The Insolvency Act 1986

# Administrator's progress report

Pursuant to Rule 2.38 of the Insolvency (Scotland) Rules 1986

Name of Company

PREMIER HOUSEWARES (SCOTLAND) LLP

Company number

SO 300290

(a) Insert full name and address of administrator I (a) SURJIT KUMAR SINGLA, FCA
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administrator of the above company, attach a progress report for the period

from

to

(b) Insert dates (b) 22 DECEMBER 2014

(b) 21 JUNE 2015

Signed

Joint / Administrator(s)

Dated

**14 SEPTEMBER 2015** 

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14 September 2015

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## **PRIVATE & CONFIDENTIAL**

## TO ALL KNOWN CREDITORS

PROGRESS REPORT

Dear Sir or Madam,

Re: Premier Housewares (Scotland) LLP - (In Administration) ("company") Edinburgh Court of Session No.: P1312/14

I refer to my Progress Report dated 16 July 2015 with attachments and you are requested to disregard the same as, due to an oversight, compliance with Rule 2.39(1) was inadvertently omitted and rectified by obtaining sanction from the Court, as further explained below. The correct Progress Report with attachments is enclosed for your information.

In accordance with Rule 2.38 of the Insolvency (Scotland) Rules 1986, please treat this letter as a Progress Report for the period from 22 December 2014 to 21 June 2015 in relation to the above company. Full details of the information are as follows:-

**Details of Court** (a)

Edinburgh Court of Session No.: P1312 of 2014

(b) Full name of company is as above.

> Its registered office is care of Premier Business Park, 55 Jordanvale Avenue, Whiteinch, Glasgow G14 0QPand its number is SO 300290.

Administrator name (c)

S. K. SINGLA FCA

Address

as above

Date Appointed

22 December 2014

Appointed by

The company

I was appointed Administrator on 22 December 2014 by an Order of the Edinburgh (d) Court of Session on a Petition of the Company pursuant to Paragraph 22 Schedule B1 of the insolvency Act 1986.

Progress Report (e)

An abstract of Receipts and Payments account for

the six months ended 21 June 2015 is enclosed.

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I comment as below:-

#### **Receipts & Payments**

#### Receipts

## Book Debts

As per the Statement of Affairs, it was estimated that book debts would realise around £1,800,000 and £1,749,550.18 has been realised, as shown in the Receipts & Payments account. Book debts of £1,582,687.18, mainly due from large customers, were received by me and the remaining debts of £648,879 (which included doubtful debts) were assigned to Premier Housewares Limited for £166,863.00, an entity believed to be owned and controlled by other family members of the directors of the company. Most of the debtors were below £10,000 and it was considered beneficial to assign to save costs and avoid likely disputes with the customers, some of which were outside the U. K.

## Motor Vehicles and Plant & Machinery

As explained in my report to the creditors dated 15 January 2015, local valuers, Sweeney Kincaid, were instructed to evaluate the above and advise on the disposal of the same. An offer from Premier Housewares Limited was received and, after consultations with the valuers, was accepted, as the disposal resulted in higher proceeds than would have been the case at auction. It also saved the costs of removal and storage prior to auction, which were likely to be considerable. Sweeney Kincaid were instructed due to their expertise in dealing with insolvency related disposals.

#### Cash at Bank

The amount shown in the Receipts & Payments account is the amount recovered from the company's bank account.

## **Employee Loans**

In the Statement of Affairs, the recoverable amount due from employees was uncertain. However, £27,000 has been received, as shown in the Receipts & Payments account.

## Loan due from Premier Partnership

This was estimated to have uncertain realisable value and is unlikely to be recovered as there appears to be no adequate documentation in this regard.

## Deposit Interest

This is the amount received on the deposit account.

## <u>Unrealised Assets</u>

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There appear to be no other assets to be realised.

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## **Payments**

#### Agents Fees

These are in respect of payment to valuers concerning motor vehicles and plant & machinery.

## Lien

Plant & Machinery and several motor vehicles were at the premises owned by Premier Housewares Limited, who claimed lien on these items. Legal advice was sought in this regard before lien was recognised and payment agreed as shown.

## Legal Fees

These are made to Harper Macleod in respect of legal advice, etc., with regard to various matters arising in the Administration, including the sale of motor vehicles and plant & machinery, assignment of book debts, and lien claimed on plant & machinery and motor vehicles etc. Harper Macleod's charges are based on their current hourly rates. Harper Macleod were engaged because of their experience in insolvency matters.

## Travelling Expenses

These payments are actual costs of travel to and from Glasgow by the administrator.

Most of the other items are self-explanatory but I would be happy to provide any further information if requested.

## Creditors

#### Secured Creditors

There were no secured creditors.

## **Preferential Creditors**

As per the Statement of Affairs as at 29 December 2014, presented to the creditors, there were no preferential creditors and no such claims have been received.

#### Unsecured Creditors

As per the Statement of Affairs, the unsecured creditors were estimated to be £12,886,508, and claims admitted for dividend purposes amount to £11,747,508.51. Several creditors have not responded to submit claims despite requests and the final notice to submit claims expires on 30 July 2015. In the event claims are not received, such creditors will be excluded from any distribution.

## Administrator's Remuneration

At the creditors meeting held on 14 January 2015, the creditors had approved that my staff and I be remunerated on a time costs basis.



My time costs to 21 June 2015 are as detailed below:-

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	Statutory & Admin	Asset Realisation	Investi- gation	Claims <u>&amp;</u> Dividends	<u>Hours</u>	Total <u>£</u>
Partner Manager Administrators	50.25	22.75	4.00	12.00	89.00	34,176.25
	5.75	1.00	-	_	6.75	1,831.25
	37.00	-	_	2.00	39.00	8,052.50
	93.00	23.75	4.00	14.00	134.75	44,060.00
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I have drawn £43,745 on account of fees due and the balance will be drawn after the date of this report.

As explained earlier, due to an oversight I had overlooked the requirement under Rule 2.39(1) to seek creditors' approval for my remuneration prior to issuing the Progress Report. To rectify this, an application was made to the Court, and permission was received, to extend the time limit for sending the Progress Report to 18 September 2015, as per Court Order. In my letter of 19 August 2015, creditors were requested to approve my remuneration based on time costs as above and only one creditor, with a claim of £2,048.40, replied approving the remuneration. No other creditor responded.

Further information concerning fees is available in A Creditors' Guide to Administrator's Fees which can be accessed online at www.insolvency-practitioners.org.uk/regulation-and-guidance/guides-to-fees. If you are unable to access online, please contact us and we will provide you with a hard copy.

## **Other Matters**

At the Creditors' Meeting held on 14 January 2015, the creditors had approved my proposals that I continue to manage the business and affairs of the company with a view to better realisations. No Creditors' Committee was formed. The creditors had also approved that I apply to the Court pursuant to paragraph 65 of Schedule B1 in order to make a distribution or distributions to all preferential and unsecured creditors, and discharge the Administration Order as soon as it is no longer necessary. The Sanction from the Court was received on 20 May 2015.

## Company Directors' Disqualification Act

I can confirm that I have complied with my obligations under the above Act.

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I would also inform you that we are bound by the Insolvency Code of Ethics when carrying out all professional work relating to an insolvency appointment.

## Conclusion

In the next few weeks steps will be taken to make a distribution to the unsecured creditors and discharge the Administration Order, as the purpose of Administration has been achieved.

Yours faithfully,

S. K. SINGLA Administrator Managing the affairs, business

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## IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986

## AND

# IN THE MATTER OF PREMIER HOUSEWARES (SCOTLAND) LLP

## SUMMARY OF THE ADMINISTRATOR'S ACCOUNT OF RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS

# FOR THE PERIOD 22 DECEMBER 2014 TO THE 21 JUNE 2015

RECEIPTS	Per Statement of Affairs £	Realisations £
Book Debts Motor Vehicles Cash at Bank Premier Housewares Partnership Office Equipment and Plant & Machinery Employee Loans Deposit Interest VAT Payable	1,800,000 100,000 101,830 Uncertain 100,000 Uncertain	1,749,550.18 150,707.00 101,830.00 109,315.00 27,000.00 514.67 23,465.80
	2,101,830	2,162,382.65
PAYMENTS		
Performance Bond Agents Fees Legal Fees Administrators Fees Travelling Expenses Advertising Bank Charges VAT Receivable  CREDITORS		1,200.00 1,750.00 29,043.00 43,745.00 1,043.52 467.10 28.99 9,589.92
Creditors' Lien		239,795.80
Balance in Hand		1,835,719.32
	£	2,162,382.65
		S. K. SINGLA

Administrator

14 September 2015

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