# Return of Final Meeting in a Members' Voluntary Winding Up

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Pursuant to Section 94 of the Insolvency Act 1986

To the	Registrar	of Com	panies
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Company Number

04355170

Name of Company

(a) Insert full name of company

(a) Connexions Staffordshire Limited

(b) Insert full name(s) and address(es)

I (b) Lindsey Cooper and Baker Tilly Restructuring and Recovery LLP 3 Hardman Street Manchester M3 3HF Donald Bailey
Baker Tilly Restructuring and Recovery LLP
3 Hardman Street
Manchester M3 3HF

(c) Delete as applicable

(d) Insert date

(e) The copy account must be authenticated by the written signature(s) of the liquidator(s)

> (f) Insert venue of the meeting

give notice that a general meeting of the company was duly (c) [held-on]

[summoned for] (d) 11 February 2015 pursuant to section 94 of the Insolvency Act 1986, for the purpose of having an account (of which a copy is attached (e)) laid before it showing how the winding up of the company has been conducted, and the property of the company has been disposed of and (c) [that the same was done accordingly] [no quorum was present at the meeting]

The meeting was held at (f) Baker Tilly, 3 Hardman Street, Manchester, M3 3HF

The winding up covers the period from (d) 16 September 2011 (opening of winding up) to the final meeting (close of winding up)

The outcome of any meeting (including any resolutions passed) was as follows

"That the joint liquidators be released in accordance with the provision of section 173(2)(d) of the Insolvency Act 1986 as soon as a return of the final meeting is sent to the Registrar of Companies in accordance with Section 94(3) of the Insolvency Act 1986"

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Signed

Date

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Presenter's name, address and reference (if any) Baker Tilly Restructuring and Recovery LLP, 3 Hardman Street, Manchester M3/3HF

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#### IN THE MATTER OF

# CONNEXIONS STAFFORDSHIRE LIMITED (IN MEMBERS' VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION) ("the Company")

# JOINT LIQUIDATORS' FINAL PROGRESS REPORT 11 FEBRUARY 2015

LINDSEY COOPER AND DONALD BAILEY JOINT LIQUIDATORS

BAKER TILLY RESTRUCTURING AND RECOVERY LLP 3 HARDMAN STREET MANCHESTER M3 3HF



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#### 1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

This is the annual and final report on the conduct of the liquidation of Connexions Staffordshire Limited following our appointment as Joint Liquidators on 16 September 2011. This report should be read in conjunction with any previous reports that have been issued, copies of which are available on request.

This report has been prepared in accordance with insolvency legislation to provide members and the Registrar of Companies with information relating to the entire period of the liquidation from 16 September 2011 to 11 February 2015.

This report has been prepared solely to comply with the statutory requirements of Section 94 of the Insolvency Act 1986 and Rule 4 126A of the Insolvency Rules 1986 (as amended) It has not been prepared for use in respect of any other purpose, or to inform any investment decision in relation to any debt or financial interest in the Company. Neither the Liquidators nor Baker Tilly Restructuring and Recovery LLP accept any liability whatsoever arising as a result of any decision or action taken or refrained from as a result of information contained in this report

#### 2. PROGRESS OF THE LIQUIDATION

#### 2.1. Payments to creditors

Creditor claims admitted by the liquidator totalled £112,367.67. All creditors have been paid in full with statutory interest at 8% per annum

#### 2.2. Realisation of Assets

#### **Bank Interest Gross**

Bank interest received in the period 16 September 2014 to 11 February 2015 amounted to £325 70 Total bank interest received during the whole of the Liquidation amounted to £8,381.63.

#### Cash at Bank

At the date of appointment the Joint Liquidators were advised that the Company had cash at bank of £338,432 Subsequent to our appointment, the total sum of £337,591 87 was transferred to the Liquidation account

#### Skills Funding Agency

At the date of Liquidation the Company had outstanding funding due from the Skills Funding Agency which was estimated to be £78,753 The sum of £98,829.46 has been received from this source



#### Sundry Refund

Two refunds from Cannock Chase Council and Stoke on Trent Council totalling £61 13 have been received during the Period

Various sundry refunds from utility suppliers and other sources have been received during the course of the Liquidation bringing total realisations from this source to £2,345 22.

#### VAT Refund

The amount of £9,925 77 has been realised in the period in respect of a VAT refund due to the Company prior to Liquidation.

#### 2.3. Change in Joint Liquidator

As a result of Ben Woolrych retiring from Baker Tilly Restructuring and Recovery LLP, by Court Order dated 11 August 2013 he was removed as Joint Liquidator and Donald Bailey was appointed in his place. A Notice to this effect was advertised in the London Gazette on 23 September 2013, and in accordance with the terms of the Order, Ben Woolrych was released from office with effect from 14 October 2013 Any creditor is entitled to apply to Court to vary or discharge the Order within 28 days from receipt of this report.

#### 3. DISTRIBUTIONS TO SHAREHOLDERS

Details of the cash distributions that have been made to shareholders are shown below:

Date	Rate (£ per share)	Total Paid (£)
30 July 2014	24,834 02	248,340 16

#### 4. RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS SUMMARY

We attach as Appendix B a summary of our receipts and payments for the period from 16 September 2014 to 11 February 2015, together with the cumulative position.

#### **VAT Basis**

Receipts and payments are shown net of VAT, with any amount due to or from HM Revenue and Customs shown separately.



#### 5. COSTS AND JOINT LIQUIDATORS' REMUNERATION

#### 5.1. Joint Liquidators' Remuneration and Disbursements

#### Authority for remuneration and disbursements

The Joint Liquidators' remuneration was approved on a time cost basis by the shareholders on 16 September 2011 We have incurred time costs of £52,542 since the date of our appointment. Of this, a total of £49,787 39 (plus VAT) has been paid and £2,754 61 remains outstanding and will be written off.

If you would like a copy of A Shareholders Guide to Liquidator's Fees, please let me know

Approval was also given to the drawing of disbursements, including category 2 disbursements. Details of the current rates are attached at Appendix D

We have also incurred and drawn disbursements of £629 95 (including Category 2 disbursements of £38 25), in relation to the liquidation

Shareholders will recall that at the meeting on 16 September 2011 they also approved the payment of advisory fees in the sum of £7,639 50 to be paid to Baker Tilly Restructuring and Recovery LLP. These fees have also been paid by me as Joint Liquidator.

#### Detailed cost breakdown

Attached to this report are five Appendices relating to our costs on this assignment.

- Appendix C A copy of Baker Tilly Restructuring and Recovery LLP's charging, expenses and disbursements policy statement;
- Appendix D Joint Liquidators' charge out and disbursement rates,
- Appendix E Category 2 disbursements table,
- Appendix F Statement of expenses analysis, and
- Appendix G Joint Liquidators' time cost analysis

#### Other professional costs

Cope and Co, solicitors, have been retained as legal advisors in view of their general experience and expertise in these matters. They have advised us on the agreement of a creditor claim. We have agreed their remuneration on the basis of their standard hourly charge-out rates, plus VAT, and their agreed fees of £680 plus VAT have been paid

Barry Davenport was retained as a surveyor to negotiate the dilapidation claims on the Company's leases A fee or 10% of the total sum saved was agreed and as such £13,407 80 has been paid to Barry Davenport in this regard



### 5.2. Remuneration and Disbursements incurred in the period from 16 September 2014 to 11 February 2015

We have incurred time costs of £4,812 in the current period. An analysis of time incurred in the period is attached at Appendix G. Sums drawn in respect of remuneration in the current period are shown in the receipts and payments account (appendix B)

Category 2 disbursements incurred in the period are detailed in Appendix E

#### 6. JOINT LIQUIDATORS' STATEMENT OF EXPENSES

A statement of the expenses incurred during the period, is attached at Appendix F. This includes all expenses incurred by the Joint Liquidators in the period of the report irrespective of whether they have been paid or not and may include estimated amounts where actual invoices have not been received. The receipts and payments abstract at Appendix B sets out the expenses actually paid in the period together with cumulative figures.

#### 7. FINAL MEETING AND CLOSURE OF LIQUIDATION

#### 7.1. Final meeting

A notice convening the final meeting of members is enclosed with this report, together with a form of proxy Please note that the meeting is purely formal and that there is no necessity to attend. The sole purpose of the meeting is to enable the Joint Liquidators' report on the conduct of the winding up to be presented, and to present the Joint Liquidators' final statement of receipts and payments.

#### 7.2. Release of Liquidator

We can advise that our release as Joint Liquidators will be effective on the filing of our account of the final meeting with the Registrar of Companies.

#### 7.3 Dissolution of the Company

The Company will be dissolved automatically (cease to exist) three months after we file details of our release with the Registrar of Companies

### 8. MEMBERS' RIGHT TO INFORMATION AND ABILITY TO CHALLENGE REMUNERATION AND EXPENSES

In accordance with the provisions of Rules 4 49E and 4 148C of the Insolvency Rules 1986 members have a right to request further information about remuneration or expenses and to challenge such remuneration or expenses



#### Connexions Staffordshire Limited (In Liquidation)

A request for further information must be made in writing within 21 days of receipt of this report.

Members of the Company with at least 10% of the total voting rights of all members having the right to vote at general meetings of the Company, or any members with the permission of the court, may apply to court that the remuneration charged, the basis fixed or expenses incurred by the liquidator are in all the circumstances excessive

Any such challenge must be made no later than eight weeks after receipt of the report which first discloses the charging of remuneration or incurring of the expenses in question

Should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me

Lindsey J Cooper Baker Tilly Restructuring and Recovery LLP Joint Liquidator

Lindsey Cooper is licensed to act as an Insolvency Practitioner in the UK by the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales Donald Bailey is licensed to act as an Insolvency Practitioner in the UK by the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales

#### **COMPANY INFORMATION**

Connexions Staffordshire Limited
Lindsey Cooper and Donald Bailey
16 September 2011
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Connexions Staffordshire Limited
Foregate House 69-70 Foregate Street Stafford ST16 2PX
Training
Baker Tilly, 3 Hardman Street, Manchester M3 3HF

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Receipts and Payments Abstract: RCONNEX - Connexions Staffordshire Limited In Members' Voluntary

Bank, Cash and Cash Investment Accounts From 16/09/2014 To 11/02/2015 16/09/2014 to 11/02/2015 Total to 11/02/2015 SOA Value £ £ £ £ ASSET REALISATIONS 0 00 Bank Interest Gross 325 70 8,381 63 338,432 00 Cash at Bank 0 00 337,591 87 78,753 00 Skills Funding Agency 0.00 98,829 46 0.00 Sundry Refund 0 00 2,345 22 9,926 00 VAT Refund 0 00 9,925 77 325 70 457,073 95 COST OF REALISATIONS 0 00 Advertisements 0 00 (209 25) 0 00 Appointee Fees (6,166 39) (49,787 39) 0 00 Bank charges ( 157 28) ( 157 28) 0 00 Company Search Fees 0 00 (3 00) 0 00 Courier (2.03)(40.83)0.00 Legal Fees (680 00) 0 00 0.00 Mileage 0 00 (38 25) 0 00 Pre Appointment Fees 0 00 (7,639 50) 0.00 Specific Bond 0.00 (395 00) 0 00 Statutory Advertising (7582)(151 19) 0.00 Storage Costs (6.09) $(71\ 05)$ 0.00 Surveyor Fees 0 00 (13,407 80) 0.00 Travel Expenses 0 00  $(6\ 00)$ (6,407 61) (72,586 54) **UNSECURED CREDITORS** (289,737 00) Trade and Expense Creditors 0 00 (112,367 67) 0.00 (112,367 67) STATUTORY INTEREST 0.00 Statutory Interest 0 00 (23,779 58) 0.00 (23,779 58) EQUITY (2.00)Ordinary 0.00 (248,340 16) 0.00 (248,340 16)

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#### BAKER TILLY RESTRUCTURING AND RECOVERY LLP

#### CHARGING, EXPENSES AND DISBURSEMENTS POLICY STATEMENT

#### Charging policy

- Partners, directors, managers, administrators, cashiers, secretarial and support staff are allocated an hourly charge out rate which is reviewed from time to time.
- Work undertaken by cashiers, secretarial and support staff will be or has been charged for separately and such work will not or has not also been charged for as part of the hourly rates charged by partners, directors, managers and administrators
- Time spent by partners and all staff in relation to the insolvency estate is charged to the estate
- Time is recorded in 6-minute units at the rates prevailing at the time the work is done
- The current charge rates for Baker Tilly Restructuring and Recovery LLP Manchester are attached
- Time billed is subject to Value Added Tax at the applicable rate.
- It is the office holder's policy to ensure that work undertaken is carried out by the appropriate grade of staff required for each task, having regard to its complexity and the skill and experience actually required to perform it
- Baker Tilly Restructuring and Recovery LLP's charge out rates are reviewed periodically

#### **Expenses and disbursements policy**

- Only expenses and disbursements properly incurred in relation to an insolvency estate are re-charged to the insolvency estate.
- Expenses and disbursements which comprise external supplies of incidental services specifically identifiable to the insolvency estate require disclosure to members, but do not require members' approval prior to being drawn from the insolvency estate. These are known as "Category 1" disbursements
  - Expenses and disbursements which are not capable of precise identification and calculation (for example any which include an element of shared or allocated costs) or payments to outside parties that the firm or any associate has an interest in, require the approval of members prior to be being drawn from the insolvency estate. These are known as "Category 2" disbursements
- A resolution to consider approving "Category 2" disbursements at the rates prevailing at the time the cost is incurred to Baker Tilly Restructuring and Recovery LLP Manchester will be proposed to the relevant parties responsible for approving remuneration
- General office overheads are not re-charged to the insolvency estate as a disbursement
- Any payments to outside parties in which the office holder or his firm or any associate
  has an interest will only be made with the approval of the relevant parties responsible
  for approving remuneration
- Where applicable, expenses and disbursements re-charged to or incurred directly by an insolvency estate are subject to VAT at the applicable rate

## BAKER TILLY RESTRUCTURING AND RECOVERY LLP – MANCHESTER

## JOINT LIQUIDATORS' CURRENT CHARGE OUT AND CATEGORY 2 DISBURSEMENT RATES

HOURLY CHARGE OUT RA	ATES	
	Rates at commencement £	Current rates £
Partner		395
Directors / Associate Directors	330 - 390	300 – 350
Manager	140 275	260
Assistant Managers	140 – 275	190
Administrators	115 – 175	155 – 185
Support staff	80	130

"CATEGORY 2" DISBUI	RSEMENT RATES
Subsistence	£25 per night (from 3 <sup>rd</sup> September 2013)
	£23 per night (up to 2 <sup>nd</sup> September 2013)
Travel (car)	38p per mile (up to and including 31 March 2010)
	40p per mile (from 1 April 2010)
	42 5p per mile (from 1 April 2011)
"Tracker" searches	£10 per case

#### JOINT LIQUIDATORS' CATEGORY 2 DISBURSEMENTS TABLE

Recipient, Type and Purpose	Paid	Unpaid
	£	£
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Total	Nil	N1

## STATEMENT OF EXPENSES INCURRED BY THE JOINT LIQUIDATORS' IN THE PERIOD FROM 16 SEPTEMBER 2014 TO 11 FEBRUARY 2015

Type and Purpose	Incurred in
•	Period
	£
Baker Tilly Restructuring & Recovery LLP - Time costs	4,812 00
Total	4,812.00

Restructuring & Recovery SIP9 Summary Level 2

Connexions Staffordshire Limited - Post Appointment MVL

For the period 16/09/2014 to 11/02/2015

From Adm Jan 2003	מלים בי	Partners	Directors / Associate	Managers	Assistant A	Assistant Administrators	Assistants & Support Staff	Total	Total	Average
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	Case Management	01,	00	17	00	03	00	2.1	£ 520 501	247.86
	Closure	0 0	00	2.7	00	00	00	2.7	£ 702 00	260.00
	Receipts and Payments	0 0	00	90	00	32	00	38	£ 572 00	150 53
	Tax Matters	0 1,	0 0	00	00	0.2	0.7		£ 156 50	156 50
	Total	0 2	0 0	20	00	3.7	0.7	96	£ 1,951 00	203 23
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	Other Creditor Meetings and Reports	0.5	00	9 5	00	00	00	47	£ 2 549 001	87 696
	Unsecured Creditors	00	00	0.2	00	00		0.0	6 52 00	260.00
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Case	Case Specific Matters - Shareholders									
	Shareholders / Members	0 0	00	10	00	0 0	ô o	10	£ 260 00	260 00
	Total	00	00	10	0 0	0 0	0 0	10	€ 260 00	260 00
Total Hours		0 4	0 0	157	0 0	3.7	0.7	20 5	£ 4,812 00	234 73
Cost		£ 158 00	€ 0 00	£ 4,082 00	€ 0 00	£ 481 00	£ 91.00	£ 4,812 00		
Average Rates		395 00	00 0	260 00	00 0	130 00	130 00	234 73		

#### JOINT LIQUIDATORS' TIME COST ANALYSIS

#### a) Administration and Planning

This includes dealing with the commencement of the case administration, together with day-to-day case administration duties, maintenance of records and ongoing statutory obligations. These include but are not limited to handling receipts and payments, VAT and Income tax issues, pension queries and general correspondence. Other matters which are required to be dealt with as part of the appointment and which will fall under this heading include case planning and strategy, case reviews, bonding, maintenance and obtaining books and records, general meetings / correspondence, statutory and other advertising, insurance, re-directed mail, and statutory reports

#### b) Investigations

Where appropriate this will include such matters as investigation of pre-appointment transactions in accordance with the relevant Statement of Insolvency Practice (SIP 2), and the investigation of any potential antecedent transactions such as transactions at under value and preferences which may result in legal action resulting in a recoverable asset

#### c) Realisation of Assets

This includes dealing with all aspects of the realisation of assets including identifying, securing and insuring assets, and (where applicable), property, business and asset sales, retention of title claims and debt collection. Other matters dealt with during the case administration which will relate to asset realisation may commonly include effecting disclaimers, dealing with landlords, liaising with agents, undertaking inventories, meetings with purchasers / directors, arranging collection of leased assets, obtaining insurance, pursuing antecedent claims identified as part of the investigation work set out above. Details of the specific asset realisation work undertaken on this case are set out in the main body of the report. Asset realisation is considered to be a key aspect of the case administration.

#### d) Creditors

Queries from and correspondence with creditors and employees have been necessary aspects of the case administration process. Reports to creditors are also an important part of ongoing matters relating to this aspect of the case.

#### e) Case Specific Matters

Any case specific matters will generally be set out in the body of the report but will commonly include meetings, correspondence and telephone calls relating to specific issues in the case which do not fall into any the categories set out above and are specific to the case in question. This may include work done in relation to litigation, general advice or other major issues.

#### IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986 (AS AMENDED)

#### **AND**

### IN THE MATTER OF CONNEXIONS STAFFORDSHIRE LIMITED IN MEMBERS' VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION

#### NOTICE OF FINAL MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 94 of the Insolvency Act 1986 (as amended) that a final meeting of the members of the above named company will be held at the offices of Baker Tilly Restructuring and Recovery LLP, 3 Hardman Street, Manchester M3 3HF on 11 February 2015 at 11 00AM for the purpose of receiving an account showing the manner in which the winding up has been conducted and the property of the Company disposed of, and of hearing any explanation that may be given by the Joint Liquidators and to consider whether the joint liquidators should be released in accordance with Section 173(2)(d) of the Insolvency Act 1986

Proxies to be used at the meeting must be lodged with Baker Tilly Restructuring and Recovery LLP, 3 Hardman Street, Manchester M3 3HF no later than 12 noon on the preceding business day.

Dated 17 February 2015

Lindsey J Cooper

**Baker Tilly Restructuring and Recovery LLP** 

Joint Liquidator

Statement of rights under Section 325 Companies Act 2006

A member of a company is entitled to appoint another person as his proxy to exercise all or any of his rights to attend and to speak and vote at a meeting of the Company

A member may appoint more than one proxy in relation to a meeting, provided that each proxy is appointed to exercise the rights attached to a different share or shares held by him

A proxy need not be a member of the Company