The Insolvency (Northern Ireland) Order 1989

# Notice of Move from Administration to Creditors' Voluntary Liquidation

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Name of Company

McCrory Scaffolding (NI) Limited

Company number
NI029824

In the High Court of Justice in Northern Ireland Chancery Division (Company Insolvency)

Court case number

13817 of 2014

(a) Insert name(s) and address(es) of administrator(s) I (a) Melanie Reevel Giles PJG Recovery (NI) Ltd 9 Gibsons Lane Newtownards Co Down

**BT23 4LJ** 

(b) Insert name of company and address of registered office having been appointed administrator(s) of (b) McCrory Scaffolding (NI) Limited 9 Gibson's Lane, Newtownards, Co Down, BT23 4LJ

(c) Insert date of appointment (d) Insert name of appointor/applicant (e)Insert name(s) and address(es) of liquidator(s) on (c) 11 December 2015

by (d) High Court of Justice in Northern Ireland

hereby give notice that:

the provisions of paragraph 84(1) of Schedule B1 to the Insolvency (Northern Ireland) Order 1989 apply, and it is proposed that (e) Melanie Reevel Giles, PJG Recovery (NI) Ltd, 9 Gibsons Lane, Newtownards, Co Down, BT23 4LJ

will be the liquidator(s) of the company (IP No 8781)

I attach a copy of the final progress report

Signed

Dated

Administrator 2018

# **Contact Details:**

You do not have to give any contact information in the box opposite but if you do, it will help Companies Registry to contact you if there is a query on the form.

The contact information that you give

will be visible to searchers of the public record

Melanie Reevel Giles PJG Recovery (NI) Ltd 9 Gibsons Lane Newtownards Co Down BT23 4LJ

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27 July 2018

9 Gibsons Lane Newtownards Co Down BT23 4LJ

TO ALL KNOWN CREDITORS
9th PROGRESS REPORT

Tel: 028 9181 4890 028 9182 1740 Fax: 028 9181 4875 www.pjgrecovery.com

Dear Sirs,

McCrory Scaffolding (NI) Limited – (In Administration)
High Court of Justice in Northern Ireland Chancery Division Number 13817 of 2014

As you are aware the Administration is due to end automatically end on 31 July 2018, and as such I have taken steps to place the Company into Creditors' Voluntary Liquidation and enclose a Notice of move to Creditors' Voluntary Liquidation, together with a copy of my final progress report

The following documents are also required and enclosed:-

- A receipts and payments account for the period ended 27 July 2018
- An analysis of this firm's time costs to 27 July 2018 as required by Statement of Insolvency Practice 9
- A Creditors Guide to Administrators' Fees Northern Ireland
- Practice Fee Recovery Policy for PJG Recovery (NI) Limited
- Provision of Services Regulations Summary Sheet for PJG Recovery (NI) Limited

If creditors have any queries regarding the conduct of the Administration they should contact me on 02920-346530 or via e-mail at <u>melaniegiles@pigrecovery.com</u>.

Yours faithfully

Melan e R Giles Administrator The Insolvency (Northern Ireland) Order 1989

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# McCrory Scaffolding (NI) LIMITED – IN ADMINISTRATION ("THE COMPANY") HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE IN NORTHERN IRELAND CHANCERY DIVISION NUMBER 13817 OF 2014

# ADMINISTATOR'S 9<sup>th</sup> AND FINAL PROGRESS REPORT TO CREDITORS FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 20 JULY 2018

# **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

I was appointed Administrator of the Company on 11 December 2015 by Court Order, following the resignation of the previous office holders who had been appointed on 31 January 2014. This report, together with the following attached appendices, provides Creditors with details of my progress with the Administration of the Company to its conclusion and move to Liquidation.

A Court Order was made on 26 January 2017, which extended the Administration of the Company for a period of 18 months, such that the administration would automatically end on 31 July 2018.

As previously reported the only matter which prevents the closure of this matter, is a personal injury claim brought against the company relating to an incident which occurred prior to Administration. Although I had been hopeful that this would have been concluded prior to the automatic end of Administration, it is clear that this will not be the case and as such I have taken steps to move from Administration to Creditors' Voluntary Liquidation.

# STATUTORY INFORMATION

The Company's statutory details are as follows:

Company Name: McCrory Scaffolding (NI) Limited

Court Name and Reference: High Court of Justice in Northern Ireland No 13817 of 2014

Registered number: NI0129824

Date of Incorporation: 2 August 1995

Registered office: 9 Gibson's Lane, Newtownards, Co Down, BT23 4L1

Authorised share capital: 250,000 ordinary £1 shares Issued share capital: 4,485 ordinary £1 shares

65 Class A ordinary £1 shares

Shareholders: John McCrory – 4,484 ordinary £1 shares

Angela McCrory – 1 ordinary £1 shares

Angela McCrory – 20 Class A Ordinary £1 Shares Stephen McCrory – 25 Class A Ordinary £1 Shares Nicola McCrory – 10 Class A Ordinary £1 Shares Patrick McCrory – 10 Class A £1 Ordinary Shares

Directors: John McCrory

Angela McCrory (resigned 6 August 2013)

Nicola McCrory

Patrick McCrory (resigned 6 August 2013) Stephen McCrory (resigned 6 August 2013)

(NB – Stephen McCrory has advised that the records relating to his directorship filed at Companies House are incorrect – in that he resigned in August 2011)

Administrator's Name: Melanie Reevel Giles

Joint Administrators' Address: PJG Recovery (NI) Limited, 9 Gibson's Lane, Newtownards,

BT23 4LJ

Date of Administration: 31 January 2014

The Administration constitutes "main proceedings" under the EC Regulation on Insolvency Proceedings, as the Company's centre of main interests and registered office are in Northern Ireland.

# **SUMMARY OF THE ADMINISTRATOR'S PROPOSALS**

The report to creditors dated 26 March 2014, detailed that the purpose of the Administration, pursuant to paragraph 50 of Schedule B1 to the insolvency (Northern Ireland) Order 1989, was to achieve a better result for the Company's creditors as a whole than would be likely if the Company were wound up (without first being in Administration). No major deviations or amendments have occurred to the proposals during the Administration.

# ADMINISTRATOR'S ACTIONS SINCE LAST PROGRESS REPORT

As previously reported I (as Administrator) have unfortunately been named as a party to a personal injury action against the company, relating to an incident which occurred prior to my appointment. The claimant's solicitors in the Irish Republic refuse to accept that I should not be joined into the proceedings, and my Solicitors continue to work towards resolving the issue the costs of which may have to be borne by the Company.

# **RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT**

My Receipts and Payments Account for the period from 31 January 2014 to 27 July 2018, which separately lists those movements in the period from 31 January 2018 to 27 July 2018, is attached as Appendix 1. The Statement of Affairs figures included on the account represent estimated figures provided at the outset of the administration by my predecessors, as no actual Statement of Affairs has been provided by the directors.

At 20 July 2018 I was holding the sum of £11,287 on a non-interest bearing estate bank account, with the sum of £6,049 being due from a repayment of VAT which will be reclaimed at the end of the liquidation.

# PROGRESS OF THE ADMINISTRATION

# **ASSETS**

# Assets subject to fixed charges

# Freehold property and Book Debtors

As previously reported, the bank was secured by fixed charges over two freehold properties at 48 & 50 Windsor Avenue, Lurgan. I understand that both properties have been sold by the bank in its capacity as mortgagee in possession.

The bank also had the benefit of a Confidential invoice Discounting Agreement with the company. At the reporting date, the bank had not submitted a final unsecured claim in this matter.

# Assets not subject to a fixed charge

# Cash at Bank

The sum of £14,500 was received from a credit balance held with the company's pre-appointment bankers.

# Plant, Machinery & Stock

These assets were sold by my predecessors for a total consideration of £341,561.

# **Motor Vehicles**

These assets were sold by my predecessors for a total consideration of £6,700.

# **Other Monies Received**

An aggregate sum of £1,860 has been received from sundry items and refunds due to the company.

# **Directors' Loan Accounts**

In November 2017, following a period of ongoing negotiation with both the bank and the directors' lawyers, an aggregate payment of £25,375 was accepted in full and final settlement of the outstanding directors' loans.

# LIABILITIES

# Secured Creditor

The Company had granted fixed charges to the bank on 11 March 2008, relating to securities held over 48 & 50 Windsor Avenue, Lurgan. These properties have now been sold, and I understand that there was a resultant shortfall – however this has not been quantified by the bank.

In addition, the bank also held security over the company's book debtors under a Confidential Invoice Discounting Agreement which I understand was entered into in August 2013. I am not aware of the current position regarding book debt collections, but do not expect there to be any surplus available to the company from this source.

The bank has also received a direct financial settlement from John McCrory under the terms of the confidential tripartite agreement.

# Preferential creditors

The sum of £10,283 has been claimed as preferential by the Department of Employment & Learning in Northern Ireland, relating to payments made to former employees of the company following their redundancy.

In addition, a claim for €85,806 was paid by the Department of Social Protection in the Irish Republic to the Construction Workers' Pension Scheme, relating to unpaid pension contributions relating to employees and the company as employer. This matter was only finalised in 2017, and my solicitors have confirmed that this debt also carries preferential status cross-border. The Department of Social Protection had also submitted an earlier preferential claim in the sum of €38,904.

# Crown Creditors

Claims totalling £1,154,833 for outstanding taxes, and £567,360 have been submitted by H M Revenue & Customs. I have also received a claim for £189,439 from the Department for Employment and Learning, relating to sums paid to former employees of the company which are deemed to have unsecured status in Northern Ireland, and £25,201 from the Redundancy Payments Office in England relating to English employees.

# Unsecured creditors

As I have not received a Statement of Affairs from the directors, I have had to rely on the books and records of the company, along with information provided by creditors, to report on balances due. To date, I have received claims from 50 creditors at a total of £2,553,284.

# **DIVIDEND PROSPECTS**

# Secured Creditor

The bank has been partially repaid from the realisation of the freehold properties, the collection of book debtors and the settlement effected by the guarantor.

# **Preferential Creditors**

It may be possible for a small distribution to be made to preferential creditors, however this can only be determined once the outcome of the ongoing personal injury litigation is settled, and all final costs calculated and paid.

# **Unsecured Creditors**

There will be no funds available to effect any form of distribution to unsecured creditors.

# INVESTIGATION INTO THE AFFAIRS OF THE COMPANY

My predecessors undertook an initial investigation into the Company's affairs to establish whether there were any potential asset recoveries or conduct matters that justified further investigation, taking account of the public interest, potential recoveries, the funds likely to be available to fund an investigation, and the costs involved. Specifically, they recovered, listed and reviewed the Company's accounting records, and liaised with the former auditors.

Within six months of their appointment as Joint Administrators, my predecessors were required to submit a confidential report to the insolvency Service to include any matters which had come to their attention during the course of their work, which may indicate that the conduct of any past or present Director would make them unfit to be concerned with the management of the Company. I would confirm that their report had been submitted prior to my own appointment.

The directors have not complied with their responsibility to provide us with a Statement of Affairs, in accordance with Article 34 of the Insolvency (Northern Ireland) Order 1989.

# PRE-ADMINISTRATION COSTS

The pre-Administration costs of PJG Recovery (NI) Limited were agreed to be paid at £15,000 plus VAT. Pursuant to Rule 2.67A of the Insolvency Rules (Northern Ireland) 1991, approval to pay these costs as an expense of the Administration was received by way of a resolution of creditors on 11 April 2014, and these costs have now been paid.

# **ADMINISTRATORS' REMUNERATION**

The Administrator's remuneration was previously authorised by a meeting of creditors held on 11 April 2014 to be drawn on a time cost basis. My total time costs to 20 July 2018 amount to £268,208 representing 1,368 of hours work at a blended charge out rate of £196 per hour.

I summarise on the attached schedules at Appendix 2 further details of the hours spent on various tasks undertaken during the Administration to 27 July 2018, and that charged since 31 January 2018. In the current reporting period, the main areas of our work are detailed below. Creditors are reminded that there is certain work that we are required to carry out in connection with the Administration that provides no financial benefit for them, but is nevertheless necessary due to statute or my profession's best practice standards.

# 1. Administration

- Dealing with all routine correspondence and emails relating to the case.
- Maintaining and managing the office holder's estate bank account.
- Maintaining and managing the office holder's cashbook.
- Undertaking regular bank reconciliations of the bank account containing estate funds.

- Reviewing the adequacy of the specific penalty bond on a monthly basis.
- Undertaking periodic reviews of the progress of the case.
- Preparing, reviewing and issuing the eighth six-monthly progress report to creditors and members.
- Filing the six-monthly return at Companies House.

# 2. Creditors

Defending the specific personal injury claim where it has proven necessary

Further information about creditors' rights can be obtained by visiting the creditors' information micro-site published by the Association of Business Recovery Professionals (R3) at http://www.creditorsinsolvencyguide.co.uk/. A copy of an extract from Statement of Insolvency Practice 9 (Northern Ireland) — Remuneration of Insolvency Office Holders is enclosed — (creditors should read from Rule 2.107(1) to rule 2.110 (6)) is further enclosed.

In common with all professional firms, our scale rates increase from time to time and a copy of PJG Recovery (NI) Limited's current charge-out rates is attached. Our rates are unchanged from the previous year. An unsecured creditor may, with the concurrence of at least 25% in value of the creditors (including the creditor in question — apply to the Court for an order that the Joint Administrators' remuneration be reduced, on the grounds that it is, in all the circumstances, excessive.

# **ADMINISTRATOR'S EXPENSES**

The respective Administrators have incurred total expenses of £99,084 since their appointment as detailed at Appendix 1. In the present reporting period, I have incurred the following expenses:-

- Land registry fee of £20 in relation to searches undertaken over the director's personal properties
- Postage costs of £193 relating to the cost of issuing the eighth annual report
- Bank Charges of £12 for the provision of the estate bank account

In accordance with the resolutions passed at the meeting of creditors held on 11 April 2014, it was agreed that disbursements for services provided by our firm (defined as category 2 disbursements in Statement of Insolvency Practice 9) be charged in accordance with our firms policy, details of which are set out in PJG Recovery Limited's current charge-out rates. No category 2 charges have been drawn to date.

# **SUMMARY**

The case will now be moved to a Creditors' Voluntary Liquidation and I confirm that I have filed the relevant paperwork with Companies Registry. Please note that I will be automatically appointed Liquidator of the Company.

To comply with the Provision of Services Regulations, some general information about PJG Recovery (NI) Limited can be found in the attached summary sheet.

If creditors have any queries regarding the conduct of the Administration, they should contact me on 02920-346530 or via e-mail at melaniegiles@pjgrecovery.com. Mèlapie R Giles Administrator

# McCrory Scaffolding (NI) Limited (In Administration) Joint Administrator's Summary of Receipts & Payments

Statement of Affairs £		From 31/01/2018 To 27/07/2018 £	From 31/01/2014 To 27/07/2018 £
	SECURED ASSETS	Vii. 1991	
275,000.00	Freehold properties	NIL	NIL
(1,872,495.00)	Danske Bank Limited	NIL	NIL
230,237.00	Book debts	NIL	NIL
(230,237.00)	Danske Bank Limited	NIL	NIL NIL
		NIL	NIL
	ASSET REALISATIONS		
344,764.00	Other Amounts Due	NIL	72.46
14,500.00	Cash at Bank	NIL	14,500.00
	Rates Refund	NIL	1,201.51
326,561.00	Plant, Machinery & Stock	NIL	341,560.70
6,700.00	Motor Vehicles	NIL	6,700.00
	Director's Loan Accounts	NIL	25,375.00
	Uncleared Dividend from CVA	NIL	305.97
	Sundry Refund	NIL NIL	280.00 389,995.64
		NIL	308,883.04
	COST OF REALISATIONS Specific Bond	NIL	583.20
	Pre-administration fee	NIL NIL	15,000.00
	Office Holders Fees	15,000.00	258,575.25
	Office Holders Expenses	15,000.00 NIL	1,163.97
	Accountants Fees	NIL	3,770.00
	Agents/Valuers Fees (1)	NIL	40,226.07
	Quantity Surveyors Fees	NIL	4,289.00
	Legal Fees (1)	NIL	21,893.00
	Land Registry Search	20.00	20.00
	Security	NIL	7,092.00
	Labour	NIL	7,147.94
	Stationery & Postage	192.78	1,767.37
	Redirection of Mail	NIL	120.00
	Storage Costs	NIL	350.00
	Company Search	NIL	31.00
	Statutory Advertising	NIL	397.50
	IT Costs	NIL	75.22
	HP Settlement	NIL	4,741.28
	Equipment Hire	NIL	948.00
	Insurance of Assets	NIL	636.45
	Wages & Salaries	NIL	3,779.86
	Bank Charges	12.50	52.50
		(15,225.28)	(372,659.61)
	PREFERENTIAL CREDITORS		
(47,342.00)	Preferential Wages & Holiday Pay	NIL NIL	NIL NIL
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(758,521.29)	Trade & Expense Creditors	NIL	NIL
(220,249.00)	Redundancy, Wages & PILN	NIL	NIL
(157,434.62) (1,154,833.28)	CVA Employee Claims HM Revenue & Customs - PAYE	NIL NII	NIL MI
(1,10 <del>4</del> ,000.20)	HAN IVEARING OF CREICHIE - LVIE	NIL	NIL

# McCrory Scaffolding (NI) Limited (In Administration) Joint Administrator's Summary of Receipts & Payments

Statement of Affairs £		From 31/01/2018 To 27/07/2018 £	From 31/01/2014 To 27/07/2018 £
(294,350.10)	Republic of Ireland Taxes	NIL	NIL
(567,359.90)	HM Revenue & Customs - VAT	NIL NIL	NIL NIL
	DISTRIBUTIONS		
(4,550.00)	Ordinary Shareholders	NIL NIL	NIL NIL
(4,109,610.19)		(15,225.28)	17,336.03
	REPRESENTED BY		
	Vat Receivable		72,474.70
	Current Account		11,287.47
	Vat Payable		(57,284.78)
	Vat Control Account		(9,141.36)
			17,336.03

# McCrory Scaffolding (NI) Limited Detailed time summary

Period: 31 January 2014 to 20 July 2018

•			Assistants &				Assistants &	
	IP	Manager	Support Staff	Total	IP	Manager	Support Staff	Total
	Hours	Hours	Hours	Hours	£	£	£	£
Administration and Planning								
Accounting	5.1	1.9	27.6	34.6	1,760.00	432.00	3,256.75	5,448.75
General Administration	33.8	11.3	112.2	157.3	11,024.00	2,205.00	14,539.00	27,768.00
Bordereau	1.5	1.0		2.6	520.00	240.00		760.00
Case Planning	13.7	2.2	33.7	49.6	4,482.00	528.00	4,900.50	9,910.50
Face to Face meetings	11.4	29.5	3.7	44.5	3,711.00	7,080.00	444.00	11,235.00
File Reviews	19.8	4.0	9.3	33.1	6,519.00	960.00	1,387.50	8,866.50
IPS/Case Set Up	0.1		3.0	3.1	33.00		360.00	393.00
Meetings with Directors								
Special	3.5	14.5		18.0	1,137.50	3,480.00		4,617.50
Statutory Reporting	56.6	33.5	92.4	182.5	18,508.00	6,723.00	13,527.00	38,758.00
Tax	0.8	1.1	13.2	15.1	262.00	198.00	1,598.00	2,058.00
Tele Meeting	5.8	0.5		6.3	1,904.00	90.00	·	1,994.00
<del>-</del>	152.2	99.5	294.9	\$46.6	49,860.50	21,936.00	40,012.75	111,809.25
Asset Realisations							-	
Asset Realisations	62.7	75.5	64.3	202.5	20,612.00	18,198.00	9,301.50	48,111.50
Debt Collection	13.6	3.6	1.5	18.7	4,442.50	639.00	225.00	5,306.50
Plant& Machinery	11.4		6.8	18.2	3,705.00		952.50	4,657.50
Insurance	0.2	2.8	31.3	34.3	66.00	474.00	4,695.00	5,235.00
Pension	0.4		5.2	5.6	130.00		663.00	793.00
	88.3	81.9	109.0	279.2	28,955.50	19,311.00	15,837.00	64,103.50
Investigations								· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
CDDA Reporting	18.9	26.8	68.9	114.6	6,297.00	5,892.00	10,317.00	22,506.00
General Investigations			1.8	1.8			216.00	216.00
SIP 2 Review	1.7	8.2	3.2	13.1	561.00	1,476.00	384.00	2,421.00
	20.6	35.0	73.9	129.5	6,858.00	7,368.00	10,917.00	25,143.00
Creditors								
Creditor Claims	15.8	4.1	77.4	97.3	5,298.00	765.00	10,163.50	16,226.50
Communication	20.3	11.1	95.8	127.2	6,740.50	2,604.00	13,086.00	22,430.50
Employees	13.6	11.6	163.6	188.8	4,457.00	2,013.00	22,025.50	28,495.50
<u>-</u> -	49.7	26.8	336.8	413.3	16,495.50	5,382.00	45,275.00	67,152.50
Totals	310.80	243.15	814.50	1,368.45	102,169.50	53,997.00	112,041.75	268,208.25

# McCrory Scaffolding (NI) Limited Detailed time summery period : 31 January 2018 to 27 July 2018

	Assistants &			Assistants &				
	ſP	- 0	• •	Total Hours	IP £	Manager £		Total £
	Hours							
Administration and Planning								
Accounting		0.3	1.0	1.3		72.00	120.00	192.00
General Administration			2.4	2.4			288.00	288.00
Statutory Reporting	5.4	0.8		7.2	2,112.00	135.00		2,247.00
Tax		0.5		0.5		90.00		90.00
- -	6.4	1.6	3.4	11.4	2,112.00	297.00	408.00	2,817.00
Creditors								
Creditor Claims	0.2	2.8	3.0	6.0	66.00	495.00	36.00	597.00
Communication		1.0		1.0		180.00		180.00
-	0.2	3.8	9.0	7.0	66.00	675.00	36.00	777.00
T <i>o</i> tals	6.60	5.35	6.40	18.35	2,178.00	972.00	444.00	3,594.00

# STATEMENT OF INSOLVENCY PRACTICE 9 (NI)



2.51(8) If the administrator is a solicitor and employs his own firm, or any partner in it, to act on behalf of the company, profit costs shall not be paid unless this is authorised by the creditors' committee, the creditors or the court.

# Rule 2.52 Recourse to meeting of creditors

2.52 If the administrator's remuneration has been fixed by the creditors' committee, and he considers the rate or amount to be insufficient, he may request that it be increased by resolution of the creditors.

# Rule 2.53 Recourse to the court

- 2.53(1) If the administrator considers that the remuneration fixed for him by the creditors' committee, or by resolution of the creditors, is insufficient, he may apply to the court for an order increasing its amount or rate.
- 2.53(2) The administrator shall give at least 14 days' notice of his application to the members of the creditors' committee; and the committee may nominate one or more members to appear or be represented, and to be heard, on the application.
- 2.53(3) If there is no creditors' committee, the administrator's notice of his application shall be sent to such one or more of the company's creditors as the court may direct, which creditors may nominate one or more of their number to appear or be represented.
- 2.53(4) The court may, if it appears to be a proper case, order the costs of the administrator's application, including the costs of any member of the creditors' committee appearing or being represented on it, or any creditor so appearing or being represented, to be paid as an expense of the administration.

# 2.54 Creditors' claim that remuneration is excessive

- 2.54(1) Any creditor of the company may, with the concurrence of at least 25 per cent. in value of the creditors (including himself), apply to the court for an order that the administrator's remuneration be reduced, on the grounds that it is, in all the circumstances, excessive.
- 2.54(2) The court may, if it thinks that no sufficient 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 an ex parte hearing, of which he has been given at least 7 days' notice.
- 2.54(3) If the application is not dismissed under paragraph (2), the court shall fix a venue for it to be heard, and given notice to the applicant accordingly.
- 2.54(4) The applicant shall, at least 14 days before the hearing, send to the administrator 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.
- 2.54(5) If the court considers the application to be well-founded, it shall make an order fixing the remuneration at a reduced amount or rate.
- 2.54(6) 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 administration.
- A.1.2 PETITION PRESENTED OR APPOINTMENT MADE ON OR AFTER 27TH MARCH 2006

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# STATEMENT OF INSOLVENCY PRACTICE 9 (NI)

# Rule 2.17 Fixing of remuneration

- 2.107(1) The administrator is entitled to receive remuneration for his services as such.
- 2.107 (2) The remuneration shall be fixed either:
  - (a) as a percentage of the value of the property with which he has to deal, or
  - (b) by reference to the time properly given by the insolvency practitioner (as administrator) and his staff in attending to matters arising in the administration.
- 2 107 (3) It is for the creditors' committee (if there is one) to determine whether the remuneration is to be fixed under paragraph (2)(a) or (b) and, if under paragraph (2)(a), to determine any percentage to be applied as there mentioned.
- 2. 107 (4) In arriving at that determination, the committee shall have regard to the following matters:
  - (a) the complexity (or otherwise) of the case,
  - (b) any respects in which, in connection with the company's affairs, there falls on the administrator any responsibility of an exceptional kind or degree,
  - (c) the effectiveness with which the administrator appears to be carrying out, or to have carried out, his duties as such, and
  - (d) the value and nature of the property with which he has to deal.
- 2. 107 (5) If there is no creditors' committee, or the committee does not make the requisite determination, the administrator's remuneration may be fixed (in accordance with paragraph (2)) by a resolution of a meeting of creditors; and paragraph (4) applies to them as it does to the creditors' committee.
- 2.107 (6) In a case where the administrator has made a statement under paragraph 53(1)(b), if there is no creditors' committee, or the committee does not make the requisite determination, the administrator's remuneration may be fixed (in accordance with paragraph (2)) by the approval of-
  - (a) each secured creditor of the company: or
  - (b) if the administrator has made or intends to make a distribution to preferential creditors-
    - (i) each secured creditor of the company; and
    - (ii) preferential creditors whose debts amount to more than 50% of the preferential debts of the company, disregarding debts of any creditor who does not respond to an invitation to give or withhold approval;

and paragraph (4) applies to them as it does to the creditors' committee.

2. 107 (7) If not fixed as above, the administrator's remuneration shall, on his application, be fixed by the court.

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- 2. 107 (8) Where there are joint administrators, it is for them to agree between themselves as to how the remuneration payable should be apportioned. Any dispute arising between them may be referred:
  - (a) to the court, for settlement by order, or
  - (b) to the creditors' committee or a meeting of creditors, for settlement by resolution.
- 2. 107 (9) If the administrator is a solicitor and employs his own firm, or any partner in it, to act on behalf of the company, profit costs shall not be paid unless this is authorised by the creditors' committee, the creditors or the court.

# Rule 2.108 Recourse to meeting of creditors

- 2.108 (1) If the administrator's remuneration has been fixed by the creditors' committee, and he considers the rate or amount to be insufficient, he may request that it be increased by resolution of the creditors.
- 2.108 (2) In a case where the administrator has made a statement under paragraph 53(1)(b), if the administrator's remuneration has been fixed by the creditors' committee, and he considers the rate or amount to be insufficient, he may request that it be increased by the approval of-
  - (a) each secured creditor of the company: or
  - (b) if the administrator has made or intends to make a distribution to preferential creditors-
    - (i) each secured creditor of the company; and
    - (ii) preferential creditors whose debts amount to more than 50% of the preferential debts of the company, disregarding debts of any creditor who does not respond to an invitation to give or withhold approval.

# Rule 2.109 Recourse to the court

- 2. 109 (1) If the administrator considers that the remuneration fixed for him by the creditors' committee, or by resolution of the creditors, is insufficient, he may apply to the court for an order increasing its amount or rate.
- 2.109 (2) In a case where the administrator has made a statement under paragraph 53(1)(b), if the administrator considers that the remuneration fixed by the approval of the creditors in accordance with Rule 2.107(2) is insufficient, he may apply to the court for an order increasing its amount or rate.
- 2. 109 (3) The administrator shall give at least 14 days' notice of his application to the members of the creditors' committee; and the committee may nominate one or more members to appear or be represented, and to be heard on the application.
- 2. 109 (4) If there is no creditors' committee, the administrator's notice of his application shall be sent to such one or more of the company's creditors as the court may direct, which creditors may nominate one or more of their number to appear or be represented.



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- 2. 109 (5) The court may, if it appears to be a proper case, order the costs of the administrator's application, including the costs of any member of the creditors' committee appearing or being represented on it, or any creditor so appearing or being represented, to be paid as an expense of the administration.
- 2.110 Creditors' claim that remuneration is excessive
- 2. 110 (1) Any creditor of the company may, with the concurrence of at least 25 per cent in value of the creditors (including himself), apply to the court for an order that the administrator's remuneration be reduced, on the grounds that it is, in all the circumstances, excessive.
- 2. 110 (2) The court may, if it thinks that no sufficient cause is shown for a reduction, dismiss it without a hearing but it shall not do so without giving the applicant at least 7 days' notice, upon receipt of which the applicant may require the court to list the application for a without notice hearing.
- 2.110(3) 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.
- 2.110 (4) The applicant shall, at least 14 days before the hearing, send to the administrator 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.
- 2. 110 (5) If the court considers the application to be well-founded, it shall make an order fixing the remuneration at a reduced amount or rate.
- 2. 110 (6) 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 administration.

# A.2 PROVISIONAL LIQUIDATION

# Rule 4.033 Remuneration

- 4.033(1) The remuneration of the provisional liquidator (other than the official receiver) shall be fixed by the court from time to time on his application.
- 4.033(2) In fixing his remuneration, the court shall take into account:
  - the time properly given by him (as provisional liquidator) and his staff in attending to the company's affairs;
  - (b) the complexity (or otherwise) of the case;
  - (c) any respects in which, in connection with the company's affairs, there falls on the provisional liquidator any responsibility of an exceptional kind or degree:
  - (d) the effectiveness with which the provisional liquidator appears to be carrying out, or to have carried out, his duties; and
  - (e) the value and nature of the property with which he has to deal.
- 4.033(3) Without prejudice to any order the court may make as to costs, the provisional liquidator's remuneration (whether the official receiver or another) shall be paid to him, and the amount of any expenses incurred by him (including the remuneration and expenses of any special manager appointed under Article 151) reimbursed:

# PRACTICE FEE RECOVERY POLICY FOR PJG RECOVERY (NI) LIMITED

#### Introduction

This sheet explains how we intend to apply the alternative fee bases allowed by the legislation when acting as office holder in insolvency appointments.

Further information about creditors' rights can be obtained by visiting the creditors' information microsite published by the Association of Business Recovery Professionals (R3) at <a href="http://www.creditorinsolvencyguide.co.uk/">http://www.creditorinsolvencyguide.co.uk/</a>. Details about how an office holder's fees may be approved for each case type are available in a series of guides issued with Statement of Insolvency Practice 9 (SIP 9), which is attached.

Once the basis of the office holder's remuneration has been approved, a periodic report will be provided to any committee and also to each creditor. The report will provide a breakdown of the remuneration drawn. If approval has been obtained for remuneration on a time costs basis, i.e. by reference to time properly spent by members of staff of the practice at our standard charge out rates, the time incurred will also be disclosed, whether drawn or not, together with the average, or "blended" rates of such costs.

# Time cost basis

When charging fees on a time costs basis we use charge out rates appropriate to the skills and experience of a member of staff and the work that they perform. This is combined with the amount of time that they work on each case, recorded in 6 minute units with supporting narrative to explain the work undertaken.

# **Chargeout Rates**

Grade of staff	Current charge-out rate per hour, effective from May 2014 £	Previous charge-out rate per hour until May 2014 £
Insolvency Practitioner	330	325
Senior Manager	240	240
Manager	180	180
Supervisor/Senior Administrator	150	150
Case Administrator	120	120
Support Staff	80	80

These charge-out rates charged are reviewed on 1 May each year and are adjusted to take account of inflation and the firm's overheads.

Time spent on casework is recorded directly to the relevant case using a computerised time recording system and the nature of the work undertaken is recorded at that time. The work is generally recorded under the following categories:

- Administration and Planning.
- Investigations.
- Realisation of Assets.
- Creditors.
- Trading
- Case specific matters.

# Percentage basis

The legislation allows fees to be charged on a percentage of the value of the property with which the office holder has to deal (realisations and/or distributions).

The percentage approved in respect of realisations will be charged against the assets realised, and where approval is obtained on a mixture of bases, any fixed fee and time costs will then be charged against the funds remaining in the estate after the realisation percentage has been deducted.

The disclosure that we make should include sufficient information about the insolvency appointment to enable you to understand how the proposed fee reflects the complexity (or otherwise) of the case, any responsibility of an exceptional kind falling on the office holder, the effectiveness with which the office holder has carried out their functions, and the value and nature of the property with which the office holder has to deal.

If the basis of remuneration has been approved on a percentage basis then an increase in the amount of the percentage applied can only be approved by the committee or creditors (depending upon who approved the basis of remuneration).

# Fixed fee (only relates to Company and Individual Voluntary Arrangements)

In certain circumstances we may seek the approval of fees on a fixed fee basis.

If the basis of remuneration has been approved on a fixed fee basis then an increase in the amount of the fixed fee can only be approved by the committee or creditors (depending upon who approved the basis of remuneration).

#### All bases

With the exception of Individual Voluntary Arrangements and Company Voluntary Arrangements which are VAT exempt, the officeholder's remuneration invoiced to the insolvent estate will be subject to VAT at the prevailing rate.

# Agent's Costs

Charged at cost based upon the charge made by the Agent instructed, the term Agent includes:

- Solicitors/Legal Advisors
- Auctioneers/Valuers
- Accountants
- Quantity Surveyors
- Estate Agents
- Other Specialist Advisors

# **Disbursements**

In accordance with SIP 9 the basis of disbursement allocation in respect of disbursements incurred by the Office Holder in connection with the administration of the estate must be fully disclosed to creditors. Disbursements are categorised as either Category 1 or Category 2.

Category 1 expenses are directly referable to an invoice from a third party, which is either in the name of the estate or PJG Recovery (NI) Limited in the case of the latter, the invoice makes reference to, and therefore can be directly attributed to, the estate. These disbursements are recoverable in full from the estate without the prior approval of creditors either by a direct payment from the estate or, where the firm has made payment on behalf of the estate, by a recharge of the amount invoiced by the third party. Examples of category 1 disbursements are statutory advertising, external meeting room hire, external storage, specific bond insurance and Company search fees.

Category 2 expenses are incurred by the firm and recharged to the estate; they are not attributed to the estate by a third party invoice and/or they may include a profit element. These disbursements are recoverable in full from the estate, subject to the basis of the disbursement charge being approved by creditors in advance. Examples of category 2 disbursements are photocopying, internal room hire, internal storage and mileage.

It is proposed that the following Category 2 disbursements are recovered:

Room Hire Mileage Storage Photocopying £50 40p per mile 30p per box per month/annum 5p per sheet

# PROVISION OF SERVICES REGULATIONS SUMMARY SHEET FOR PJG RECOVERY (NI) LIMITED

The following information is designed to draw the attention of interested parties to the information required to be disclosed by the Provision of Services Regulations 2009.

# **Licensing Body**

Melanie Reevel Giles is licensed to act as an Insolvency Practitioner in the United Kingdom by the Insolvency Practitioners Association.

# **Rules Governing Actions**

All IPs are bound by the rules of their professional body, including any that relate specifically to insolvency. The rules of the professional body that licences Melanie Reevel Giles can be found at http://www.insolvency-practitioners.org.uk/. In addition, IPs are bound by the Statements of Insolvency Practice (SIPs), details of which can be found at https://www.r3.org.uk/what-we-do/publications/professional/statements-of-insolvency-practice.

# **Ethics**

All IPs are required to comply with the Insolvency Code of Ethics and a copy of the Code can be found at http://www.insolvency-practitioners.org.uk/regulation-and-guidance/ethics-code].

# Complaints

At PJG Recovery (NI) Limited we always strive to provide a professional and efficient service. However, we recognise that it is in the nature of insolvency proceedings for disputes to arise from time to time. As such, should you have any comments or complaints regarding the administration of a particular case then in the first instance you should contact the IP acting as office holder.

If you consider that the IP has not dealt with your comments or complaint appropriately you should then put details of your concerns in writing to our complaints officer Philip Gill, at PJG Recovery (NI) Limited, 9 Gibson's Lane, Newtownards, BT23 4LJ. This will then formally invoke our complaints procedure and we will endeavour to deal with your complaint under the supervision of a director unconnected with the appointment. A copy of our firm's complaints procedure is attached.

Most disputes can be resolved amicably either through the provision of further information or following negotiations. However, in the event that you have exhausted our complaints procedure and you are not satisfied that your complaint has been resolved or dealt with appropriately, you may complain to the regulatory body that licences the insolvency practitioner concerned. Any such complaints should be addressed to The Insolvency Service, IP Complaints,

3rd Floor, 1 City Walk, Leeds, LS11 9DA, and you can make a submission using an on-line form available at www.gov.uk/complain-about-insolvency-practitioner; or you can email insolvency.enquiryline@insolvency.gsi.gov.uk; or you may phone 0300 678 0015 - calls are charged at up to 10p per minute from a land line, or for mobiles, between 3p and 55p per minute if you're calling from the UK.

# Professional Indemnity Insurance

PJG Recovery (NI) Limited's Professional Indemnity Insurance is provided by CNA Insurance Company (Europe) Limited, of 1 New York St, Manchester M1 4HD. This professional Indemnity insurance provides worldwide coverage.

# **Remuneration Policy**

It is the policy of PJG Recovery (NI) Limited to seek its remuneration for carrying out Insolvency work on a time cost basis. Where approval from creditors is being sought, a copy of our current charge out rates will be provided. Our personnel are charged out at standard hourly rates appropriate to their grade, and time is recorded in 6 minute units. Category 1 costs are drawn at cost, and specific approval is sought to draw Category 2 costs

In certain IVA cases, depending upon the nature of the assignment, we may choose to seek to be remunerated on either a fixed cost or a percentage of realisations (usually 20%). The basis of our proposed remuneration in such cases thus forms part of the contractual agreement between Debtor, Creditors and Supervisor.

# VAT

PJG Recovery (NI) Limited is registered for VAT under registration no 219 8290 84