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Notice of progress report in voluntary winding up



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Company number 0 2 2 3 5 1 2 7

Company name in full Mistral Stores Limited

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Please complete in typescript or in
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2 Liquidator's name

Full forename(s) Jeremy

Surname Karr

3 Liquidator's address

Building name/number 29th Floor

Street 40 Bank Street

Post town London

County/Region

Postcode E 1 4 5 N R

Country

4 Liquidator's name ①

Full forename(s) Simon John

Surname Killick

① Other liquidator

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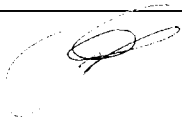


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Contact name **Monika Flont**

Company name **Begbies Traynor (Central) LLP**

Address **29th Floor**

40 Bank Street

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Telephone **020 7262 1199**

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Mistral Stores Limited
(In Liquidation)
Joint Liquidators' Summary of Receipts & Payments

Statement of Affairs £		From 30/11/2021 To 29/11/2022 £	From 30/11/2020 To 29/11/2022 £
	HIRE PURCHASE		
NIL	Leasehold Land & Property	NIL	NIL
NIL	Fixtures & Fittings	NIL	NIL
105,659.00	Rent Prepayments	NIL	NIL
(475,403.37)	Landlords	NIL	NIL
		NIL	NIL
	ASSET REALISATIONS		
	Bank Interest Gross	10.92	17.64
146,059.00	Cash at Bank	NIL	139,796.42
	Cash held at BTG Client Account	NIL	13,500.00
2,000.00	Furniture & Equipment	NIL	20,000.00
Uncertain	Intellectual Property Rights	NIL	5,000.00
Uncertain	Labech Holdings Limited	NIL	NIL
6,500.00	Motor Vehicles	NIL	12,080.00
Uncertain	Prepayments	NIL	NIL
Uncertain	Rates Prepayments	2,470.06	2,470.06
17,500.00	Stock	NIL	40,000.00
	Utilities Refund	16.94	16.94
	Utilities Refund	NIL	67.03
		2,497.92	232,948.09
	COST OF REALISATIONS		
	Agents/Valuers Fees re: Leases	NIL	5,250.00
	Archiving	NIL	559.87
	Corporation Tax	542.26	542.26
	Insurance of Assets	NIL	312.55
	Legal Fees	NIL	7,500.00
	Liquidators' Fees	19,500.00	79,400.00
	Professional Fees	2,400.00	6,650.00
	Specific Bond	NIL	252.00
	Statement of Affairs Fee	NIL	7,000.00
	Statutory Advertising	NIL	162.00
	Storage Costs	NIL	77.00
	Valuers Fees re: Chattel Assets/IPR	NIL	8,885.60
		(22,442.26)	(116,591.28)
	UNSECURED CREDITORS		
(6,582.00)	Gift Vouchers Unredeemed	NIL	NIL
(90,156.00)	HMRC (non VAT)	NIL	NIL
(99,296.00)	HMRC (VAT)	NIL	NIL
(2,931.00)	Mistral Online Limited	NIL	NIL
(339,474.00)	Mistral Wholesale Limited	NIL	NIL
(319,571.30)	Trade Creditors	NIL	NIL
		NIL	NIL
	DISTRIBUTIONS		
(120.00)	Ordinary Shareholders	NIL	NIL
(120.00)	Share Redemption Reserve	NIL	NIL
		NIL	NIL
(1,055,935.67)		(19,944.34)	116,356.81
	REPRESENTED BY		
	Bank 1 Current		95,734.39
	Vat Payable		(2,400.00)
	Vat Receivable		23,022.42

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Mistral Stores Limited **(In Creditors'** Voluntary Liquidation)

Progress report

Period: 30 November 2021 to 29 November 2022

Important Notice

This progress report has been produced solely to comply with our statutory duty to report to creditors and members of the Company on the progress of the liquidation. The report is private and confidential and may not be relied upon, referred to, reproduced or quoted from, in whole or in part, by creditors and members for any purpose other than this report to them, or by any other person for any purpose whatsoever.

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1. INTERPRETATION

<u>Expression</u>	<u>Meaning</u>
"the Company"	Mistral Stores Limited (In Creditors' Voluntary Liquidation)
"the liquidation"	The appointment of liquidators on 30 November 2020.
"the liquidators", "we", "our" and "us"	Jeremy Karr and Simon John Killick, both of Begbies Traynor (Central) LLP, 29th Floor, 40 Bank Street, London, E14 5NR
"the Act"	The Insolvency Act 1986 (as amended)
"the Rules"	The Insolvency (England and Wales) Rules 2016
"secured creditor" and "unsecured creditor"	Secured creditor, in relation to a company, means a creditor of the company who holds in respect of his debt a security over property of the company, and "unsecured creditor" is to be read accordingly (Section 248(1)(a) of the Act)
"security"	(i) In relation to England and Wales, any mortgage, charge, lien or other security (Section 248(1)(b)(i) of the Act); and (ii) In relation to Scotland, any security (whether heritable or moveable), any floating charge and any right of lien or preference and any right of retention (other than a right of compensation or set off) (Section 248(1)(b)(ii) of the Act)
"preferential creditor"	Any creditor of the Company whose claim is preferential within Sections 386, 387 and Schedule 6 to the Act

2. COMPANY INFORMATION

Trading name(s):	Walton Design
Company registered number:	02235127
Company registered office:	1 King's Avenue, London, N21 3NA
Former trading address:	Unit A Beversbrook Industrial Estate, Redman Road, Calne, SN11 9PL

3. DETAILS OF APPOINTMENT OF LIQUIDATORS

Date winding up commenced:	30 November 2020
Date of liquidators' appointment:	30 November 2020
Changes in liquidator (if any):	None

4. PROGRESS DURING THE PERIOD

Receipts and Payments

Attached at Appendix 1 is our abstract of receipts and payments for the period from 30 November 2021 to 29 November 2022.

Receipts

Rates Repayments

We have received £2,470.06 from Waverly Council in relation to a repayment of Business Rates.

Utilities Refund

We have received £16.94 refund from Pozitive Energy.

Other

We have received £10.92 interest from Barclays Bank plc on the funds held in the liquidation account.

Payments

Corporation Tax

We have paid £542.26 to HMRC relating to Capital Gains Tax on the sale of assets.

Liquidators' Fees

We have drawn, in accordance with creditor approval obtained, £19,500 on account of our fees.

Professional Fees

We have paid £2,400 to Evolve IS for their assistance with calculating preferential claims.

What work has been done in the period of this report, why was that work necessary and what has been the financial benefit (if any) to creditors?

Details of the types of work that generally fall into the headings mentioned below are available on our firm's website - <http://www.begbies-traynorgroup.com/work-details>. Under the following headings we have explained the specific work that has been undertaken on this case. Not every piece of work has been described, but we have sought to give a proportionate overview which provides sufficient detail to allow creditors to understand what has been done, why it was necessary and what financial benefit (if any) the work has provided to creditors.

The costs incurred in relation to each heading are set out in the Time Costs Analysis which is attached at Appendix 2. There is an analysis for the period of the report and also an analysis of time spent on the case since the date of our appointment.

The details below relate to the work undertaken in the period of this report only. Our previous report contains details of the work undertaken since our appointment.

General case administration and planning

- Updating case strategy plan;
- Updating case compliance checklists;
- Dealing with correspondence (physical and electronic) that is considered routine in the context of the engagement and does not otherwise fall directly into any of the other headings;
- General case updates: including internal meetings on case strategy and effecting instructions from the Officeholders;
- Ongoing maintenance of information and updating case files;
- Periodic reviews of the case generally; and
- Ensuring that the time recording data is compliant with Statement of Insolvency Practice 9.

Whilst the works outlined above do not confer a direct financial benefit to the creditors, they are nonetheless necessary to ensure an efficient and compliant progression of the liquidation. The creditors benefit from these works being carried out as they ensure that liquidators and their staff carry out their work to high professional standards expected of this firm.

Compliance with the Insolvency Act, Rules and best practice

- Filing documents at the Companies House.
- Periodic reviews of the adequacy of the specific bond penalty;
- Ongoing consideration of ethical practice;
- Ongoing consideration of money laundering regulations; and
- Updating case checklists and statutory diaries as needed.

Banking:

- Maintaining and managing the insolvent estate bank account and cash book;
- Undertaking regular bank reconciliations of the estate bank account;
- Complying with risk management procedures;
- Preparing and processing cheque requisition forms for the payment of post-appointment invoices;
- Preparing and processing remittance advises for incoming funds; and
- Processing of BACS/electronic payments where applicable.

On this engagement, the work identified above does not hold a direct commercial benefit to creditors. It is the duty of the appointed officeholder to comply with the Insolvency Act and Rules. The creditors benefit from this being done as it ensures proper stewardship, and that this engagement is dealt with in a timely manner and to a standard expected of this firm.

Investigations

The nominal time recorded against this category was spent on reviewing the Company's books and records.

We were required to carry out investigations into the conduct of the director and former director and submit a report to the Insolvency Service within three months of the date of liquidation. This was completed within the time limit although its contents are confidential and cannot be disclosed.

Our regulatory bodies lay guidelines for how we conduct investigations in Statement of Insolvency Practice 2. This includes issuing a questionnaire to the director for completion, return and review, inviting creditors to bring to our attention any concerns they may have regarding the conduct of the director, reviewing the available books and records of the Company in order to make an assessment as to whether further investigations are needed prior to submission of the report.

The nature of the investigations we have to undertake means that significant time is spent irrespective of the size of the case. Although there is no direct financial benefit to creditors of this work it is required in order to comply with insolvency legislation.

We have now discharged our duties in this respect. However, we invite creditors to bring to our attention any matters which they consider would merit further investigations.

Realisation of assets

The nominal time which has been recorded against this category has been spent liaising with Altus Group and Pozitive energy in relation to the rates refund and utilities refund respectively.

Asset realisations associated with those works are detailed above.

Dealing with all creditors' claims (including employees), correspondence and distributions

- Updating the schedule of unsecured creditors;
- Liaising with the Redundancy Payments Service relation to their claim in the liquidation;
- Liaising with Evolve IS in relation to the preferential claim calculation; and
- Acknowledging creditor correspondence and/or dealing with further queries on claims as required.

The work detailed above does not result in a direct financial benefit to creditors in the period of this report. Some aspects of these works confer an indirect benefit to the creditors as it allows them to evidence their loss for tax and VAT purposes. However, some creditors, especially employees, benefit from these works being carried out as they allow for a dividend to be paid to preferential creditors.

Where the works do not confer a financial benefit to the creditors, these works have been completed as it is a duty of the appointed liquidators to comply with the Insolvency Act and Rules. Furthermore, the Officeholders and their staff are required to adhere to the Code of Ethics and standards of professional conduct. The creditors benefit from this being done as it promotes good stewardship, and that this engagement is dealt with in a timely manner and to a standard expected of this firm.

Other matters which include: seeking decisions from creditors (via Deemed Consent Procedure and/or Decision Procedures), tax, litigation, pensions and travel

- Liaising with HMRC regarding VAT reclaim;
- Seeking further fee approval from the creditors; and
- Arranging for capital gains tax to be paid to HMRC.

The work has been undertaken in order to comply with Insolvency Rules and taxation legislation. The creditors benefit from those works being done to the standard expected of this firm. Some aspects of these works confer a direct financial benefit to the creditors as it allows liquidators to reclaim VAT on post-liquidation expenses.

Furthermore, creditors (especially employees and the Redundancy Payments Service in relation to their subrogated claim in the liquidation) benefit from the works relating as it enables the liquidators to pay a dividend to preferential creditors from asset realisations.

5. ESTIMATED OUTCOME FOR CREDITORS

Details of the sums owed to each class of the Company's creditors were provided in the directors' statement of affairs dated 25 November 2020. Based on the asset realisations to date, the estimated outcome for each class of creditors is as follows:

Secured creditors

The Company granted a fixed and floating charge over its assets to HSBC Bank Plc on 05 April 2006. The indebtedness to the Bank was £27,583.99 which was offset against the credit balance which remained in the Company's current account and the net balance of £139,796.42 was recovered.

As detailed above, the secured creditor has made a full recovery of its claim. There are no other known secured liabilities.

Preferential creditors

Preferential claims of employees for arrears of wages, salary and holiday pay were estimated at £64,864.62 and we have recently received a claim of £49,444.91 from the Redundancy Payments Service. The employees have residual claims and the preferential element of these has been calculated by Evolve at £16,900.83.

It is anticipated that the preferential creditors will be paid in full.

Prescribed Part for unsecured creditors pursuant to Section 176A of the Act

Details of how the prescribed part for unsecured creditors is calculated were provided in our progress report for the period from 30 November 2020 to 29 November 2021.

To the best of our knowledge and belief, there are no unsatisfied floating charges created or registered on or after 15 September 2003 and, consequently, there is no net property as defined in Section 176A(6) of the Act and, therefore, no prescribed part of net property is available for distribution to the unsecured creditors. As stated above, the secured liability has been paid in full.

Unsecured creditors

Unsecured creditors were estimated at £1,327,514.67 and, thus far, we have received claims totalling £1,219,951.64 including an unsecured claim of £141,860.50 from the Redundancy Payments Service. We consider that there are likely to be sufficient funds for a dividend to be paid to unsecured creditors. However, we are unable to advise the quantum of the dividend pending agreement of claims.

6. REMUNERATION & EXPENSES

Remuneration

Our remuneration has been fixed by a decision of the creditors on 24 December 2020 obtained via a Decision Procedure by way of correspondence by reference to the time properly given by us (as liquidators) and the various grades of our staff calculated at the prevailing hourly charge out rates of Begbies Traynor (Central) LLP in attending to matters arising in the winding up as set out in the fees estimate dated 03 December 2020 in the sum of £34,906.

We are also authorised to draw expenses for services provided by our firm and/or entities within the Begbies Traynor group, in accordance with our firm's policy, which is attached at Appendix 2 of this report.

The original level of remuneration approved by creditors was increased by £45,005.50 by further approval of the same body on 05 July 2021. This makes the total amount of our approved remuneration the sum of £79,911.50.

Our time costs for the period from 30 November 2021 to 29 November 2022 amount to £9,203.50 which represents 30.0 hours at an average rate of £306.78 per hour.

The following further information in relation to our time costs and expenses is set out at Appendix 2:

- ❑ Time Costs Analysis for the period 30 November 2021 to 29 November 2022
- ❑ Begbies Traynor (Central) LLP's charging policy

To 29 November 2022, we have drawn the total sum of £79,400.00 on account of our remuneration, against total time costs of £85,512.50, which represents 292.1 hours at an average rate of £292.75 per hour, incurred since the date of our appointment.

Time Costs Analysis

The Time Costs Analysis for the period of this report attached at Appendix 2 shows the time spent by each grade of staff on the different types of work involved in the case and gives the total costs and average hourly rate charged for each work type. An additional analysis is also attached which details the time costs for the entire period for which we have administered the liquidation.

Please note that each analysis provides details of the work undertaken by us and our staff following our appointment only.

As can be concluded from the information above, we have exceeded the limit of our increased, approved remuneration. For the avoidance of any doubt, we have not drawn any remuneration in excess of the level approved. The reasons why the approved level of remuneration has been exceeded are as follows:

- Increase in our firms charge out rates
- Higher level of senior staff required than anticipated; and
- More time than anticipated was spent on dealing with creditor queries.

We do not anticipate that we will need to seek further approval following the previously agreed increase to our remuneration.

Expenses

To 29 November 2022, we have not drawn any expenses; however, we have paid certain expenses directly from the case. Details of expenses incurred since the date of our appointment can be found in Appendix 3.

Why have subcontractors been used?

We have instructed Evolve IS, a firm specialising with employee claims in insolvency scenarios, to assist us with submitting a report to the Redundancy Payments Service and to calculate preferential claims in the liquidation. We have outsourced dealing with employee claims and pension liabilities as, due to the nature of the industry that the Company operated in, it is more cost-effective to pay a set fee to our agents rather than complete these works ourselves on a time cost basis.

Category 2 Expenses

In accordance with the resolution obtained in relation to expenses, the following Category 2 expenses have been charged to the case since the date of our appointment:

Other amounts paid or payable to the office holder's firm	
Type and purpose	Amount £
Document Storage	90.72
Eddisons Commercial Limited, which is a member of the Begbies Traynor group, has provided valuation and disposal services for the Company's assets. The purpose of obtaining such services was to market the Company's assets and negotiate the best price to maximise the realisations.	£1,000 – Valuation Fee £7,708 – being 10% of realisations of assets and £177.60 – disbursements
<u>OPEN COVER INSURANCE:</u> Eddisons Insurance Services Limited ("EIS"), which is a member of the Begbies Traynor group, has provided insurance brokerage services, having arranged open cover insurance in relation to the Company's assets.	£312.55
TOTAL	£9,228.39

A copy of 'A Creditors' Guide to Liquidators Fees (E&W) 2021' which provides guidance on creditors' rights on how to approve and monitor a Liquidator's remuneration and on how the remuneration is set can be obtained online at www.begbies-traynor.com/creditorsguides. Alternatively, if you require a hard copy of the Guide, please contact our office and we will arrange to send you a copy.

7. LIQUIDATORS' EXPENSES

A statement of the expenses incurred during the period of this progress report is attached at Appendix 3. A cumulative statement showing the total expenses incurred since the date of our appointment also appears at Appendix 3.

Expenses actually incurred compared to those that were anticipated

Creditors will recall that we estimated that the expenses of the liquidation would total £22,217. The expenses that we have incurred so far have exceeded that estimate and there will be further expenses to pay before the case concludes. The reasons why the estimate is likely to be exceeded are as follows:

- Legal fees were estimated at £5,000 which was increased to £7,500 due to the lengthy communications with the buyer's solicitors;
- Professional charges of £4,250 payable to Evolve IS in respect of dealing with the large volume of the employees claims was not included in the original estimate;
- Change in our firm's policy relating to charging postage costs to the case;
- A further fee of £3,600 has been incurred to Evolve IS in respect of agreeing the preferential claims of the employees and submission of necessary returns to HMRC; and
- The storage costs will be higher than anticipated as a large quantity of records have been collected from the Company's premises and storage charges currently cost around £11 per month.

8. ASSETS THAT REMAIN TO BE REALISED AND WORK THAT REMAINS TO BE DONE

As detailed in the directors' statement of affairs, the assets of the Company consisted of:

- Leasehold Property;
- Fixtures and Fittings;
- Rent Prepayments;
- Cash at Bank;
- Cash held at BTG Client Account;
- Furniture and Equipment;
- IP Rights;
- Labech Holdings Limited;
- Motor Vehicles;
- Prepayments;
- Rates prepayments; and
- Stock

At this stage in the liquidation, there are no further assets to realise other than to resolve the inter company loan balance with Labech Holdings Limited and claim VAT receivable.

What work remains to be done, why is this necessary and what financial benefit (if any) will it provide to creditors?

General case administration and planning

- The preparation, drafting and issue of progress report to creditors and members;
- Updating case strategy plan;
- Update of case compliance checklists;
- Dealing with correspondence (physical and electronic) that is considered routine in the context of the engagement and otherwise does not directly fall into other categories;
- Ongoing maintenance of up to date information on the electronic case information;
- Periodic reviews of the case generally;
- Completion of six monthly compliance and progression checklists;

On this engagement, the work identified above does not hold a direct commercial benefit to creditors. Creditors benefit from this work as it ensures this particular engagement is dealt with to the standards expected and also in a timely fashion. Elements of this work are required to comply with best practice and statute.

Compliance with the Insolvency Act, Rules and best practice

- Reviewing the adequacy of the specific penalty bond periodically;
- Ongoing consideration to ethical practice;
- Ongoing consideration to money laundering regulations;
- Updating case checklists and statutory diaries where necessary;
- Submission of reports/forms to Companies House;
- Issuing progress reports to all known creditors.

Banking:

- Maintaining and managing the insolvent estate bank account and cash book.
- Undertaking regular bank reconciliations of the estate bank account.
- Complying with risk management procedures;

- Preparing and processing remittance advises for incoming funds;
- Processing of BACS/electronic payments where applicable;

Closure

- Preparing, reviewing and issuing final progress report to members and creditors;
- Filing of appropriate forms with Registrar of Companies;
- Update physical and electronic case records following closure;

On this engagement, the work identified above does not hold a direct commercial benefit to creditors. It is the duty of the appointed office holder to comply with the Insolvency Act and Rules and creditors benefit from this being done to a standard expected of this firm.

Dealing with all creditors' claims (including employees), correspondence and distributions

- Updating schedule of unsecured creditor claims;
- Receipt of creditor claims and input on internal case management software;
- Taking and dealing with phone calls from creditors;
- Agree preferential and unsecured claims and declare dividends.

On this engagement, the work detailed above will result in direct financial benefit to creditors as the preferential creditors are expected to be paid in full and the unsecured creditors will also receive a dividend. The work will also have been undertaken to comply with the Insolvency Act and Rules together with best practice and enabling creditors to have evidence of their loss for tax and VAT purposes.

Other matters which includes seeking decisions from creditors (via Deemed Consent Procedure and/or Decision Procedures), tax, litigation, pensions and travel

- The Completion of post liquidation Corporation Tax and VAT returns;
- Apply for VAT deregistration and reclaim VAT;
- Seeking closure clearance from HMRC;

Some of the above have no direct financial benefit to creditors but have to be done in order to comply with the Insolvency Rules such as creditors and members meetings, as well as a legal requirement, such as completion of corporation tax returns. Others do have a direct financial benefit to creditors. These include the provision of VAT returns after the liquidation as the majority of VAT will be recoverable and therefore an asset of the insolvent estate.

How much will this further work cost?

The 'further work' detailed above has always been anticipated, but at this point in the proceedings, it has not yet been completed. As you know, this work is necessary in order that I may complete the liquidation as envisaged. The cost of completing this work will not exceed any amounts approved by creditors previously.

Expenses

Details of the expenses that we expect to incur in connection with the work that remains to be done referred to above are provided in Appendix 3.

What is the anticipated payment for administering the case in full?

We estimated that the cost of administering the case would be in the region of £79,911.50, and subsequently you have provided approval for us to draw our remuneration up to that level. At this stage in the liquidation, I can estimate that total remuneration drawn will be in the region of £79,911.50.

9. OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION

In accordance with Statement of Insolvency Practice 13, we are obliged to inform creditors of any sale of the Company's business or assets which involves a party connected to the Company. We confirm that the following assets were sold:

Date of sale	Asset sold and nature of transaction	Consideration paid and date	Name of Purchaser	Relationship with the Company
13/01/2021	Office equipment and furniture	£20,000	Labech Holdings Limited	The company under common control and Shareholder of the Company.
13/01/2021	Intellectual Property Rights	£5,000	As above	
13/01/2021	Stock	£40,000	As above	

The assets were valued by a professional agent, Eddisons Commercial Limited. Following a marketing exercise the appointed agent sold the assets to the highest bidder.

Use of personal information

Please note that in the course of discharging our statutory duties as liquidators, we may need to access and use personal data, being information from which a living person can be identified. Where this is necessary, we are required to comply with data protection legislation. If you are an individual and you would like further information about your rights in relation to our use of your personal data, you can access the same at <https://www.begbies-traynorgroup.com/privacy-notice>. If you require a hard copy of the information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

10. CREDITORS' RIGHTS

Right to request further information

Pursuant to Rule 18.9 of the Rules, 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, including that creditor, (or an unsecured creditor with less than 5% in value of the unsecured creditors, but with the permission of the court) may request in writing that we provide further information about our remuneration or expenses which have been incurred during the period of this progress report.

Right to make an application to court

Pursuant to Rule 18.34 of the Rules, any secured creditor or any unsecured creditor with the concurrence of at least 10% in value of the unsecured creditors including that creditor, (or any unsecured creditors with less than 10% in value of the unsecured creditors, but with the permission of the court) may, within 8 weeks of receipt of this progress report, make an application to court on the grounds that the remuneration charged or the expenses incurred during the period of this progress report are excessive or, the basis fixed for our remuneration is inappropriate.

11. CONCLUSION

We will report again in approximately twelve months' time or at the conclusion of the liquidation, whichever is the sooner.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jeremy Karr', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Jeremy Karr
Joint Liquidator

Dated: 27 January 2023

ACCOUNT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

Period: 30 November 2021 to 29 November 2022

COSTS AND EXPENSES

- a. Begbies Traynor (Central) LLP's charging policy;
- b. Time Costs Analysis for the period from 30 November 2021 to 29 November 2022; and
- c. Cumulative Time Costs Analysis for the period from 30 November 2020 to 29 November 2022

STATEMENT OF EXPENSES

Type of expense	Name of party with whom expense incurred	Amount incurred £	Amount discharged £	Balance (to be discharged) £
Expenses incurred with entities not within the Begbies Traynor Group				
Postage	Postworks	0.83	Nil	0.83
Storage	Restore	126.72	Nil	126.72
Expenses incurred with entities within the Begbies Traynor Group (for further details see Begbies Traynor Charging Policy)				
None				

CUMULATIVE STATEMENT OF EXPENSES

Type of expense	Name of party with whom expense incurred	Amount incurred £
Bond Premium	AUA Insolvency Risk Services	252.00
Statutory Advertisement	EPE Reynell	162.00
Statement of Affaires Fee	Begbies Traynor	7,000.00
Legal Fees	HCR Legals	7,500.00
Professional Fees	Evolve IS	4,250.00
Agent's fees (Lease Valuation)	Pantera Properties	5,250.00
Archiving	Michael Jones	559.87
Land Registry Fee	Land Registry	114.00
Postage	Postworks	887.7
Storage Costs	Restore Data Storage	203.72

ADDITIONAL EXPENSES ANTICIPATED FOR FUTURE WORK

Postage	Postworks	Uncertain
Storage Costs	Restore Data Storage	Uncertain

Mistral Stores Limited
(In Liquidation)
Joint Liquidators' Summary of Receipts & Payments

Statement of Affairs £		From 30/11/2021 To 29/11/2022 £	From 30/11/2020 To 29/11/2022 £
	HIRE PURCHASE		
NIL	Leasehold Land & Property	NIL	NIL
NIL	Fixtures & Fittings	NIL	NIL
105,659.00	Rent Prepayments	NIL	NIL
(475,403.37)	Landlords	NIL	NIL
		NIL	NIL
	ASSET REALISATIONS		
	Bank Interest Gross	10.92	17.64
146,059.00	Cash at Bank	NIL	139,796.42
	Cash held at BTG Client Account	NIL	13,500.00
2,000.00	Furniture & Equipment	NIL	20,000.00
Uncertain	Intellectual Property Rights	NIL	5,000.00
Uncertain	Labech Holdings Limited	NIL	NIL
6,500.00	Motor Vehicles	NIL	12,080.00
Uncertain	Prepayments	NIL	NIL
Uncertain	Rates Prepayments	2,470.06	2,470.06
17,500.00	Stock	NIL	40,000.00
	Utilities Refund	16.94	16.94
	Utilities Refund	NIL	67.03
		2,497.92	232,948.09
	COST OF REALISATIONS		
	Agents/Valuers Fees re: Leases	NIL	5,250.00
	Archiving	NIL	559.87
	Corporation Tax	542.26	542.26
	Insurance of Assets	NIL	312.55
	Legal Fees	NIL	7,500.00
	Liquidators' Fees	19,500.00	79,400.00
	Professional Fees	2,400.00	6,650.00
	Specific Bond	NIL	252.00
	Statement of Affairs Fee	NIL	7,000.00
	Statutory Advertising	NIL	162.00
	Storage Costs	NIL	77.00
	Valuers Fees re: Chattel Assets/IPR	NIL	8,885.60
		(22,442.26)	(116,591.28)
	UNSECURED CREDITORS		
(6,582.00)	Gift Vouchers Unredeemed	NIL	NIL
(90,156.00)	HMRC (non VAT)	NIL	NIL
(99,296.00)	HMRC (VAT)	NIL	NIL
(2,931.00)	Mistral Online Limited	NIL	NIL
(339,474.00)	Mistral Wholesale Limited	NIL	NIL
(319,571.30)	Trade Creditors	NIL	NIL
		NIL	NIL
	DISTRIBUTIONS		
(120.00)	Ordinary Shareholders	NIL	NIL
(120.00)	Share Redemption Reserve	NIL	NIL
		NIL	NIL
(1,055,935.67)		(19,944.34)	116,356.81
	REPRESENTED BY		
	Bank 1 Current		95,734.39
	Vat Payable		(2,400.00)
	Vat Receivable		23,022.42

Mistral Stores Limited
(In Liquidation)
Joint Liquidators' Summary of Receipts & Payments

Statement of Affairs £	From 30/11/2021 To 29/11/2022 £	From 30/11/2020 To 29/11/2022 £
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REPRESENTED BY CONTINUED

116,356.81

BEGBIES TRAYNOR CHARGING POLICY

INTRODUCTION

This note applies where a licensed insolvency practitioner in the firm is acting as an office holder of an insolvent estate and seeks creditor approval to draw remuneration on the basis of the time properly spent in dealing with the case. It also applies where further information is to be provided to creditors regarding the office holder's fees following the passing of a resolution for the office holder to be remunerated on a time cost basis. Best practice guidance¹ requires that such information should be disclosed to those who are responsible for approving remuneration. Within our fee estimate creditors can see how we propose to be remunerated..

This note applies where creditor approval is sought to make a separate charge by way of expenses or disbursements to recover the cost of facilities provided by the firm. It also applies where payments are to be made to parties other than the firm, but in relation to which the office holder, the firm or any associate has an interest. Best practice guidance² indicates that such charges should be disclosed to those who are responsible for approving the office holder's remuneration, together with an explanation of how those charges are calculated.

OFFICE HOLDER'S FEES IN RESPECT OF THE ADMINISTRATION OF INSOLVENT ESTATES

The office holder has overall responsibility for the administration of the estate. He/she will delegate tasks to members of staff. Such delegation assists the office holder as it allows him/her to deal with the more complex aspects of the case and ensures that work is being carried out at the appropriate level. There are various levels of staff that are employed by the office holder and these appear below.

The firm operates a time recording system which allows staff working on the case along with the office holder to allocate their time to the case. The time is recorded at the individual's hourly rate in force at that time which is detailed below.

EXPENSES INCURRED BY OFFICE HOLDERS IN RESPECT OF THE ADMINISTRATION OF INSOLVENT ESTATES

Best practice guidance classifies expenses into two broad categories:

- ❑ *Category 1 disbursements (approval not required)* - specific expenditure that is directly related to the case and referable to an independent external supplier's invoice. All such items are charged to the case as they are incurred.
- ❑ *Category 2 disbursements (approval required)* - items of expenditure that are directly related to the case which include an element of shared or allocated cost and are based on a reasonable method of calculation, but which are not payable to an independent third party.

(A) The following items of expenditure are charged to the case (subject to approval):

- Internal meeting room usage for the purpose of physical meetings of creditors is charged at the rate of (London £150) per meeting;
- Car mileage is charged at the rate of 45 pence per mile;
- Storage of books and records (when not chargeable as a *Category 1 disbursement*) is charged on the basis that the number of standard archive boxes held in storage for a particular case bears to the total of all archive boxes for all cases in respect of the period for which the storage charge relates;

In addition to the two categories referred to above, best practice guidance indicates that where payments are to be made to outside parties in which the office holder or his firm or any associate has an interest, these should be treated as Category 2 disbursements.

Services provided by other entities within the Begbies Traynor group

¹ Statement of Insolvency Practice 9 (SIP 9) – Remuneration of insolvency office holders in England & Wales

² Ibid 1

The following items of expenditure which relate to services provided by entities within the Begbies Traynor group, of which the office holder's firm is a member, are also to be charged to the case (subject to approval):

It may become necessary to instruct Eddisons Commercial Limited to provide additional services, not currently anticipated, during the course of the case. In such circumstances and to avoid the costs associated with seeking further approval, the charges for such services will be calculated on a time costs basis at the prevailing hourly rates for their various grades of staff which are currently as follows:

Grade of staff	Charge-out rate (£ per hour)
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Director	£275
Associate	£180
Surveyor	£120
Graduate	£100
Administration	£80
Porters	£35

Instruction of Eddisons Insurance Services Limited ("EIS") to provide insurance broking services and specifically open cover insurance for the insurable risks relating to the case. The cost of open cover insurance will vary during the course of the case depending upon the value of the assets and liability risks. The forecasted cost of insurance for the 3 month period immediately following appointment is £600 inclusive of Insurance Premium Tax. The costs of insurance cover for subsequent quarter periods will be dependent upon prevailing insurance market conditions and the ongoing insurable risks on the case. Where relevant, administration fees may be charged. These costs are taken into consideration and included within the forecasted cost of insurance, above.

In accordance with standard insurance industry practice, EIS will receive payment of commission for the services it provides from the insurer. The commission is calculated as a percentage of the insurance premiums payable and such percentage will depend upon the class or classes of assets being insured.

EIS will invoice the insolvent estate for the premium(s) due on the insurer's behalf and receive payment from the estate. EIS will in turn, account to the insurer for the premium(s) payable after deducting any commission payable by the insurer.

Where EIS have initially been consulted on a policy, but the policy has not been taken out, EIS will charge an administration fee of £150.

(B) The following items of expenditure will normally be treated as general office overheads and will not be charged to the case although a charge may be made where the precise cost to the case can be determined because the item satisfies the test of a *Category 1 disbursement*:

- Telephone and facsimile
- Printing and photocopying
- Stationery

Additional payments received by Eddisons Commercial Limited from purchasers where assets are disposed of by way of auction

In addition to the charges of Eddisons Commercial Limited detailed above for providing the services to the office holder, where any machinery and business assets (other than freehold/leasehold property) are disposed of by way of auction, Eddisons Commercial Limited will also receive a payment from the purchaser, known as a buyer's premium, equivalent to 15% of the successful bid. Where any freehold/leasehold property is disposed of by way of auction, Eddisons Commercial Limited will also receive a payment from the purchaser, known as a buyer's administration fee, in the sum of £600. It is standard auction industry practice for a buyer's premium and buyer's administration fee to be charged. The buyer's premium and buyer's administration fee is paid by the purchaser of the assets and is not paid by the office holder from the assets of the estate.

BEGBIES TRAYNOR CHARGE-OUT RATES

Begbies Traynor is a national firm. The rates charged by the various grades of staff that may work on a case are set nationally, but vary to suit local market conditions. The rates applying to the Paddington office as at the date of this report are as follows:

Grade of staff	Charge-out rate (£ per hour) 1 January 2022 until further notice
Partner	545
Director	490
Senior Manager	435
Manager	380
Assistant Manager	275
Senior Administrator	240
Administrator	195
Junior Administrator	155
Cashier	155
Secretarial	155

Prior to 31 December 2021, the following rates applied:

Grade of staff	Charge-out rate (£ per hour)
Partner	495
Director	445
Senior Manager	395
Manager	345
Assistant Manager	250
Senior Administrator	225
Administrator	175
Junior Administrator	140
Cashier	140
Secretarial	140

Time spent by support staff such as secretarial, administrative, and cashiering staff is charged directly to cases. It is not carried as an overhead.

Time is recorded in 6 minute units.

SIP9 Mistral Stores Limited - Creditors Voluntary Liquidation - 01MI701.CVL : Time Costs Analysis From 30/11/2021 To 29/11/2022

Staff Grade		Consultant/Partner	Director	Snr Mngr	Mngr	Asst Mngr	Snr Admin	Admin	Jnr Admin	Support	Total Hours	Time Cost £	Average hourly rate £
General Case Administration and Planning	Case planning							0.1			0.1	17.50	175.00
	Administration	0.1		2.2	2.8		0.1	0.7		1.4	7.3	2,348.50	321.71
	Total for General Case Administration and Planning:	0.1		2.2	2.8		0.1	0.8		1.4	7.4	2,366.00	319.73
Compliance with the Insolvency Act, Rules and best practice	Appointment												0.00
	Banking and Bonding		0.4							5.1	5.5	977.50	177.73
	Case Closure												0.00
	Statutory reporting and statement of affairs				2.9			0.3			3.2	1,059.00	330.94
	Total for Compliance with the Insolvency Act, Rules and best practice:		0.4		2.9			0.3		5.1	8.7	2,036.50	234.08
Investigations	CDDA and investigations				0.3						0.3	114.00	380.00
	Total for Investigations:				0.3						0.3	114.00	380.00
Realisation of assets	Debt collection	0.4						0.2			0.6	250.00	416.67
	Property, business and asset sales				0.9						0.9	331.50	368.33
	Retention of Title/Third party assets												0.00
	Total for Realisation of assets:	0.4			0.9			0.2			1.5	581.50	387.67
Trading	Trading												0.00
	Total for Trading:												0.00
Dealing with all creditors claims (including employees), correspondence and distributions	Secured												0.00
	Others	0.9			7.4			2.6			11.1	3,780.00	340.54
	Creditors committee												0.00
	Total for Dealing with all creditors claims (including employees), correspondence and distributions:	0.9			7.4			2.6			11.1	3,780.00	340.54
Other matters which includes meetings, tax, litigation, pensions and travel	Seeking decisions of creditors												0.00
	Meetings												0.00
	Other												0.00
	Tax				0.8			0.2			1.0	325.50	325.50
	Litigation												0.00
	Total for Other matters:				0.8			0.2			1.0	325.50	325.50
	Total hours by staff grade:	1.4	0.4	2.2	15.1		0.1	4.3		6.5	30.0		
	Total time cost by staff grade £:	723.00	198.00	957.00	5,486.00		24.00	820.50		997.00		9,203.50	
	Average hourly rate £:	516.43	490.00	435.00	363.31	0.00	240.00	190.81	0.00	153.38			306.78
	Total fees drawn to date £:											19,500.00	

SIP9 Mistral Stores Limited - Creditors Voluntary Liquidation - 01MI701.CVL : Time Costs Analysis From 30/11/2020 To 29/11/2022

Staff Grade		Consultant/Partner	Director	Snr Mngr	Mngr	Asst Mngr	Snr Admin	Admin	Jnr Admin	Support	Total Hours	Time Cost £	Average hourly rate £
General Case Administration and Planning	Case planning				9.1			0.2	0.3		9.6	3,216.50	336.05
	Administration	17.6		10.7	19.7		0.1	8.9	28.6	2.2	87.8	25,750.00	293.28
	Total for General Case Administration and Planning:	17.6		10.7	28.8		0.1	9.1	28.9	2.2	97.4	28,966.50	297.40
Compliance with the Insolvency Act, Rules and best practice	Appointment				1.1			0.1	32.3		33.5	4,919.00	146.84
	Banking and Bonding		0.4		0.2				0.4	20.3	21.3	3,230.50	151.67
	Case Closure												0.00
	Statutory reporting and statement of affairs				6.9			1.2	1.3		9.4	2,778.50	295.59
	Total for Compliance with the Insolvency Act, Rules and best practice:		0.4		8.2			1.3	34.0	20.3	64.2	10,928.00	170.22
Investigations	CDDA and investigations				25.1						25.1	8,670.00	345.42
	Total for Investigations:				25.1						25.1	8,670.00	345.42
Realisation of assets	Debt collection	2.8		0.4				0.2			3.4	1,596.00	469.41
	Property, business and asset sales	15.8		1.4	15.2				1.1		33.5	13,793.00	411.73
	Retention of Title/Third party assets												0.00
	Total for Realisation of assets:	18.6		1.8	15.2			0.2	1.1		36.9	15,389.00	417.05
Trading	Trading												0.00
	Total for Trading:												0.00
Dealing with all creditors claims (including employees), correspondence and distributions	Secured												0.00
	Others	10.3			32.9			9.0	8.9		61.1	19,561.50	320.16
	Creditors committee												0.00
	Total for Dealing with all creditors claims (including employees), correspondence and distributions:	10.3			32.9			9.0	8.9		61.1	19,561.50	320.16
Other matters which includes meetings, tax, litigation, pensions and travel	Seeking decisions of creditors				1.6			0.5	0.8		2.9	761.50	259.14
	Meetings												0.00
	Other				1.8				1.0		2.8	761.00	271.79
	Tax				1.1			0.2	0.4		1.7	485.00	285.29
	Litigation												0.00
	Total for Other matters:				4.5			0.7	2.2		7.4	1,997.50	269.93
	Total hours by staff grade:	46.5	0.4	12.5	114.7		0.1	20.3	75.1	22.5	292.1		
	Total time cost by staff grade £:	23,047.50	198.00	5,825.50	39,848.00		24.00	3,626.50	10,514.00	3,237.00		85,512.50	
	Average hourly rate £:	495.65	490.00	402.84	347.41	0.00	240.00	178.35	140.00	143.87			292.75
	Total fees drawn to date £:											79,400.00	