### **Liquidator's Progress** Report

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Pursuant to Sections 92A and 104A and 192 of the Insolvency Act 1986

To the Registrar of Companies

Company Number

03130667

Name of Company

Matrix Solutions UK Limited

I / We

Nigel Morrison, Hartwell House, 55-61 Victoria Street, Bristol, BS1 6FT

the liquidator(s) of the company attach a copy of my/our Progress Report under section 192 of the Insolvency Act 1986

The Progress Report covers the period from 13/02/2016 to 12/02/2017

Signed

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To the creditors and members

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14 March 2017

Dear Surs

#### Matrix Solutions UK Limited - In Liquidation (the Company)

#### 1 Introduction

- Following my appointment as liquidator of the above company on 13 February 2015, in accordance with section 104A of the Insolvency Act 1986 I now report on the progress of the liquidation for the year ended 12 February 2017 and attach
  - Appendix A, an account of my receipts and payments for the year ended 12 February 2017 and also for the whole liquidation to date
  - Appendix B, a statement of the remuneration charged by the liquidator in the period
     13 February 2016 to 12 February 2017 and a statement of expenses incurred in the period
  - Appendix C, an analysis of time costs as required by Statement of Insolvency Practice 9
  - Appendix D, an extract from the Insolvency Rules 1986 relating to creditors' rights to request additional information from the liquidator (rule 4 49E)
  - Appendix E, an extract from the Insolvency Rules 1986 relating to creditors' rights to challenge the liquidator's remuneration or expenses if excessive (rule 4 131)
- 12 Please note that I am authorised by the Insolvency Practitioners Association to act as an insolvency practitioner. I am bound by the Insolvency Code of Ethics when carrying out all professional work relating to an insolvency appointment

#### 2 Statutory information

21 The Company's statutory details are as follows.

Registered number 03130667

Registered office c/o Grant Thornton UK LLP,

4 Hardman Square, Spinningfields,

Manchester, M3 3EB

#### 3 Progress report

#### **Pre-appointment expenses**

As previously advised, my staff and I incurred costs and expenses prior to my appointment totalling £28,016

3 2 On 13 February 2015, the secured and preferential creditors agreed that my pre-appointment costs be settled as an expense of the administration at a capped amount of £15,000 plus VAT. As shown in my receipts and payments account at Appendix A, these fees have been drawn

#### **Assets**

#### Funds from the administration

3 3 The only assets transferred from the administration are the surplus funds totalling £82,195

#### Debtors, WIP and retentions

- 3.4 Craigdam Services Ltd (Craigdam) was instructed to maximise book debts, work in progress (WIP) and retention realisations
- To date realisations total £357,106 (net of VAT where applicable) Of this balance, £161,164 was received in the administration and £195,942 has been received in the liquidation
- 3.6 Remedial costs paid to date in the liquidation total £15,794
- 3.7 Craigdam continues to pursue the remaining debtors, WIP and retentions which I anticipate will be concluded shortly.

#### Enterprise Finance Guarantee (EFG) refund

- 3.8 The EFG was a loan guarantee scheme to facilitate lending to viable businesses that have been turned down for a normal commercial loan.
- 3 9 The sale of an EFG loan to the Company was reviewed by the Royal Bank of Scotland plc (the Bank) and it concluded that the loan was miss-sold and was not the best option for the Company Accordingly, the Bank issued a refund of £16,527 as shown in Appendix A

#### Liabilities

#### Secured creditors

- 3 10 As previously advised, the Bank holds floating charges over the Company's assets dated 4 October 2002 and 15 August 2013, and was owed cf. 1.3 million upon appointment.
- An on account payment of £75,000 will be paid to the Bank shortly with a final payment being made once all asset realisations have been finalised.
- 3 12 I anticipate that the Bank will suffer a shortfall on its lending.

#### Preferential creditors

3 13 Preferential creditors totalling £41,044 were paid in full on 3 March 2016

#### **Unsecured creditors**

- 3 14 Based on current estimates, I envisage that there will be a small distribution to the unsecured creditors by way of the prescribed part
- 3 15 To date I have received and agreed unsecured claims totalling £739,842

3 16 Creditors yet to submit a claim or receive confirmation that their claim has been agreed are requested to submit a claim using the enclosed claim form as soon as possible.

#### 4 Liquidator's remuneration and expenses

- 4.1 On 13 February 2015 the secured and preferential creditors resolved that the administrator's remuneration be fixed at £65,000 for the work completed by the administrator and his staff in attending to matters arising in the administration
- 4.2 It was also resolved that the remuneration for administering the distribution under a prescribed part carve out under Section 176A of the Insolvency Act 1986 be fixed in accordance with Rule 2.106(2)(b) of the Insolvency Rules 1986, that is "by reference to the time properly given by the administrator and his staff", be capped at the lower of 50% of the total available prescribed part carve out or the time properly given by the administrator and his staff.
- 4.3 Pursuant to rule 4.127(5A) of the Insolvency Rules 1986, this basis applies also in the liquidation.
- 4.4 You will note from the SIP9 table attached at Appendix C that my time costs to date for the liquidation total £41,173, and from my receipts and payments account attached at Appendix A, that I have drawn the agreed fee of £65,000 in respect of time spent in the administration.
- 4.5 Time is charged in units of 6 minutes Background information regarding the fees of liquidators can be found at https://www.r3.org.uk/media/documents/publications/professional/Guide\_to\_Liquidators \_Fccs\_Oct\_2015.pdf Alternatively I will supply this information by post on request.

#### 5 Other expenses incurred by the liquidator

- 5.1 Craigdam has been paid £2,002 in the period.
- 5.2 Expenses totalling £477 relating to postage have been incurred but not yet paid.
- 5.3 No other expenses have been incurred in the period.

#### 6 Contact

6.1 Should you have any queries, please contact Will Bowden on 0161 953 6392.

Yours faithfully

for and on behalf of Matrix Solutions UK Limited

Liquidator

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## Matrix Solutions UK Limited - in liquidation Summary of receipts and payments from 13 February 2015 to 12 February 2017

		From 13/02/2015	From 13/02/2016	
	Statement of Affairs	to 12/02/2016	to 12/02/2017	Total
	£	£	£	£
Receipts				
Sales		154,862 60	23,041 48	177,904 08
Admin/Receivers Surplus		82,194 88	0 00	82,194.88
Book Debts		5,668.38	12,369 47	18,037 85
EFG loan refund		0 00	16,526.61	16,526.61
Misc Refunds		420 00	0 00	420 00
Vat on Sales		26,079 70	1,693 35	27,773.05
		269,225.56	53,630.91	322,856.47
Payments				
Purchases (1)		15,793 66	0 00	15,793.66
Quantity Surveyors Fees		26,576 05	2,002.22	28,578 27
Corporation Tax		17 80	0 00	17 80
Administrators Fees		65,000 00	0 00	65,000 00
Pre-Appointment Administrators Fees		15,000 00	0 00	15,000 00
Administrators Expenses		2,885 64	0 00	2,885 64
Hosting of Serveis		75 00	0 00	75 00
Storage Costs		294 86	0 00	294 86
Statutory Advertising		84 60	0 00	84 60
Bank Charges		0 00	63 25	63 25
Preferential Creditors (All)		0 00	41,043 52	41,043 52
Vat on Purchases		22,404.11	400 44	22,804 55
HMRC - VAT received/paid		4,261 63	29 96	4,291 59
		152,393.35	43,539.39	195,932.74
Net Receipts/(Payments)		116,832.21	10,091.52	126,923.73
Made up as follows				<del></del>
Floating Current Account NIB		116,832 21	10,091 52	126,923 73
		116,832.21	10,091.52	126,923.73

### B Remuneration charged and expenses incurred by the liquidator's in the period

	Charged/incurred in period 13/02/2016 to 12/02/2017	Cumulative charged/incurred to 12/02/2017	Of which paid to 12/02/2017
	£	£	£
Joint liquidators' fees: Time costs	14,351	41,173	-
Expenses	246	477	-
Quantity Surveyor's fees:			
Craigdam	2,002	28,578	28,578
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#### C SIP 9 information

#### Introduction

The following information is provided in connection with the liquidators' remuneration and disbursements in accordance with SIP 9

Explanation of Grant Thornton UK LLP charging and disbursement recovery policies

#### **Time costs**

All partners and staff are charged out at hourly rates appropriate to their grade, as shown on the attached schedule. Details of the hourly charge-out rates are made available to creditors or committees at the time of fixing the basis of our fees. Support staff (ie secretaries, cashiers and filing clerks) are charged to the case for the time they work on it

	From
	01/07/14
	to date
	£
Partners up to	740
Managers up to	470
Administrators up to	345
Assistants and support staff	230
up to	

#### **Disbursements**

Out of pocket expenses are charged at cost and mileage is charged at standard rates. VAT is added to disbursement charges as necessary

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Transaction period 13/02/2015 to 12/02/2017

		Partner			Manager	[   		Executive	  - 	Adn	Administrator			Total	
	Hrs	3		H.	3		Hrs	3		훒	ω		Hrs	3	Avg. Hrly
Administration and Planning	1 00	495 00	·	575	2,097 50		20 25	4,512 90	<u> </u>	32 20	4,850 50	<u>.</u>	59 20	11,955 90	201 96
Creditors	!			4 00	1,437 00	<u> </u>	21 63	5,077 35	5	50 50	5,512 00		76 13	12,026 35	157 97
Hiatus period						<u> </u>				-		<u>-</u>			
Investigations			•	6	132 00	!				2 50	400 00	<u>-i.</u>	2 90	532 00	183 45
Pensions						<u> </u>				8	31 00	<u>,                                      </u>	20	31 00	155 00
Realisation of Assets				7 85	3,190 50	<u> </u>	5 50	1,395 00		4 65	744 00	-1	18 00	5,329 50	296 08
Taxation				14 05	6,091 50	!	11 50	3,082 00	-	18 00	2,125 00	•	43 55	11,298 50	259 44
Trading				-		<u> </u>	-			_		<u>.</u>			•
Total	1.00	495 00	·	32.05	12,948.50	1	58.88	14,067.25	10	108.05	13,662.50	*	199 98	41,173 25	205 89

Total fees billed to date (Time) : £

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_	Hrs	3	Hrs	3	Hrs	3	Hrs.	<u>پ</u>	3	Hrs	3	Avg. Hrly Rate
(incl statutory reporting)	1 00 495	495 00	2 50	825 00	9 50	2,068 75	9 15	5 1,436 00	8	22 15	4,824 75	217.82
Chargeholders (incl bank reporting)										8		
Corporation Tax			1 90	875 00			10 40	1,068 00	8	12 30	1,943 00	167.97
Hiatus period									<u></u>	00'		!
Investigations and reports on directors									·	00.		! !
Legal										00		
PAYE and VAT			4 90	2,155 00	3 50	00 068		50 80 00	8	8.90	3,125.00	351.12
Pensions										00'		
Preferential creditors					4 00	00 096		75 120 00	8	475	1,080 00	227.37
Realisation of Assets Debtors			2 50	1,075 00	4 50	1,155 00				7 00	2,230.00	318.57
Realisation of Assets Other assets										00.		
Realisation of Assets: Property plant vehicles etc (incl HP leasing and thurd party)							165	264 00	00	1.65	264 00	160 00
Realisation of Assets. Stock and WIP (incl ROT)				- · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·						00		
Sale of business										00'		
Trading										00		
Unsecured creditors					25	00 09	5 35	35 824 00	8	6.60	884.00	157 86
Total 1.	1.00 498	495.00	11.80	4,930.00	21.75	5,133 75	27.80	30 3,792 00	8	62 35	14,350 75	230.16

Total fees billed to date (Time): £

#### Matrix Solutions UK Limited - In Liquidation

For the period 13 February 2016 to 12 February 2017

		Incu	rred to d	ate
TASKS		Av Hrly Rate	Hrs	£
STATUT	TORY AND ADMINISTRATIVE TASKS	228	43	9,89
	File reviews			
	Bank account administration and transactions			
	Statutory reports to creditors	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	! 	
ľ	Statutory pension reports			
	Tax, VAT and PAYE compliance			
REALIS	ATION OF ASSETS	288	9	2,494
	Correspondence with agents			
	Discussions regarding book debts		l	
CREDIT	ORS	190	10	1,964
	Agreeing unsecured claims			
	Correspondence with unsecured creditors			
l	Agreeing the preferential claims			
	Paying the preferential dividend	{		
Total co	osts .	230	62	14,351

# D An extract from the Insolvency Rules 1986 relating to creditors' rights to request additional information from the liquidator

Rule 4 49E edited for application to a progress report in a creditors' voluntary liquidation

- (1) If
  - (a) Within the period mentioned in paragraph (2)
    - (1) a secured creditor, or
    - (ii) an unsecured creditor with the concurrence of at least 5% in value of the unsecured creditors (including the creditor in question), or
  - (b) with the permission of the court upon an application made within the period mentioned in paragraph (2), any unsecured creditor makes a request in writing to the liquidator for further information about remuneration or expenses set out in the progress report, the liquidator must, within 14 days of receipt of the request, comply with paragraph (3) except to the extent that the request is in respect of a matter which was previously included in a progress report
- (2) The period referred to in paragraph (1)(a) is 21 days of receipt of the progress report
- (3) The liquidator complies with this paragraph by either -
  - (a) providing all of the information asked for, or
  - (b) so far as the liquidator considers that
    - (i) the time or cost of preparation of the information would be excessive, or
    - (ii) disclosure of the information would be prejudicial to the conduct of the liquidation or might reasonably be expected to lead to violence against any person, or
    - (m) the liquidator is subject to an obligation of confidentiality in respect of the information,

giving reasons for not providing all of the information.

- (4) Any creditor, who need not be the same as the creditor who requested further information, may apply to the court within 21 days of -
  - (a) the giving by the liquidator of reasons for not providing all of the information asked for, or
  - (b) the expiry of the 14 days provided for in paragraph (1), and the court may make such order as it thinks just
- (5) Without prejudice to the generality of paragraph (4), the order of the court under that paragraph may extend the period of 8 weeks provided for in Rule 4 131(1B) by such further period as the court thinks just.

# E An extract from the Insolvency Rules 1986 relating to creditors' rights to challenge the liquidator's remuneration or expenses if excessive

#### Rule 4 131

- (1) Any secured creditor, or any unsecured creditor with either the concurrence of at least 10% in value of the creditors (including that creditor) or the permission of the court, may apply to the court for one or more of the orders in paragraph (4).
- (1A) Application by a creditor may be made on the grounds that -
  - (a) the remuneration charged by the liquidator,
  - (b) the basis fixed for the liquidator's remuneration under Rule 4 127, or
  - (c) expenses incurred by the liquidator,
  - is or are, in all the circumstances, excessive or, in the case of an application under subparagraph (b), inappropriate
- (1B) The application must, subject to any order of the court under Rule 4 49E(5), be made no later than 8 weeks (or in a case falling within Rule 4 108, 4 weeks) after receipt by the applicant of the progress report or the draft report under Rule 4 49D, which first reports the charging of the remuneration or the incurring of the expenses in question ("the relevant report")
- (2) The court may, if it thinks that no cause is shown for a reduction, dismiss the application, but it shall not do so unless the applicant has had an opportunity to attend the court for a hearing, of which he has been given at least 5 business days' notice, but which is without notice to any other party.

  If the application is not dismissed under this paragraph, the court shall fix a venue for it to be heard, and give notice to the applicant accordingly
- (3) The applicant shall, at least 14 days before the hearing, send to the liquidator a notice stating the venue and accompanied by a copy of the application, and of any evidence which the applicant intends to adduce in support of it
- (4) If the court considers the application to be well-founded, it must make one or more of the following orders -
  - (a) an order reducing the amount of remuneration which the liquidator was entitled to charge
  - (b) an order fixing the basis of remuneration at a reduced rate or amount
  - (c) an order changing the basis of remuneration
  - (d) an order that some or all of the remuneration or expenses in question be treated as not being expenses of the liquidation
  - (e) an order that the liquidator or the liquidator's personal representative pay to the company the amount of the excess of remuneration or expenses or such part of the excess as the court may specify

and may make any other order that it thinks just, but an order under sub-paragraph (b) or (c) may be made only in respect of periods after the period covered by the relevant report

(5) Unless the court orders otherwise, the costs of the application shall be paid by the applicant, and are not payable as an expense of the liquidation

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#### **Matrix Solutions UK Limited - In Liquidation**

#### Creditor's Claim Form

Name and address of creditor	
Amount claimed in the liquidation £	
Particulars of any security held	
Value of security £	
Signature	
Name and position of signatory	
(if not personally the creditor)	
Telephone	
E-mail·	
Date·	
Please provide appropriate documentation in support of your claim.	
If you are registered for VAT the amount claimed should include VAT even if VAT relief has been claimed under the Value Added Tax Act 1994	□ bad

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Please return this form when you have completed it to

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