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Surname	Simmonds	
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County/Region	Cheshire	
Postcode	S K 1 3 R B	
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ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT

S L SPRINKLERS LIMITED – IN CREDITORS' VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION

FOR THE PERIOD 16 NOVEMBER 2022 TO 15 NOVEMBER 2023

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1. **INTRODUCTION**

The purpose of this report is to detail the acts and dealings of the Liquidator and it should be read in conjunction with the previous correspondence to Creditors.

2. **BACKGROUND**

COMPANY DETAILS

Company Name:	S L Sprinklers Limited ("the Company")
Registered Office:	Crown House, 217 Higher Hillgate, Stockport, Cheshire, SK1 3RB
Registered Number:	06734005

APPOINTMENT DETAILS

Name of Liquidator:	Gordon A.M. Simmonds
Address of Liquidator:	Crown House, 217 Higher Hillgate Stockport, Cheshire, SK1 3RB
Date of Appointment of Liquidator:	16 November 2022
Period of Report:	16 November 2022 to 15 November 2023 ("the Period")

3. **ADMINISTRATION AND PLANNING (INCLUDING STATUTORY REPORTING)**

As Liquidator, I am 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 insolvency estate, they assist in the efficient and compliant progressing of the liquidation, which ensures I and my staff carry out our work to high professional standards. The narrative details of the tasks carried out in the Period may be found at Appendix V.

4. **ASSET REALISATIONS**

The Liquidator's receipts and payments account for the Period is attached at Appendix I and is in the main self-explanatory.

Cash at Bank

A sum of £95.40 realised.

Bank Interest

A sum of £9.37 realised.

Cash in Hand

A sum of £8,000.00 realised.

5. INVESTIGATION

An initial investigation into the company's affairs was undertaken to establish whether there were any potential asset recoveries or matters that justified further investigations.

There were no matters that justified further investigation in the circumstances of this appointment.

A return of on any individuals, who have been directors of the Company in the three years prior to the insolvency, is required to be submitted to the Secretary of State within three months of my appointment. I would confirm that such a return has been submitted.

6. CREDITORS CLAIMS AND DIVIDEND PROSECTS**Secured Creditors**

The Company has granted no charges over its assets.

Preferential Creditors

No Preferential claims have been received. , though one is expected from the Redundancy Payments Service with regard to a possible claim for outstanding pension contributions. This matter is ongoing.

Secondary Preferential Creditors

No Secondary Preferential claims have been received, though one is expected from HMRC as per the statement of affairs.

Unsecured Creditors

Unsecured claims totalling £36,790.15 have been received. Further unsecured claims are expected.

Dividend Prospects

There are insufficient realisations for a dividend to be paid to any class of creditor.

7. COSTS AND EXPENSES

The payments shown on the summary of the receipts and payments at Appendix I are in the main self-explanatory.

Statement of Affairs Fee

The Statement of Affairs fee of £3,000 was approved by a creditors' decision procedure. This was drawn in full during the Period.

Liquidator's Remuneration

The Liquidator's remuneration was approved on a time costs basis in relation to this assignment as authorised by creditors in a vote by correspondence procedure in accordance with the following resolution:

"That the basis of the liquidator's fees be fixed by reference to the time properly given by the liquidator and his staff in attending to such matters as set out in the fees estimate, such time to be charged at the prevailing standard hourly charge out rates used by Simmonds & Company at the time when the work is performed."

Summary of Costs

The time costs incurred during the Period total £4,925.00, representing 19.7 hours at an average hourly rate of £250.00. These are detailed at Appendix III, and a comparison with the initial estimate is included at Appendix IV.

A sum of £2,000.00 was drawn against these time costs during the Period.

Liquidator's Expenses and Disbursements

Expenses paid during the Period, and cumulative for the period of appointment, are detailed in the Liquidator's Receipts and Payments account at Appendix I. Included at Appendix II is a detailed breakdown of all costs incurred during the Period (including those not yet paid) into category 1 and category 2 expenses, as well as a comparison with the original expenses estimate.

Category 1 expenses are amounts properly payable by the office holder from the estate which are not otherwise categorised as the office holder's remuneration or as a distribution to a creditor or creditors. These include disbursements to independent third parties where there is specific expenditure directly referable to the appointment in question, which can be drawn without prior approval, although an office holder should be prepared to disclose information about them in the same way as any other expense.

Category 1 expenses paid during the Period total £787.20. Category 1 expenses incurred but not yet paid total £40.44.

Category 2 expenses are costs that are directly referable to the appointment in question but not to a payment to an independent third party. They may include shared or allocated costs that may be incurred by the office holder or their firm, and that can be allocated to the appointment on a proper and reasonable basis. Category 2 expenses require approval in the same manner as an office holder's remuneration.

The category 2 expenses I was approved to recover from the insolvent estate include photocopying at 10p per sheet and mileage at 45p per mile. No Category 2 disbursements were paid during the Period. No Category 2 disbursements are outstanding.

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 Liquidators' Fees" may be found at:

<https://www.r3.org.uk/technical-library/england-wales/technical-guidance/fees/more/29114/page/1/guide-to-liquidators-fees/>

A hard copy of the Creditors Guide may be obtained on request.

8. **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 unsecured 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.

9. **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

Prior to the Liquidator's appointment, a review of ethical issues was undertaken and no ethical threats were identified. A further review has been carried out and no threats have been identified in respect of the management of the insolvency appointment over the Review Period.

10. **EC REGULATIONS**

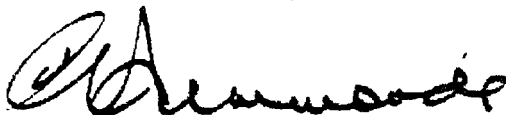
The Company's centre of main interest was England and therefore it is considered that the EC Regulations will apply. These proceedings are main proceedings as defined in Article 3 of the EC Regulation.

11. **CONCLUSION**

The liquidation will continue whilst the Liquidator resolves the pension claim.

Yours faithfully

For and on behalf of S L Sprinklers Limited



Gordon A.M. Simmonds
Liquidator

11 January 2024

S L Sprinklers Limited - In Creditors Voluntary Liquidation
Liquidator's Abstract of Receipts & Payments

From 16 November 2022 To 15 November 2023

S of A £		From 16/11/22	From 16/11/22
		To 15/11/23	To 15/11/23
ASSET REALISATIONS			
NIL	Cash at Bank	95.40	95.40
NIL	Bank Interest	9.37	9.37
NIL	Plant & Machinery	NIL	NIL
8,000.00	Cash in Hand	8,000.00	8,000.00
8,000.00		8,104.77	8,104.77
COST OF REALISATIONS			
	Specific Bond	(70.00)	(70.00)
	Statement of Affairs Fee	(3,000.00)	(3,000.00)
	Accountancy Fees	(400.00)	(400.00)
	Case Management Fee	(110.00)	(110.00)
	Liquidator's Fee	(2,000.00)	(2,000.00)
	Advertising	(207.20)	(207.20)
		(5,787.20)	(5,787.20)
		2,317.57	2,317.57
REPRESENTED BY			
	Vat Receivable		400.00
	Vat Control Account		705.44
	Current A/C		1,212.13
			2,317.57

Appendix II

Expenses summary for the Period 16 November 2022 to 15 November 2023 & comparison with estimate for S L Sprinklers Limited in Creditors' Voluntary Liquidation

Below are details of the Liquidator's expenses for the period under review and the total to date, including costs incurred but not yet paid.

Expense	Original expenses estimate £	Actual cost incurred in the Review Period £	Total cost incurred to date £	Reason for any excess (if the expenses are likely to, or have, exceeded the original estimate)
Category 1 Expenses*				
Specific Bond	70.00	70.00	70.00	
Legal Fees	5.00	-	-	
Bank Charges	50.00	-	-	
Accountancy Fees	150.00	400.00	400.00	Actual cost
Postage	100.00	-	-	
Case Management Fee	110.00	110.00	110.00	
Advertising	200.00	207.20	207.20	Actual cost
Total	685.00	787.20	787.20	
Category 2 Expenses*				
Mileage	75.00	-	-	
Photocopying	100.00	-	-	
Total	175.00	NIL	NIL	
Grand Total	860.00	787.20	787.20	

Below are details of the Liquidator's outstanding disbursements. These will be drawn prior to closure of the liquidation, assuming funds are available.

Outstanding Category 1 Disbursements*	£
Legal Fees	5.00
Postage	35.44
Total	40.44
Outstanding Category 2 Disbursements*	
-	-
Total	NIL
Grand Total	40.44

*Expense Categories

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S L Sprinklers Limited - in Liquidation
Time and Charge Out Summary
For The Period 16 November 2022 to 15 November 2023

<u>Classification of Work</u>	Hours				<u>Total Costs</u> £	<u>Average Hourly Rate</u> £
	<u>Liquidator</u>	<u>Administration Staff</u>	<u>Secretarial Staff</u>	<u>Total Hours</u>		
Administration (including statutory reporting)		10.20		10.20	2,550.00	250.00
Creditors (claims and distribution)		7.20		7.20	1,800.00	250.00
Investigations		1.90		1.90	475.00	250.00
Review		0.40		0.40	100.00	250.00
TOTAL HOURS	-	19.70	-	19.70		250.00
TOTAL COSTS - £	-	4,925.00	-		4,925.00	

Appendix IV

S L Sprinklers Limited
Time costs summary for period, cumulative & comparison with estimate for the Period
16/11/2022
to
15/11/2023

	Original Fees Estimate			Actual time costs incurred during the Review Period 16/11/2022 to 15/11/2023			Total time costs incurred since appointment 16/11/2022 to 15/11/2023		
Work Category	Number of Hours	Blended Hourly Rate £	Total Fees £	Number of Hours	Blended Hourly Rate £	Total Fees £	Number of Hours	Blended Hourly Rate £	Total Fees £
Administration & Planning	20.00	261.25	5,225.00	10.20	250.00	2,550.00	10.20	250.00	2,550.00
Realisation of Assets	2.00	250.00	500.00	-	-	-	-	-	-
Creditors	10.00	250.00	2,500.00	7.20	250.00	1,800.00	7.20	250.00	1,800.00
Investigations	10.00	250.00	2,500.00	1.90	250.00	475.00	1.90	250.00	475.00
Review	3.00	250.00	750.00	0.40	250.00	100.00	0.40	250.00	100.00
TOTAL	45.00	255.00	11,475.00	19.70	250.00	4,925.00	19.70	250.00	4,925.00

Appendix V

Detailed list of work undertaken in the liquidation of S L Sprinklers Limited For the review period 16 November 2022 to 15 November 2023

Below is detailed information about the tasks undertaken by the Liquidator and his staff. The Liquidator's charge-out rates are detailed below.

General Description	Includes
Administration and Planning (including statutory reporting)	
Statutory/advertising	Filing of documents to meet statutory requirements Advertising in accordance with statutory requirements
Document maintenance/file review/checklist	Filing of documents Periodic file reviews 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
Creditor reports	Preparing annual progress report to creditors
Creditors' decisions	Preparation of decision notices, proxies/voting forms Collate and examine proofs and proxies/votes to establish decisions Responding to queries and questions following decisions Issuing notice of result of decision process
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
Statutory reporting on conduct of directors	Preparing statutory investigation reports Liaising with Insolvency Service Submission of report with the Insolvency Service
Realisation of Assets	
Cash at Bank, Cash in Hand, Bank Interest	Correspondence with banks Receipt of funds
Creditors and Distributions	
Creditor Communication	Receive and follow up creditor enquiries via telephone 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 debt	Receipting and filing POD when not related to a dividend Corresponding with RPO regarding POD when not related to a dividend
Processing proofs of debt	Preparation of correspondence to potential creditors inviting submission of POD Receipt of POD Adjudicating POD Request further information from claimants regarding POD Preparation of correspondence to claimant advising outcome of adjudication

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/Partners	295
Senior Manager	250
Manager	195
Secretarial/Administration support staff	110