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2	Liquidator's name	<u> </u>	
Full forename(s)	Colin Ian		
Surname	Vickers		
3	Liquidator's address		
Building name/number	Suite 2		
Street	2nd Floor, Phoenix House	_	
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Post town	32 West Street	_	
County/Region	Brighton		
Postcode	B N 1 2 R T		
Country			
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Full forename(s)	Christopher David	Other liquidator Use this section to tell us about	
Surname	Stevens	another liquidator.	
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#### **Presenter information**

You do not have to give any contact information, but if you do it will help Companies House if there is a query on the form. The contact information you give will be visible to searchers of the public record.

Contact name	Nick Lovelock
Company name	FRP Advisory LLP
Address	Suite 2
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Please make sure you have remembered the following:

- The company name and number match the information held on the public Register.
- ☐ You have attached the required documents.
- ☐ You have signed the form.

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# Active Signs Limited (In Liquidation) Joint Liquidators' Summary of Receipts & Payments

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	NIL	(15,135.94)
ASSET REALISATIONS		
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COST OF REALISATIONS		
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Corporation Tax	NIL	15.74
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Bank Charges - Floating	12.50 (16,510.47)	32.50 (114,102.79)
PREFERENTIAL CREDITORS		
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Employee Arrears/Hol Pay	1,804.65	(386.98)
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REPRESENTED BY		1 500 04
Vat Receivable - Fixed		1,566.04
Bank 2 Current A/c/Emailed NIB 8.3.1		16,548.02
		18,114.06



## TO SHAREHOLDERS AND ALL KNOWN CREDITORS

FRP Advisory LLP

2nd Floor Phoenix House 32 West Street Brighton BN1 2RT

Tel: +44(0)1273 916 666 Fax: +44(0)1273 916 677 www.frpadvisory.com

your ref:

our ref: A1161WOR/NL

date: 3 April 2018

please ask for: Nick Lovelock

Dear Sirs

### ACTIVE SIGNS LIMITED (IN LIQUIDATION) ("THE COMPANY")

Further to my appointment as Joint Liquidator on 7 February 2011, I report on the progress of the liquidation for the period 7 February 2017 to 6 February 2018 ("the period") in accordance with Rule 4.49(C) of the Insolvency Rules 1986.

#### I attach:

- Appendix A Statutory Information
- Appendix B Receipts and payments account
- Appendix C Details of my firm's time costs and disbursements including charge out rates
- Appendix D Statement of expenses

#### 1. Receipts and Payments

I attach at Appendix B my receipts and payments account detailing both transactions for the period, and also since my appointment as Liquidator.

#### 1.1 Second Review of Interest Rate Hedging Product (Vanilla Cap)

As detailed in my last report, a second offer was made by The Royal Bank of Scotland ("RBS") to the Company to opt into a supplemental interest rate hedging product ("IRHP") review in connection with a further Vanilla Cap dated May 2002. The outcome of that review resulted in a provisional determination of £39,768 being put forward by RBS. A detailed assessment of the options was carried out, which included looking at the merits of a claim for consequential loss and obtaining appropriate legal advice. After consideration of the position and the legal advice received, the Liquidators accepted the provisional determination to preserve the position and allow for a further distribution to the preferential creditors.

Corporation tax returns and computations were submitted to HMRC based on the position that the determination was to be treated as post-cessation income taxable at the point of receipt. Following a change in the taxation treatment, amended corporation tax returns and computations had to be prepared and submitted to HMRC on the basis the determination was classified as pre-insolvency income taxable under normal accounting rules.

The amended returns have been submitted and accepted by HMRC.

#### 2. Work Undertaken by the Liquidator During the Period

I have dealt with the following matters as part of the administration of this case in the period:

· Dealing with general queries and case administration;

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- Dealing with the issues arising from the supplemental interest rate hedging product;
- Dealing with the submission of amended corporation tax returns to HMRC in relation to the IRHP redress compensation;
- Corresponding with HMRC in relation to the IRHP redress, withdrawal of the payment demands and acceptance of the amended corporation tax returns;
- · Dealing with HMRC enquiries;
- Declaring a 3<sup>rd</sup> and final distribution to preferential creditors following agreement of the IRHP position with HMRC;
- Reconciling previous distributions and unclaimed dividend cheques;
- Dealing with VAT matters.

#### 3. Investigations

Part of my duties include carrying out proportionate investigations into what assets the Company has, including any potential claims against directors or other parties, and what recoveries could be made. I have reviewed the Company's books and records and accounting information, requested further information from the directors, and invited creditors to provide information on any concerns they have concerning the way in which the Company's business has been conducted. Having considered the information received no further investigations or actions were required.

#### 4. Dividend to Creditors

#### 4.1 Secured Creditors

ABN Amro have received repayment of the funds in use, with the exception of termination charges and costs. Termination charges have been repaid in part, which has left a shortfall of £24,124 that will not be repaid.

#### 4.2 Preferential Creditors

The following preferential creditors' claim have been received:-

a) National Insurance Fund £97,774 b) Employees £27,633

Three distributions totalling 77.9p in the £1 have been paid to preferential creditors. Arrangements are being made for the unpresented cheques to be paid to The Insolvency Service.

#### 4.3 Non-Preferential Creditors

Non-preferential claims have been received totalling £4,266,866. There will be no return to the non-preferential creditors in the liquidation.

#### 5. Prescribed Part

In accordance with the Enterprise Act 2002, the prescribed part is an element of net realisations due to the floating charge holder which is made available for unsecured creditors (subject to the floating charge post-dating 15 September 2003). No such distribution will be payable in the liquidation.

#### 6. Closure of the Liquidation

My final report for the period 7 February 2018 to 3 April 2018 has been issued simultaneously with this report.

#### 7. Liquidator's Remuneration, Disbursements and Expenses

Turning to my own costs in this matter, my remuneration as Liquidator is based on computerised records of all time spent on the administration of this case. Matters dealt with during the assignment are dealt with by different members of staff depending on the level of complexity and experience required. Time is charged to the case in maximum of 6 minute units. Charge-out rates are based on individual expertise, qualification and grade. The costs of the firm's support staff are not directly charged to the estate unless dealing with directly identifiable case specific matters. Charge out rates are reviewed at least annually, details of FRP Advisory LLP charge out rates together with a breakdown of the time costs and disbursements incurred during the period of this report, in accordance with Statement of Insolvency Practice 9 are attached at appendix C.

The Liquidators were authorised to draw fees on a time costs basis. Fees totalling £16,025.50 plus VAT have been drawn in the reporting period, which includes time costs incurred in prior reporting periods that had not been previously drawn.

The Liquidators' disbursements are a recharge of actual costs incurred by the Liquidators on behalf of the Company. Mileage payments made for expenses relating to the use of private vehicles for business travel, which is directly attributable to the insolvency estate, are paid by FRP Advisory at the HMRC approved mileage rate prevailing at the time the mileage was incurred. Details of disbursements incurred during the period of this report are attached at appendix C.

I attach at appendix D a statement of expenses that have been incurred during the period.

Creditors have a right to request further information from the Liquidator under Rule 4.49E of the Insolvency Rules 1986 and further have a right to challenge the Liquidator's remuneration and other expenses which are first disclosed in this report, under Rule 4.131 of the Insolvency Rules 1986. (For ease of reference these are the expenses incurred in the reporting period as set out in Appendix D only). Further details of these rights can be found in the Creditors' Guide to Fees which you can access using the following link <a href="http://creditors.frpadvisory.com/feesquide.htm">http://creditors.frpadvisory.com/feesquide.htm</a> and selecting the one for liquidations. Alternatively a hard copy of the relevant guide will be sent to you on request. Please note there is a time limit for requesting information being 21 days following the receipt of this progress report. There is a time limit of 8 weeks following the receipt of this report for a Court application that the remuneration or expenses are excessive.

If you have any queries about this report or the progress of the liquidation, please do not hesitate to contact Nick Lovelock of this office.

Yours faithfully

Joint Liquidator

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#### Appendix A

#### **Active Signs Limited**

#### STATUTORY INFORMATION

#### **Company Details:**

Other trading names: None

Date of incorporation: 4 December 1990

Company number: 02565076

Registered office: 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Phoenix House

32 West Street

Brighton

Eastr Sussex BN1 2RT

Previous registered office: Judd House

16 East Street, Tonbridge,

Kent

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Haine Industrial Estate

Ramsgate Kent CT12 5EU

Business address: 24 Leigh Road

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#### **Liquidator Details:**

Liquidators: Colin Ian Vickers & Christopher David Stevens

Address of Liquidators: FRP Advisory LLP

2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Phoenix House

32 West Street, Brighton BN1 2RT

Date of appointment of Liquidators: 07/02/2011

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Active Signs Limited (in Liquidation)
Time charged for the period 07 February 2017 to 06 February 2018

	Appointment Takers /				Total Cost Average	age Hrly Rate
2	Partners Managers / Directors Other Professional	Other Professional	Junior Professional & Support	Total Hours	cal .	3
Administration and Planning	3,00 5.80	1.60	0.50	10.90	2,814,50	258.21
Creditors	3.00 4.65	1.60		9.25	2,482.50	268.38
Statutory Compliance	2.20 9.05	0.20	2.25	13.70	3,341.50	243.91
Total Hours	8.20 19.50	3.40	2.75	33.85	8,638.50	255.20

Disbursements for the period 07 February 2017 to 06 February 2018

	nd Total
7.00	Storage
	Category 1
Value £	

320-345 230-320 135-210 75-105

275-335 225-320 130-200 70-105

275-495 225-455 85-275 70-320

300-500 150-350 85-250 60-250

Grade
Appointment taker / Partner
Managers / Directors
Other Professional
Junior Professional

1st July 2013

From 1st November 2011

FRP Charge out rates

Mileage is charged at the HMRC rate prevailing at the time the cost was incurred

## ACTIVE SIGNS LIMITED (IN LIQUIDATION)

### STATEMENT OF EXPENSES FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 6 FEBRUARY 2018

Expenses	Total paid to date of progress Report per R and P	Expenses for the period ended 6 February 2018
Joint Liquidators' remuneration	64,831	16,026
Joint Liquidators' disbursements	404	17
Edward Symmons	226	0
Legal fees	16,489	0
Corporation Tax	16	0
Administrators' remuneration	30,386	0
Administrators' disbursements	1,263	0
PAYE/NIC		456
Bank charges	33	13
Total	113,647	16,511