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Company name in full	Solstice (SW) Ltd	bold black capitals.
2	Liquidator's name	
Full forename(s)	Mark	
Surname	Bowen	
3	Liquidator's address	
Building name/number	11 Roman Way Business Centre	
Street	Berry Hill	
Post town	Droitwich Spa	
County/Region	Worcestershire	
Postcode	WR99AJ	
Country		
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ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT

SOLSTICE (SW) LTD - IN CREDITORS' VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

A summary of key information in this report is detailed below.

Assets

Asset	Estimated to realise per Statement of Affairs	Realisations to date	Anticipated future realisations	Total anticipated realisations
Book debts	57,923.10	2,727.86	Nil	2,727.86
Assigned Claims	-	7,500.00	Nil	7,500.00
Bank Interest Gross	-	11.12	-	11.12
Claims	-	Nil	Uncertain	Uncertain

Expenses

Expenses	T			
	Amount per		Anticipated	
	fees and	Expense	further	Total
	expenses	incurred to	expense to	anticipated
Expense	estimates	date	closure	expense
Liquidators' fees	44,787.00*	5,000.00	39,787.00	44,787.00
Solicitors' fees	Uncertain	Uncertain	Uncertain	Uncertain
All other expenses	802.75	444.00	124.50	568.50

^{*}adjusted to reflect fee estimate (including 25% of realisations to date)

Dividend prospects

Creditor class	Distribution / dividend paid to date	Anticipated distribution / dividend, based upon the above
Unsecured creditors	Nil	Uncertain

Summary of key issues outstanding

- Ongoing claims.
- Ongoing cooperation with the Insolvency Service as detailed in my previous reports.

Closure

Due to the issues outstanding as listed above, it is difficult to estimate the quantum or timing of any dividend to unsecured creditors and/or the closure of the liquidation.

ADMINISTRATION AND PLANNING

Statutory information

Statutory information may be found at Appendix I.

The Liquidator is required to meet a considerable number of statutory and regulatory obligations. Whilst many of these tasks do not have a direct benefit in enhancing realisations for the insolvent estate, they assist in the efficient and compliant progressing of the administration of the case, which ensures that work is carried out to high professional standards. A detailed list of these tasks may be found in Appendix III.

During the Review Period, the following key documents have been issued:

• The progress report for the period 02/01/2021 to 01/01/2022;

Other administration tasks

During the Review Period, the following material tasks in this category were carried out:

- Case reviews.
- Bond reviews.

ENQUIRIES AND INVESTIGATIONS

As detailed in my previous reports, the Liquidators initial assessment revealed material matters that merited further investigation and the Liquidator looked to firm up several claims.

During the review period the Liquidator took these claims to market to sound out any interest. Following an extended period of marketing several parties expressed an interest and agreement was reached for the claims to be taken forward by a litigation funder. Further details are available on request.

REALISATION OF ASSETS

Detailed below is key information about asset realisation and strategy, however, more details about the work undertaken may be found at Appendix III. The (Liquidator formulated and worked through a realisation strategy that sought to maximise realisations net of costs. The financial benefit of those efforts is described further below.

Assigned Claims

On assignment of the claims initial consideration of £7,500 was payable and received in full.

Payments

During the review period the only payments made were discharging of expenses and liquidator's fees, as shown on the attached receipts and payments account at appendix II.

CREDITORS

Irrespective of whether sufficient realisations are achieved to pay a dividend to creditors, the Liquidator has had to carry out key tasks which are detailed in the list at Appendix III. The following sections explain the anticipated outcomes to creditors and any distributions paid.

Secured creditors

The Company has not granted any charges over its assets.

Preferential creditors

There are no preferential claims in this matter.

Unsecured creditors

HMRC was shown to be owed £138,733.53. A claim of £196,510.10 has been received.

The trade and expense creditors as per the statement of affairs totalled £6,900.14. Please be advised that proofs of debt are still being received and therefore the total value of unsecured claims is not known at present.

We have not undertaken any work to agree any claims to date.

Dividend prospects

Dividend prospects are dependent on the outcome of the claims currently being pursued by Litigation Funders.

The Company has not granted a floating charge to any creditor after 15 September 2003 and consequently there will be no prescribed part in this Liquidation.

ETHICS

Please also be advised that Liquidator is bound by the Insolvency Code of Ethics when carrying out all professional work relating to an insolvency appointment.

General ethical considerations

During the Review Period, no new threats to compliance with the Code of Ethics have been identified.

Specialist Advice and Services

When instructing third parties to provide specialist advice and services or having the specialist services provided by the firm, the Liquidator is obligated to ensure that such advice or work is warranted and that the advice or work contracted reflects the best value and service for the work undertaken. The firm reviews annually the specialists available to provide services within each specialist area and the cost of those services to ensure best value. The specialists chosen usually have knowledge specific to the insolvency industry and, where relevant, to matters specific to this insolvency appointment.

FEES AND EXPENSES

Pre-Appointment Costs

Paid by Company/directors or Third party prior to appointment

A fixed fee of £4,500.00 was agreed and paid by the directors prior to the winding-up resolution.

The Liquidators' fees

It is the firm's practice to ensure that work is conducted by the appropriate staff member at the appropriate level of experience. Junior members of staff deal with the day-to-day administration on cases and a manager and director then oversees the work undertaken. Where the issues are complex and litigious, the work will be closely supervised or undertaken by a (senior) manager or director.

The basis of the Liquidator's fees was approved by creditors on 21 August 2020 in accordance with the following (decision / resolution):

"That the Liquidator's fees be fixed as a set fee as per his fee estimate."

The time costs for the period 02/01/2022 to 01/01/2023 total £1,995.00, representing 13 hours at an average hourly rate of £153.46. The time costs for the period are detailed at Appendix IV.

The total time costs during the period of appointment amount to £30,180.00 representing 214.10 hours at an average hourly rate of £140.96.

Having regard for the costs that are likely to be incurred in bringing this Liquidation to a close, the Liquidator considers that:

- the original fees estimate is unlikely to be exceeded; and
- the original expenses estimate is unlikely to be exceeded.

Expenses

An amended Statement of Insolvency Practice (SIP), SIP 9, was issued on 1 April 2021. The amended SIP 9 has changed some of the terminology and introduced additional disclosure requirements. The information below may therefore not reflect the information previously provided.

No additional category 1 expenses have been incurred in the period. Category 1 expenses represent payments to parties not associated with the firm, who have provided services or goods for the administration of the assignment.

Although we have previously received approval to discharge category 2 expenses in this matter due to the amendments to SIP 9 no category 2 expenses will be discharged.

Information about this insolvency process may be found on the R3 website at http://www.creditorinsolvencyguide.co.uk/. A copy of 'A Creditors' Guide to Fees' together with the firm's charge-out rate and expenses policy may be found at www.mb-i.co.uk. A hard copy of both the Creditors' Guide and the firm's charge-out rate and disbursement policy may be obtained on request.

Other professional costs

Solicitors

Morgan Phelps have been instructed as legal advisor in relation to the ongoing investigations and preparation of the claims as detailed above. Their costs have been agreed on the basis of their standard hourly charge out rates plus disbursement and VAT. We have since entered into a Conditional Fee Agreement for all work to be carried out.

CREDITORS' RIGHTS

An unsecured creditor may, with the permission of the court or with the concurrence of 5% in value of the unsecured creditors (including the creditor in question) request further details of the **Liquidator**'s remuneration and expenses, within 21 days of receipt of this report. Any secured creditor may request the same details in the same time limit.

An unsecured creditor may, with the permission of the court or with the concurrence of 10% in value of the creditors (including the creditor in question), apply to court to challenge the amount and/or basis of the **Liquidator**'s fees and the amount of any proposed expenses or expenses already incurred, within 8 weeks of receipt of this report. Any secured creditor may make a similar application to court within the same time limit.

CONCLUSION

The administration of the case will be continuing to finalise the following outstanding matters that are preventing this case from being closed:

- Ongoing claims.
- Ongoing cooperation with the Insolvency Service as detailed in my previous reports

If you require any further information, please contact this office.

Signed

Mark Elijah Thomas Bowen

Liquidator

26 January 2023

Appendix I

Statutory Information

Company Name Solstice (SW) Ltd

Company Number **08145712**

Registered Office 11 Roman Way, Berry Hill, Droitwich, WR9 9AJ

Former Registered Office 18 New Canal, Salisbury, SP1 2AQ

Office holders Mark Elijah Thomas Bowen

Office holders' address MB Insolvency, 11 Roman Way, Berry Hill, Droitwich, WR9 9AJ

Date of appointment 02 January 2020

Solstice (SW) Ltd

In Liquidation

Liquidator's Summary of Receipts and Payments (Accruals Basis)

Statement of Affairs £		From 02 January 2022 To 01 January 2023 £	From 02 January 2020 To 01 January 2023 £
	GENERAL SECURED GROUP		
57,923.10	Book Debts	0.00	0.00
		0.00	0.00
	ASSET REALISATIONS		
	Book Debts	0.00	2,727.86
	Assigned Claim	7,500.00	7,500.00
	Bank Interest Gross	10.30	11.12
		7,510.30	10,238.98
	COST OF REALISATIONS		
	Specific Bond	140.00	140.00
	Office Holders Fees	5,000.00	5,000.00
	Storage Costs	150.00	150.00
	Statutory Advertising	154.00	154.00
		(5,444.00)	(5,444.00)
	UNSECURED CREDITORS		
(142,461.72)	Trade & Expense Creditors	0.00	0.00
		0.00	0.00
	DISTRIBUTIONS		
(100.00)	Ordinary Shareholders	0.00	0.00
		0.00	0.00
(84,638.62)	•	2,066.30	4,794.98
	DEDDECENTED DV		
	REPRESENTED BY		4 704 00
	Bank 1 Current		4,794.98
			4,794.98

Mark Bowen Liquidator

Appendix III

Detailed list of work undertaken for Solstice (SW) Ltd in Creditors' Voluntary Liquidation for the review period 02/01/2022 to 01/01/2023

Below is detailed information about the tasks undertaken by the Liquidator.

General Description	Includes
Statutory and General Administration	
Statutory/advertising	Filing of documents to meet statutory requirements including annual receipts and payments accounts Annual corporation tax returns Quarterly VAT returns Advertising in accordance with statutory requirements Bonding the case for the value of the assets
Document maintenance/file review/checklist	Filing of documents Periodic file reviews documenting strategy Periodic reviews of the application of ethical, anti-money laundering and anti-bribery safeguards Maintenance of statutory and case progression task lists/diaries Updating checklists
Bank account administration	Preparing correspondence opening and closing accounts Requesting bank statements Bank account reconciliations Correspondence with bank regarding specific transfers Maintenance of the estate cash book Banking remittances and issuing cheques/BACS payments
Planning / Review	Discussions regarding strategies to be pursued Meetings with team members and independent advisers to consider practical, technical and legal aspects of the case
Books and records / storage	Dealing with records in storage Sending job files to storage
Pension scheme	Identifying whether there is a pension scheme Submitting the relevant notices if a pension scheme is identified Instructing agents to wind up any pension scheme Liaising and providing information to be able to finalise winding up the pension scheme
Reports	Circulating initial report to creditors upon appointment Preparing annual progress report, investigation and general reports to creditors Disclosure of sales to connected parties
Creditors' decisions	Preparation of decision procedure notices, proxies/voting forms and advertisements Notice of decision procedure to all known creditors Collate and examine proofs and proxies/votes to conclude decisions For virtual or physical meetings: preparation of meeting file, including agenda, certificate of postage, attendance register, list of creditors, reports to creditors, advertisement of meeting and draft minutes of meeting Responding to queries and questions following decisions
Closure	Review case to ensure all matters have been finalised Obtain clearance to close case from HMRC together with submitting final tax return Obtain final accounts from agents solicitors and others instructed Issue final account to creditors File documents with Registrar of Companies
Investigations	
SIP 2 Review	Collection and making an inventory of company books and records Correspondence to request information on the company's dealings, making further enquiries of third parties Reviewing questionnaires submitted by creditors and directors Reconstruction of financial affairs of the company Reviewing company's books and records Preparation of deficiency statement Review of specific transactions and liaising with directors regarding certain transactions Liaising with the committee/creditors or major creditors about further action to be taken
Statutory reporting on conduct of director(s)	Preparing statutory investigation reports Liaising with Insolvency Service Submission of report with the Insolvency Service Preparation and submission of supplementary information if required Assisting the Insolvency Service with its investigations
Examinations	Preparing brief to solicitor

General Description	Includes
	Liaising with solicitor(s) regarding examinations
	Attendance at examination
	Reviewing examination transcripts
Litigation / Recoveries	Liaising with solicitor(s) regarding outcome of examinations and further actions available Strategy meeting regarding litigation
Litigation / Necoveries	Seeking funding from creditors
	Reviewing terms of solicitors' conditional fee agreements
	Preparing brief to solicitors/Counsel
	Liaising with solicitors regarding recovery actions
	Dealing with ATE insurers
	Attending to negotiations
	Attending to settlement matters
Realisation of Assets	
Sale of Business as a	Instructing and liaising with agents
Going Concern	Preparing an information memorandum
	Liaising with potential purchasers Agreeing licences to trade/occupy
	Assessment and review of offers received
	Negotiating with intended purchaser
	Liaising with secured creditors and seeking releases
	Exchanges with solicitors to agree sale and purchase agreement
	Surrender of lease (where appropriate)
	Pursuing deferred sale consideration
Plant and Equipment	Liaising with valuers, auctioneers and interested parties
	Reviewing asset listings
	Liaising with secured creditors and landlords
Freehold/Leasehold	Liaising with valuers and agents on marketing strategy and offers received
Property	Dealing with tenant issues (if any)
	Liaising with secured creditors and landlords Agreeing assignment, surrender or disclaiming property
Debtors	Collecting supporting documentation
Debtors	Correspondence with debtors
	Reviewing and assessing debtors' ledgers
	Receiving updates from factoring companies and liaising reassignment of ledger
	Liaising with debt collectors and solicitors
	Agreeing debt collection agency agreements
	Dealing with disputes, including communicating with directors/former staff
	Pursuing credit insurance claims
Lagaine	Submitting VAT bad debt relief claims
Leasing	Reviewing leasing documents Liaising with owners/lessors
	Tasks associated with disclaiming leases if appropriate
Stock	Conducting stock takes
	Reviewing stock values
	Liaising with agents and potential purchasers
	Analysing the value in WIP
	Contracting with service-providers/suppliers to complete WIP
Retention of Title	Receive initial notification of creditor's intention to claim
Claims	Provision of retention of title claim form to creditor
	Meeting claimant on site to identify goods Adjudicate retention of title claim
	Forward correspondence to claimant notifying outcome of adjudication
	Preparation of payment vouchers and correspondence to claimant to accompany payment of claim (if valid)
	Exchanges with solicitors in deciding claims and dealing with disputes
Other assets:	Liaising with agents to agree disposal strategy
motor vehicles,	Dealing with potential purchasers
intangibles,	Negotiating sales
intellectual property,	Liaising with solicitors to agree sales
VAT/corporation tax refunds,	Collecting sales consideration Liaising with insurance companies and directors to pursue claims
Insurance claims	Examining company records to support tax refunds
	Exchanges with government departments
Insurance	Identification of potential issues requiring attention of insurance specialists
	Correspondence with insurer regarding initial and ongoing insurance requirements
	Reviewing insurance policies
	Correspondence with previous brokers

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General Description	Includes
Creditors and Distributions	
Creditor	Receive and follow up creditor enquiries via telephone
Communication	Review and prepare correspondence to creditors and their representatives via facsimile, email and post
	Assisting employees to pursue claims via the RPO
	Corresponding with the PPF and the Pensions Regulator
Dealing with proofs of	Receipting and filing POD when not related to a dividend
debt ("POD")	Corresponding with RPO regarding POD when not related to a dividend
Processing proofs of	Preparation of correspondence to potential creditors inviting submission of POD
debt	Receipt of POD
	Adjudicating POD
	Request further information from claimants regarding POD
	Preparation of correspondence to claimant advising outcome of adjudication
	Seeking solicitors' advice on the validity of secured creditors' claims and other complex claims

Current Charge-out Rates for the firm

Time charging policy

Support staff charge their time to each case.

Support staff include cashier, secretarial and administration support.

The minimum unit of time recorded is 6 minutes.

Staff	Charge out rates			
	£			
Insolvency Practitioner	300			
Managers	225-250			
Assistant Managers	200			
Senior Administrator	175			
Administrator	150			
Senior Assistant/Cashier	150			
Support Staff/Secretary	90			

SIP9 Time & Cost Summary Solstice (SW) Ltd - SOL01

02 January 2022 to 01 January 2023

Solstice (SW) Ltd (Showing Post-Appointment only)

Classification of Work	Partner	Manager	Other Senior	Assistants &	Senior Manager	SIP9	Total Hours	Time Cost (£)	Average
Function			Professional	Support Staff	_	Additional 2			Hourly Rate
									(£)
Admin & Planning	0.30	0.00	0.00	9.70	0.00	0.00	10.00	1,545.00	154.50
Case Specific Matters	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Creditors	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.50	0.00	0.00	0.50	75.00	150.00
Investigations	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.50	0.00	0.00	1.50	225.00	150.00
Marketing	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Non Chargeable	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Pre Appointment	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Realisation of Assets	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.00	0.00	0.00	1.00	150.00	150.00
Trading	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Hours	0.30	0.00	0.00	12.70	0.00	0.00	13.00	1,995.00	153.46
Total Fees Claimed								0.00	
Total Expenses Claimed								0.00	

Appendix V

Expenses summary for period, cumulative & comparison with estimate for Solstice (SW) Ltd in Creditors' Voluntary Liquidation

Below are details of the Liquidators' expenses for the period under review and the total to date.

Expenses	Original expenses estimate £	Actual expenses incurred in the Review Period £	Actual expenses incurred to date £	Reason for any excess (if the expenses are likely to, or have, exceeded the original estimate)
Category 1 Expenses				
Legal costs	Uncertain	Uncertain	Uncertain	CFA
Advertising	154.00	Nil	154.00	If a dividend is payable additional advertising costs will be incurred.
Bonding	140.00	Nil	140.00	Increase due to additional recoveries.
Postage	61.30	0.00	34.65	
Category 2 Expenses				
Photocopying	122.45	Uncertain	82.45	Please be advised that, whilst it was originally envisaged that these expenses would be charged to the estate, this has been no longer allowed since 1 April 2021