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1 Company details

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Company name in full The Tree & Garden Company Limited

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bold black capitals.

2 Liquidator's name

Full forename(s) Andrew

Surname Dix

3 Liquidator's address

Building name/number Swift HouseGround Floor

Street 18 Hoffmanns Way

Post town Chelmsford

County/Region Essex

Postcode C M 1 1 G U

Country

4 Liquidator's name ①

Full forename(s)

Surname

① Other liquidator
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another liquidator.

5 Liquidator's address ②

Building name/number

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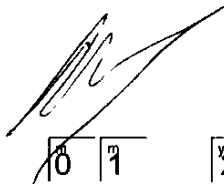
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Signature

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Signature date

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Contact name **Andrew Dix**

Company name **LB Insolvency Solutions Ltd**

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Postcode **C M 1 1 G U**

Country

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Liquidator's Annual Progress Report to Creditors & Members

**The Tree & Garden Company Limited - In Creditors'
Voluntary Liquidation**

27 November 2016 to 26 November 2017

THE TREE & GARDEN COMPANY LIMITED - IN CREDITORS' VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION

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1 Introduction and Statutory Information

- 1.1 Andrew Dix (**"the Liquidator"**) of LB Insolvency Solutions Limited (**"LBIS"**), Swift House, Ground Floor, 18 Hoffmanns Way, Chelmsford, Essex, CM1 1GU, was appointed as Liquidator of The Tree & Garden Company Limited (**"the Company"**) on 27 November 2014. This progress report covers the period from 27 November 2016 to 26 November 2017 (**"the Period"**) and should be read in conjunction with previous progress reports which have been issued.
- 1.2 The principal trading address of the Company was 56 Mutton Lane, Potters Bar, Hertfordshire, EN6 2NZ.
- 1.3 The registered office of the Company has been changed to Swift House, Ground Floor, 18 Hoffmanns Way, Chelmsford, Essex, CM1 1GU and its registered number is 02653127.

2 Progress of the Liquidation

- 2.1 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.
- 2.2 Attached at Appendix A is the Receipts and Payments Account for the period of this report. Attached at Appendix B is a Cumulative Receipts and Payments Account for the period from the date of the Liquidator's appointment to 26 November 2017.

Receipts

Bank Interest Gross

An amount of 29 pence has been received from The Royal Bank of Scotland Plc in respect of interest earned on funds held in the Liquidation bank account.

Payments

Corporation Tax

An amount of £1.40 has been paid to HM Revenue & Customs (**"HMRC"**) in respect of a Corporation Tax liability for the period 27 November 2015 to 26 November 2016.

Administration

- 2.3 A Liquidator must comply with certain statutory obligations under the Insolvency Act 1986 and other related legislation. This work includes dealing with the Company's creditors and employees together with administrative tasks associated with the appointment, such as agreeing the strategy for the Liquidation, filing notices of appointment, statutory advertising, opening and maintaining the estate cash book and bank accounts and reporting periodically to creditors, HMRC and the Registrar of Companies.
- 2.4 Creditors should note that this work will not necessarily bring any financial benefit to creditors, but is required on every case by statute.

Realisation of Assets.

- 2.5 Based on the above, the Liquidator currently anticipates the total expenses that may be incurred in dealing with the remainder of the Company's asset realisations to be £Nil.

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Creditors (claims and distributions)

- 2.6 Further information on the anticipated outcome for creditors in this case can be found at section 3 of this report. A Liquidator is 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.
- 2.7 Claims from preferential creditors typically involve employee claims and payments made on behalf of the Company by the Redundancy Payments Service following dismissal.
- 2.8 The above work will not necessarily bring any financial benefit to creditors generally, 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.

Investigations

- 2.9 Some of the work the Liquidator is 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.
- 2.10 The Liquidator can confirm that he has submitted a report on the conduct of the Directors of the Company to the Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy under the CDDA 1986. As this is a confidential report, I am unable to disclose the contents.
- 2.11 Shortly after appointment, the Liquidator made an initial assessment of whether there could be any matters that might lead to recoveries for the estate and what further investigations may be appropriate. This assessment took into account any information provided by creditors. The Liquidators investigations have not revealed any issues requiring further report or any further potential recoveries which could be pursued for the benefit of creditors.

3 Creditors

Secured Creditors

- 3.1 There are no charges filed at Companies House and therefore no secured creditors.

Preferential Creditors

- 3.2 A summary of preferential claims is detailed below.

Preferential claim	Agreed claim	Statement of Affairs Claim	Dividend paid in the £1
National Insurance Fund (RPO)	3,879.21	0.00	100p in the £
Alexander Mavrides (Shortfall of holiday pay by RPO)	22.97	0.00	100p in the £
HM Revenue & Customs (for PAYE of Mavrides shortfall Payment)	10.32	0.00	100p in the £
Natwest Bank Plc (for wages advanced)	10,400.00	0.00	100p in the £

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Unsecured Creditors

- 3.3 The Liquidator has received claims totalling £168,120.35 from 29 creditors.
- 3.4 The Liquidator confirms that a first and final dividend of 20.8p in the £ was paid to all creditors on 2 June 2015.
- 3.5 The Liquidator confirms that it is anticipated there will be insufficient funds realised after defraying the expenses of the Liquidation to pay a further dividend to unsecured creditors.

4 Liquidator's Remuneration

- 4.1 The Creditors approved that the basis of the Liquidator's remuneration be fixed by reference to the time costs properly spent by him and his staff in managing the Liquidation.
- 4.2 The Liquidator's time costs for the Period are £9,025.00. This represents 33.05 hours at an average rate of £273.07 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 by the Liquidator in managing the Liquidation. To date, £20,000.00 plus disbursements of £1,299.92 have been drawn on account.
- 4.3 Also attached at Appendix C is a cumulative Time Analysis for the period from 27 November 2014 to 26 November 2017 which provides details of the Liquidator's time costs since appointment. The cumulative time costs incurred to date are £37,043.75. This represents 194.45 hours at an average rate of £190.51 per hour.
- 4.4 In considering the remaining work to be done in this Liquidation, the Liquidator currently anticipates that the time costs to complete the liquidation will be approximately £2,000.00 The Liquidator will update creditors on this in his next progress report.
- 4.5 A copy of 'A Creditors' Guide to Liquidators' Fees' is available on request or can be downloaded from www.lbinsolvency.co.uk.
- 4.6 Attached as Appendix D is additional information in relation to the Liquidator's fees, expenses and disbursements, including where relevant, information on the use of subcontractors and professional advisers.

5 Creditors' Rights

- 5.1 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.
- 5.2 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.

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6 Next Report

- 6.1 The Liquidator is required to provide a further report on the progress of the liquidation within two months of the next anniversary of the liquidation, unless he has concluded matters prior to this, in which case he will write to all creditors with his final account.



Andrew Dix
Liquidator

**The Tree & Garden Company Limited
(In Liquidation)**

Liquidator's Summary of Receipts and Payments

RECEIPTS	Statement of Affairs (£)	From 27/11/2014 To 26/11/2016 (£)	From 27/11/2016 To 26/11/2017 (£)	Total (£)
Plant & Machinery	15,000.00	37,146.40	0.00	37,146.40
Motor Vehicles	27,500.00	38,710.00	0.00	38,710.00
Motor Vehicles - Equity only	679.00	NIL	NIL	NIL
Book Debts	27,010.00	24,617.75	0.00	24,617.75
Cash with agents re sale of assets	36,380.00	NIL	NIL	NIL
Bank Interest Gross		147.48	0.29	147.77
Excise Refund		83.32	0.00	83.32
		100,704.95	0.29	100,705.24
PAYMENTS				
Repairs Before Sale		2,991.38	0.00	2,991.38
Settlement - Plant Finance		7,540.16	0.00	7,540.16
Specific Bond		924.00	0.00	924.00
Preparation of S. of A.		5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00
Office Holders Fees		20,000.00	0.00	20,000.00
Export VAT refund		1,120.00	0.00	1,120.00
Agents/Valuers Fees (1)		6,362.71	0.00	6,362.71
Legal Fees (1)		3,000.00	0.00	3,000.00
Corporation Tax		27.73	1.40	29.13
Mileage		8.92	0.00	8.92
Statutory Advertising		367.00	0.00	367.00
Employees - PAYE and NIC Deducted		10.32	0.00	10.32
Employees Arrears/Hol Pay (pref)		22.97	0.00	22.97
National Insurance Fund (pref)		3,879.21	0.00	3,879.21
Banks/Institutions (pref)		10,400.00	0.00	10,400.00
Trade & Expense Creditors (non-pref)		12,787.46	0.00	12,787.46
Employees (non-pref)		3,691.88	0.00	3,691.88
Banks/Institutions (non-pref)		3,518.29	0.00	3,518.29
HM Revenue & Customs (non-pref)		7,198.90	0.00	7,198.90
National Insurance Fund (non-pref)		7,803.47	0.00	7,803.47
		96,654.40	1.40	96,655.80
Net Receipts/(Payments)		4,050.55	(1.11)	4,049.44
MADE UP AS FOLLOWS				
Vat Receivable		880.00	0.00	880.00
Bank 1 Current		3,170.55	(1.11)	3,169.44
		4,050.55	(1.11)	4,049.44

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Analysis of time costs from 27/11/2016
to 26/11/2017

Appendix B

Classification of Work Function	Hours					Time Cost	Average Hourly Rate
	Partner	Manager	Administrator	Support	Total Hours		
Administration and Planning	19.70	0.20	10.75	0.00	30.65	£8,592.50	£280.34
Creditors	0.00	0.70	1.70	0.00	2.40	£432.50	£180.21
Investigations							
Realisation of Assets							
Trading							
Totals:	19.7	0.9	12.45	0	33.05	£9,025.00	£273.07
Total Fees Claimed	(Excluding Disbursements and VAT)					£9,025.00	

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Appendix C

Classification of Work Function	Hours					Time Cost	Average Hourly Rate
	Partner	Manager	Administrator	Support	Total Hours		
Administration and Planning	28.50	7.50	54.95	0.00	90.95	£18,368.75	£201.97
Creditors	8.90	9.20	34.00	0.00	52.10	£9,340.00	£179.27
Investigations	1.80	4.50	2.20	0.00	8.50	£1,787.50	£210.29
Realisation of Assets	7.40	3.00	32.50	0.00	42.90	£7,547.50	£175.93
Trading							
Totals:	46.6	24.2	123.65	0	194.45	£37,043.75	£190.51
Total Fees Claimed	(Excluding Disbursements and VAT)					£37,043.75	

Additional Information in Relation to the Liquidator's Fees, Expenses & Disbursements

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.

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
Cameron Legal LLP (legal advice)	Hourly rate and disbursements
Willis Ltd (insurance)	Hourly rate and disbursements
Langley King (valuation and disposal advice)	Hourly rate and disbursements

- 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 Liquidator's Expenses & Disbursements

- 3.1 An analysis of the expenses paid to the date of this report, together with those incurred but not paid at the date of this report is provided below:

	Paid in prior period	Paid in the period covered by this report	Incurred but not paid to date	Total anticipated costs
Agents' costs	3,000.00			3,000.00
Solicitors' costs	924.00			924.00
Insurance	6,362.71			6,362.71
Statutory advertising	367.00			367.00
Specific penalty bond	924.00			924.00
Category 2 disbursements				
Business mileage	8.92			8.92

- 3.2 Category 1 disbursements do not require approval by creditors. The type of disbursements that may be charged as a Category 1 disbursement to a case generally comprise of external supplies of incidental services specifically identifiable to the case, such as postage, case advertising, invoiced travel and external printing, room hire and document storage. Also chargeable will be any properly reimbursed expenses incurred by personnel in connection with the case. These disbursements are included in the tables of expenses above.

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- 3.3 Category 2 disbursements 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 include shared or allocated costs that can be allocated to the appointment on a proper and reasonable basis such as internal room hire, document storage or business mileage. Details of Category 2 disbursements charged by this firm (where appropriate) were provided at the time the Liquidator's fees were approved by creditors. Any Category 2 disbursements incurred are specifically highlighted in the tables of expenses above.

4 Charge-Out Rates

- 4.1 LB Insolvency Solutions Limited current charge-out rates effective from 1 September 2017 are detailed below. Please note this firm records its time in minimum units of 6 minutes.

	(Per hour)
Director/ Partner	£350 per hour
Manager/ Associate Director	£250 per hour
Senior Administrator	£200 per hour
Administrator	£175 per hour
Junior Administrator	£150 per hour
Assistants and Support Staff	£125 per hour

Prior to this the following rates applied:

Effective from 1 September 2016

	(Per hour)
Director/ Partner	£350 per hour
Manager/ Associate Director	£250 per hour
Senior Administrator	£200 per hour
Administrator	£175 per hour
Junior Administrator	£150 per hour
Assistants and Support Staff	£125 per hour

Prior to this the following rates applied:

Effective from 1 September 2015

	(Per hour)
Director/ Partner	£300 per hour
Manager/ Associate Director	£225 per hour
Senior Administrator	£200 per hour
Administrator	£175 per hour
Junior Administrator	£150 per hour
Assistants and Support Staff	£100 per hour

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Prior to this the following rates applied:

Effective from 1 September 2014

	Fee Rate
Director/ Partner	£275 per hour
Manager/ Associate Director	£200 per hour
Senior Administrator	£175 per hour
Administrator	£150 per hour
Junior Administrator	£125 per hour
Assistants and Support Staff	£75 per hour