, in addition to the unsecured creditors via the prescribed part. 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.

Extending the Administration

- 3.5 Creditors may recall that we deemed it necessary to extend the period of the Administration to enable us to conclude;
 - In order to continue with the investigation and potential recoveries in respect of Company transactions involving connected parties and the continued recovery of any retentions.
- 3.6 Accordingly, on 20 April 2023, we wrote to the secured and preferential creditors, seeking their consent to extend the Administration via deemed consent procedure. We would confirm that no objections were received and consequently, the Administration was extended by the consent of creditors until 20 July 2024.

Administration (including statutory compliance & reporting)

- 3.7 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.
- 3.8 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.
- 3.9 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.

Realisation of Assets

Book Debts

- 3.10 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 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.
- 3.11 An update will be provided to creditors in the next progress report.

Retentions

- 3.12 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 were not due until February 2023.
- 3.13 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

- 3.14 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.
- 3.15 The Joint Administrators will continue to review the position and make claims in the relevant insolvencies of the connected companies.
- 3.16 An update will be provided to creditors in the next progress report.

UK Power Networks Refund

- 3.17 Since the last reporting Period, AW had discovered via a third-party that the Company would be entitled to recover sums from UK Power Networks in respect of incomplete works and variations paid by the Company.
- 3.18 The third-party advised that recoveries would be unlikely without their input and contacts, so had agreed to facilitate the recovery of these sums in exchange for 50% of the gross sums recovered. The Joint Administrators accepted this proposal on the basis that these sums were not previously thought to be recoverable.
- 3.19 As such, the matter was resolved the Joint Administrators have realised the sum of £54,431.84, which is 50% of the proceeds.

HMRC Refund

- 3.20 It was understood that the Company was due a refund from HMRC at the date of the Joint Administrators appointment. However, following review, it was noted this refund was paid to a connected company on 25 May 2022 and 22 June 2022, under the VAT group.
- 3.21 As such, it is understood that no refunds are due from HMRC to the Company.

3.22 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)

- 3.23 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.
- 3.24 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.
- 3.25 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.
- 3.26 More information on the anticipated outcome for all classes of creditor in this case can be found in Section 4 below.
- 3.27 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;
 - It is currently uncertain whether any liabilities are owed to HMRC as a secondary preferential creditor; 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

3.28 You may recall from our first progress report to creditors that 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 can be pursued for the benefit of creditors.

- 3.29 Our report on the conduct of the Directors of the Company to the Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy under the CDDA 1986 was submitted during the first period of the Administration and is confidential.
- 3.30 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.
- 3.31 Since our last progress report we would advise that no further asset realisations have come to light that may be pursued by us for the benefit of creditors.
- 3.32 An update will be provided to creditors when we believe it is appropriate to do so.

What remains to be done in the Administration.

- 3.33 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;
 - 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
 - Submit final VAT returns/VAT427.

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), should realisations permit.
- 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)	TBC	£1	N/A	N/A

- 4.7 HMRC have yet to confirm whether they have any secondary preferential claim against the Company. 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 £93,426 and therefore arising from this, the Prescribed Part Fund available to unsecured creditors would be £21,685. 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 Joint Administrators' Remuneration

- 5.1 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.
- 5.2 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			

- 5.3 Our time costs for the Period are £25,608. This represents 88 hours at an average rate of £291 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 July 2023, which provides details of our time costs since our appointment. The cumulative time costs incurred to date are £97,382 and this represents 366 hours at an average rate of £266 per hour. To date, the sum of £96,000 plus VAT and expenses has been paid on account.
- 5.5 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.
- 5.6 Should this position change however, the Joint Administrators reserve the right to circulate a revised fees estimate to creditors for approval, if deemed necessary.
- 5.7 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.
- 5.8 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.

6 Creditors' Rights

- 6.1 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.
- 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.

7 Ending the Administration

- 7.1 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.
- 7.2 As referred to above, the term of the Administration was extended by consent to 20 July 2024.
- 7.3 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

- 7.4 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.
- 7.5 The Joint Administrators' appointment will end following the registration of the notice by the Registrar of Companies.

Compulsory Liquidation

- 7.6 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.
- 7.7 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.

8 Next Report

8.1 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 further.

For and on behalf of Mid Holding Co UK Limited

Craig Johns

Joint Administrator

Appendix A

Joint Administrators' Receipts and Payments Account from 21 January 2023 to 20 July 2023, together with a Cumulative Receipts and Payments Account for Period from 21 July 2022 to 20 July 2023

From 21/07/202 To 20/07/202	From 21/01/2023 To 20/07/2023		Statement of Affairs
	f		£
		FLOATING CHARGE RECEIPTS	
170,794.	NIL	Cash held on appointment	
15,000.	NIL	Funds held for Professional Services	
22,500.	NIL	Funds Received in Error	
3,795.	NIL	Furniture & Office Equipment	
37,730.	NIL	Stock	
54,431.	54,431.84	UK Power Networks Refund	
304,251.	54,431.84		
		FLOATING CHARGE PAYMENTS	
1,595.	NIL	Agents' Disbursements - Post Appt	
20,879.	NIL	Agents Fees' - Post Appt	
15.	NIL	Bank Charges	
2,410.	NIL	Employment agent	
22,500.	NIL	Funds received in error	
7,610.	NIL	IT Software and Services	
96,000.	25,500.00	Joint Administrators' Post Appt Fees	
9,112.	NIL	Joint Administrators' Pre Appt Expenses	
7,141.	NIL	Legal Fees - Post Appt	
2,595.	NIL	Legal Fees - Pre Appt	
15,000.	NIL	Professional Services	
180.	NIL	Specific Bond	
218.	2.05	Stationery & Postage	
88.	NIL	Statutory Advertising	
(185,346.2	(25,502.05)	, 5	
118,904.	28,929.79		
		REPRESENTED BY	
90,094.		HB Bank 1 Current - Non-Interest Bearing	
(4,759.0		VAT Payable	
33,569.		VAT Receivable	
118,904.			

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 21 January 2023 to 20 July 2023

											Average
				Assistant	Senior		Junior		Total	Total Cost	Cost
	Partner	Director	Manager	Manager	Administrator	Administrator	Administrator	Cashier	hours	£	£
Administration (including Stat)	22.00	-	-	2.20	33.00	7.40	2.40	-	67.00	18,248.00	272.36
Creditor Claims (Claims and Distributions)	1.00	-	-	-	-	-	1.50	-	2.50	575.00	230.00
Investigations	1.50	-	-	-	0.50	-	-	-	2.00	705.00	352.50
Planning & Strategy	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Realisation of Assets	14.00	-	-	0.40	2.00	-	-	-	16.40	6,080.00	370.73
Total Hours	38.50	-	-	2.60	35.50	7.40	3.90	-	87.90	25,608.00	291.33
Current Chargeout Rates	395.00	350.00	275.00	250.00	225.00	175.00	120.00	150.00			

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Appendix C

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

											Average
				Assistant	Senior		Junior		Total	Total Cost	Cost
	Partner	Director	Manager	Manager	Administrator	Administrator	Administrator	Cashier	hours	£	£
Administration (including Stat)	98.55	-	-	8.60	43.00	127.60	18.30	0.60	296.65	75,368.25	254.06
Creditor Claims (Claims and Distributions)	2.50	-	-	-	-	-	1.50	-	4.00	1,167.50	291.88
Investigations	10.00	-	-	8.90	0.50	3.50	-	-	22.90	6,900.00	301.31
Planning & Strategy	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Realisation of Assets	28.25	-	-	0.90	4.00	9.50	-	-	42.65	13,946.25	326.99
Total Hours	139.30	-	-	18.40	47.50	140.60	19.80	0.60	366.20	97,382.00	265.93
Current Chargeout Rates	395.00	350.00	275.00	250.00	225.00	175.00	120.00	150.00			

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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 We are not proposing to utilise the services of any sub-contractors in this case.
- 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.	Fixed fee	7,500	7,500

		Preliminary assessment of retention issues			
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	Incurred but not paid to date
	£	£	report £	£
Agent's Fees	20,879.50 plus	20,879.50 plus		
	VAT	VAT		
Agent's Expenses	1,595.68 plus	1,595.68 plus VAT		
	VAT			
Legal Fees	7,141.25 plus	7,141.25 plus VAT		
	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	7,610.08 plus VAT		
	VAT			
Bank charges	15.00 plus VAT	15.00 plus VAT		
Postage and stationery	518.00 plus VAT	215.95 plus VAT	2.05 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			

4 Charge-Out Rates

- 4.1 Cowgill Holloway Business Recovery LLP's current charge-out rates effective from 01 June 2021 are detailed below:
- 4.2 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 July 2023

	Notes	£
Assets Subject to a Floating Charge		
Cash Held by Joint Administrators	1	118,905
Book Debt	2	Uncertain
Retentions	3	Uncertain
Intercompany Loans	4	Uncertain
		118,905
Less: Estimated costs of Administration	5	(25,478)
Estimated funds available for Preferential Creditors		93,427
Less: Estimated Secondary Preferential Creditors	6	(1)
Estimated Surplus / (Deficiency) to Preferential Creditors		93,426
Prescribed Part calculation c/d	7	(21,685)
Estimated funds available to floating charge creditor		71,741
Less: Debts secured by floating charge:		
Coutts and Company ("Coutts")	8	(1,500,000)
Estimated Surplus / (Shortfall) to floating charge creditor c/d		(1,428,259)
Add back Prescribed Part	7	(21,685)
Estimated available to unsecured creditors		21,685
Less: Unsecured Creditors:		
Intercompany Loan - Mid Contracting and Consulting Ltd	9	(16,459,024)
Intercompany Loan - Mid Group (West) Ltd	9	(113,587)
Trade & Expense Creditors	10	(7,473,146)
Total Unsecured Creditors		(24,045,757)
Estimated (Shortfall to Creditors)		(24,024,071)
Estimated (Shortfall) to Floating Charge Creditors		(1,428,259)
Estimated Total (Shortfall) to Creditors		(25,452,331)

Notes

- 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. See the below breakdown.
- 6. It is uncertain that HM Revenue & Customs will have a claim in the Administration in respect of VAT however as the quantum of this is yet to be established and therefore for the purposes of this statement, have been listed as £1.
- 7. This is the estimated precribed part calculation based on the Company's net property.
- 8. 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.
- 9. 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.
- 10. 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	(23,678)
CHBR- Disbursements	(1,800)
	(25,478)