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Company name in full Rouse Hire And Sales Ltd

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Please complete in typescript or in
bold black capitals.

2 Liquidator's name

Full forename(s) Jeremy

Surname Bleazard

3 Liquidator's address

Building name/number Premier House

Street Bradford Road

Post town Cleckheaton

County/Region

Postcode B D 1 9 3 T T

Country

4 Liquidator's name ①

Full forename(s)

Surname

① Other liquidator

Use this section to tell us about
another liquidator.

5 Liquidator's address ②

Building name/number

Street

Post town

County/Region

Postcode


Country

② Other liquidator

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Contact name	Graham Harsley
Company name	XL Business Solutions Ltd
Address	Premier House
	Bradford Road
Post town	Cleckheaton
County/Region	
Postcode	B D 1 9 3 T T
Country	
DX	
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Liquidator's Annual Progress Report to Creditors and Members

Rouse Hire And Sales Ltd In Creditors Voluntary Liquidation

Reporting period from 25 February 2023 to 24 February 2024

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1 Introduction and Statutory Information

- 1.1 I, J N Bleazard of XL Business Solutions Limited, Premier House, Bradford Road, Cleckheaton, BD19 3TT, was appointed as Liquidator of Rouse Hire And Sales Ltd (the **Company**) on 25 February 2020. I am authorised to act as an insolvency practitioner in the UK by the Insolvency Practitioners Association and am bound by the Insolvency Code of Ethics when carrying out work relating to insolvency appointments. In the event of case related queries, the Liquidator can be contacted on telephone number 01274 870101 or by email via enquiries@xlbs.co.uk.
- 1.2 This progress report provides an update on the conduct of the Liquidation for the period from 25 February 2023 to 24 February 2024 (**the Period**) and should be read in conjunction with any previous progress reports which have been issued.
- 1.3 Information about the way that this firm will use, and store personal data on insolvency appointments can be found in the Privacy Notice at www.xlbs.co.uk. If you are unable to download this, please contact us and a hard copy will be provided to you.
- 1.4 The principal trading address of the Company was Unit 1 Station Road Industrial Estate, Valley Road, Wombwell, Barnsley, S73 0BS.
- 1.5 The registered office of the Company has been changed to Premier House, Bradford Road, Cleckheaton, BD19 3TT and its registered number is 09957880.

2 Receipts and Payments

- 2.1 At Appendix A is my Receipts and Payments Account covering the Period of this report together with a cumulative Receipts and Payments Account for the period from the date of my appointment as Liquidator to the end of the Period covered by this report.

3 Progress of the Liquidation

- 3.1 This section of the report provides creditors with an update on the progress made in the liquidation during the Period and an explanation of the work done by the Liquidator and his staff.

Administration (including statutory compliance & reporting)

- 3.2 An office holder must comply with certain statutory obligations under the Insolvency Act 1986 and other related legislation. Details about the work I anticipated would need to be done in this area was outlined in my initial fees estimate/information which was previously agreed by creditors.
- 3.3 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 Liquidator.
- 3.4 As noted in my initial fees estimate/information, this work will not necessarily bring any financial benefit to creditors but is required on every case by statute.

Investigations

- 3.5 You may recall from my first progress report to creditors that some of the work Liquidators 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 Liquidator can pursue for the benefit of creditors.

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- 3.6 My 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 year of the liquidation and is confidential.
- 3.7 Since my last progress report, I would advise that no further asset realisations have come to light that may be pursued by me for the benefit of creditors.

Realisation of Assets

Director's Contribution to Costs

- 3.8 As you are aware from my previous Progress Reports, at the outset of the liquidation the director of the Company agreed to contribute towards the costs of the liquidation up to a maximum of £3,600. I can advise that during the Period I have continued to pursue the director for payment of these costs and can confirm that to date the sum of £2,901 has been received with £500 being received during this reporting period. I will continue to pursue the director for the remaining costs during the course of the liquidation.
- 3.9 It is not anticipated that the work the Liquidator has carried out to deal with the Company's assets will provide a financial benefit to creditors. This is because either the value of the assets was insufficient to produce a financial benefit after the associated costs of realisation were taken into consideration, or because there were no assets owned by the Company in accordance with the Company's statement of affairs that could be realised for the benefit of creditors.

Creditors (claims and distributions)

- 3.10 Liquidators 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.
- 3.11 Work undertaken by a Liquidator in dealing with a company's creditors may only therefore bring a financial benefit to certain classes of creditor such as a secured creditor or the preferential creditors, however a Liquidator 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 Liquidator in dealing with those claims.
- 3.12 More information on the anticipated outcome for all classes of creditor in this case can be found in Section 4 below.
- 3.13 At this stage, I consider the following matters worth bringing to the attention of creditors:
- There is one secured creditor who is owed approximately £8,500
 - There are approximately two unsecured creditors in this case with a value per the director(s) statement of affairs of £159,595

Matters still to be dealt with

- 3.14 This case will remain open in order for me to collect and discharge the remaining costs of the liquidation, complete the final VAT return and request VAT clearance.
- 3.15 Once clearance has been received, I will write to members and creditors with my final Progress Report in order to obtain my release as liquidator of the Company.

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4 Creditors

Secured Creditors

- 4.2 Alfandari Private Equities holds a fixed and floating charge over the Company's assets. At the date of the liquidation the indebtedness to the secured creditor was estimated at £8,500 to which interest will be added. Due to the lack of realisations no funds have been paid to the secured creditor and none are anticipated in the future.

Unsecured Creditors

- 4.3 The Director's statement of affairs indicated there were two creditors whose debts totalled £159,595. To date, I have received claims totalling £134,017 from two creditors.
- 4.4 The Company granted a floating charge to Alfandari Private Equities on 18 October 2018. Accordingly, I am required to create a fund out of the Company's net floating charge property for unsecured creditors (known as the **Prescribed Part**).
- 4.5 I can advise that the Company's net property is less than the minimum amount of £10,000 prescribed by Section 176A(3) and Regulation 2 of the Insolvency Act 1986 (**Prescribed Part**) Order 2003. Consequently, no dividend of the prescribed part of the net property is available for the Company's unsecured creditors.
- 4.6 I would confirm that it is anticipated there will be insufficient funds realised after defraying the expenses of the liquidation to pay a dividend to unsecured creditors.

5 Liquidator's Remuneration

- 5.1 The Creditors approved that the basis of the Liquidator's remuneration be fixed by reference to the time properly spent by him and his staff in managing the Liquidation. My fees estimate/information was originally provided to creditors when the basis of my remuneration was approved and was based on information available to me at that time.
- 5.2 A copy of my approved fees estimate for the liquidation is reproduced below:

Category of work	Estimated Number of Hours	Average blended charge out rate £	Estimated cost £
Administration (inc statutory compliance & reporting)	21.00	193.33	4,060.00
Investigations	4.00	220.00	880.00
Realisation of assets	8.00	202.50	1,620.00
Trading (where applicable)	0.00	0.00	0.00
Creditors (claims & distributions)	7.00	182.86	1,280.00
Case specific matters (where applicable)	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total estimated fees	40.00	£196.00	£7,840.00

- 5.3 My time costs for the Period are £973. This represents 5.40 hours at an average rate of £180.19 per hour. Attached as 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 liquidation.
- 5.4 Also attached as Appendix C is a cumulative Time Analysis for the period from 25 February 2020 to 24 February 2024 which provides details of the time costs incurred since my appointment. The cumulative time costs incurred to date are £5,989. This represents 34.20 hours at an average rate of £175.12 per hour.
- 5.5 To date, I have not drawn any funds against these outstanding costs.

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- 5.6 At the date of this report, I would confirm that my fees estimate for the liquidation remains unchanged and I currently anticipate that the total amount that will be paid to my firm in respect of the time costs incurred will be £1,339. Where this amount is less than my overall fees estimate, it may be that my fee recoveries will be restricted as a result of the funds available in the liquidation, which will prevent my time costs being recovered in full.
- 5.7 In accordance with a resolution passed by correspondence, creditors authorised the sum of £1,500 plus expenses plus VAT to be drawn in respect of the preparation of the statement of affairs and seeking a decision of creditors on the nomination of a liquidator. I can advise that to date I have drawn the sum of £500 against these outstanding costs.
- 5.8 A copy of 'A Creditors' Guide to Liquidators' Fees' is available on request or can be downloaded from www.insolvency-practitioners.org.uk/regulation-and-guidance/creditors-guides-to-fees/.
- 5.9 Attached as Appendix D is additional information in relation to the Liquidator's fees and expenses 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 Liquidator provide further information about his remuneration or expenses which have been itemised in this progress report.
- 6.2 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 Liquidator's remuneration is inappropriate and/or the remuneration charged or the expenses incurred by the Liquidator, as set out in this progress report, are excessive.

7 Next Report

- 7.1 I am required to provide a further report on the progress of the liquidation within two months of the next anniversary of the liquidation, unless I have concluded matters prior to this, in which case I will write to all creditors with my final account.
- 7.2 If you have any queries in relation to the contents of this report, I can be contacted by telephone on 01274 870101 or by email at enquiries@xlbs.co.uk.

Yours faithfully



J N Bleazard
Liquidator

**Rouse Hire And Sales Ltd
(In Liquidation)**

Summary of Receipts & Payments

RECEIPTS	Statement of Affairs (£)	From 25/02/2020 To 24/02/2023 (£)	From 25/02/2023 To 24/02/2024 (£)	Total (£)
Director's contribution to costs		2,401.00	500.00	2,901.00
		2,401.00	500.00	2,901.00
PAYMENTS				
Preparation of S. of A.		500.00	0.00	500.00
Accountancy Fees		500.00	0.00	500.00
Office Holders Disbursements		212.00	0.00	212.00
Bank Charges		50.35	0.00	50.35
		1,262.35	0.00	1,262.35
Net Receipts/(Payments)		1,138.65	500.00	1,638.65
MADE UP AS FOLLOWS				
Current A/c - Bank 1		1,138.65	500.00	1,638.65
		1,138.65	500.00	1,638.65

Note:

All estate accounts with less than £250,000 are held on non interest bearing.

SIP 9 - Time & Cost Summary

Period: 25/02/23..24/02/24

Time Summary

Classification of work function	Hours					Time Cost (£)	Average hourly rate (£)
	Partner	Manager	Other Senior Professionals	Assistants & Support Staff	Total Hours		
Administration & planning	0.50	3.70	1.20	0.00	5.40	973.00	180.19
Investigations	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Realisations of assets	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Trading	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Creditors	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Case specific matters	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Hours	0.50	3.70	1.20	0.00	5.40	973.00	180.19
Total Fees Claimed						0.00	

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Period: 25/02/20..24/02/24

Time Summary

Hours						Time Cost (£)	Average hourly rate (£)
Classification of work function	Partner	Manager	Other Senior Professionals	Assistants & Support Staff	Total Hours		
Administration & planning	3.00	9.60	15.20	0.00	27.80	4,713.00	169.53
Investigations	2.00	2.00	0.00	0.00	4.00	880.00	220.00
Realisations of assets	0.00	1.00	1.00	0.00	2.00	340.00	170.00
Trading	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Creditors	0.00	0.00	0.40	0.00	0.40	56.00	140.00
Case specific matters	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Hours	5.00	12.60	16.60	0.00	34.20	5,989.00	175.12
Total Fees Claimed						0.00	

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Appendix D

Additional Information in Relation to the Liquidator's Fees, Expenses & the use of Subcontractors

Staff Allocation and the use of Subcontractors

The 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, 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.

I have not utilised the services of any subcontractors on this case.

Professional Advisors

On this assignment I have used the professional advisors listed below. I have also indicated alongside, the basis of my fee arrangement with them, which is subject to review on a regular basis.

Name of Professional Advisor	Basis of Fee Arrangement
PKN Accountants (statement of affairs)	Fixed fee

My choice was based on my perception of their experience and ability to perform this type of work, the complexity and nature of the assignment and the basis of my fee arrangement with them.

Liquidator's Expenses

The estimate of expenses which were anticipated at the outset of the liquidation 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

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 disbursements 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 £
Statutory advertising	182.00	182.00	Nil	Nil
Specific Penalty Bond	30.00	30.00	Nil	Nil
Bank charges	Nil	50.35	Nil	Nil

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Category 2 expenses

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 Liquidator's fees were approved by creditors.

There are no Category 2 expenses in this case.

Charge-Out Rates

XL Business Solutions Limited's current charge-out rates are detailed below. Please note this company records its time in minimum units of 6 minutes.

Grade	(Per hour) £
Partner / Director	240
Senior Manager	200
Manager	175
Experienced Senior	155
Senior	140
Administrator	105
Assistant	90