

**BROOKMANN HOME LIMITED (IN LIQUIDATION) ("THE  
COMPANY")**

Company Number: 07568206

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High Court of Justice 3939 of 2013

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Progress Report pursuant to Rule 4.49B of The Insolvency Rules  
1986

Period: 9 October 2014 to 8 October 2015

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## **Important Notice**

This progress report has been produced by the Liquidator of the Company solely to comply with his statutory duty to report to creditors on the progress of the liquidation. The report is private and confidential and may not be relied upon, referred to, reproduced or quoted from, in whole or in part, by creditors for any purpose other than this report to them, or by any other person for any purpose whatsoever.

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## **TO ALL CREDITORS OF BROOKMANN HOME LIMITED (IN LIQUIDATION) ("THE COMPANY")**

I refer to my appointment as Liquidator of the Company taking over the administration from the Official Receiver with effect from 9 October 2013 and write in order to provide a Progress Report pursuant to Rule 4 49B of the Insolvency Rules 1986

This Progress Report covers the period 9 October 2014 to 8 October 2015 ("the Period")  
The Progress Report for the Period is broken down as follows

- 1 Progress during the Period
- 2 Liquidator Remuneration
- 3 Disbursements
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- 6 Other Matters
- 7 Enclosures

To assist creditors by affording greater transparency as to my duties and the way in which I would typically execute the same, at section 5 of the Progress Report the same is set out in some detail

### **1. PROGRESS DURING THE PERIOD**

Please see the attached Receipts & Payments Account for the Period

It was stated in my previous progress report dated 27 October 2014 that I had instructed solicitors on a time costs basis in relation to funds that appeared to have been transferred from the Company bank account to the Company directors prior to liquidation

It would appear that the directors currently reside outside the country and as such I have been seeking further details during the Period with regards to the location of the directors and their current means. Further to this I have contacted various creditors of the Company to seek funding in order to carry out these investigations into the directors

I can advise that my investigations are continuing into the Company's affairs

#### **1.1 Unrealised Assets**

The Official Receiver's report to creditors dated 11 September 2013 does not detail any assets of the Company capable of giving rise to a distribution to creditors

I am not aware of any further assets which remain unrealised to date. However, my investigations are ongoing into the matters outlined in the Progress section above. It is not yet known whether there will be any realisations in respect of the same

### **2. LIQUIDATOR REMUNERATION**

At a meeting of creditors convened on 10 December 2013 the Company's creditors approved my remuneration on a time costs basis

Enclosed with this Progress Report is a breakdown of time costs incurred by my staff and I in attending to the administration of the Company's estate during the Period. These time costs total £5,427.40 in respect of 23.10 hours at an average hourly rate of £234.95

I have also attached a breakdown of my time costs since the date of my appointment on 9 October 2013. These costs total £38,332.20 in respect of 126.50 hours at an average hourly rate of £303.02.

There have been insufficient realisations for me to draw any remuneration to date.

I attach to this report a detailed breakdown of my time costs to date by category of work undertaken. The following table illustrates how the time shown on this detailed breakdown is categorised.

| Category                    | Category Code |
|-----------------------------|---------------|
| Administration and Planning | 100-199       |
| Investigations              | 200-299       |
| Realisation of Assets       | 300-399       |
| Creditors                   | 500-599       |

A summary of the work carried out in each category is provided below.

#### 2.1 Administration & Planning

This category would include such tasks as general correspondence, correspondence with solicitors, the preparation of the Company's corporation tax returns and cashing matters as well as statutory requirements that I am obliged to undertake pursuant to the Insolvency Act 1986 and associated legislation.

This category will also include the day-to-day administration of the liquidation estate, the performance of bank reconciliations and compliance reviews, the banking of cheques and maintenance of accurate financial records for the estate and the filing and retrieval of documents from archive.

#### 2.2 Investigations

This category will include correspondence with banks, accountants and other third parties in relation to their dealings with the Company and the review of any files or information received which may relate to the Company's affairs. It will also involve correspondence with the Company's directors and their solicitors, where relevant.

This category will also include the review of the Company's bank records for payments made to or on behalf of any connected entities, including directors, and will where applicable include correspondence with solicitors instructed by me.

#### 2.3 Realisations of Assets

This category would include work undertaken in order to attempt to realise any assets of the Company, including correspondence with agents and solicitors under my instruction. In addition, it will include the preparation and review of witness statements and court applications.

#### 2.4 Creditors

This category would include preparing statutory progress reports, taking telephone calls from creditors, dealing with incoming correspondence from creditors, and holding any creditor meetings.

A copy of the guide for creditors can be requested from my office and includes details on office holder remuneration. Alternatively this guide may also be accessed along with the latest version of Statement of Insolvency Practice Number 9 ("SIP 9") (England and Wales) at the R3 website

<https://www.r3.org.uk/what-we-do/publications/professional/statements-of-insolvency-practice/e-and-w>

SIP 9 can also be accessed at our website <http://www.ocinsolvency.com/> in the Technical Information section. If for any reason neither of those links work, then alternatively you should be able to obtain the SIP 9 from the following <http://www.icaew.com/technical/insolvency/insolvency-regulations-and-standards/statements-of-insolvency-practice-sips-england>

### **3. DISBURSEMENTS**

I have not incurred any disbursements during the Period

### **4. CREDITOR RIGHTS TO CHALLENGING LIQUIDATOR REMUNERATION AND EXPENSES**

Creditors are entitled under Rule 4.49E of the Insolvency Rules 1986, within 21 days of the receipt of this report (secured creditor or an unsecured creditor with concurrence of at least 5% in value of the unsecured creditors or any unsecured creditor with the permission of the court) to request further information from me regarding my remuneration and expenses which have been detailed in this progress report.

Pursuant to Rule 4.131 of the Insolvency Rules 1986 creditors (secured creditor or an unsecured creditor with concurrence of at least 10% in value of the unsecured creditors or any unsecured creditor with the permission of the court) have a right to challenge my remuneration and expenses via application to Court on the grounds that the remuneration charged or the expenses incurred by me as set out in this report are, in all the circumstances, excessive or, the basis fixed for remuneration is inappropriate.

### **5. LIQUIDATOR'S DUTIES AND EXECUTION OF FUNCTIONS**

#### **5.1 Liquidator Duties**

I have a number of statutory duties which apply as follows

5.1.1 Duty to call meetings when requisitioned in accordance with the Insolvency Rules

5.1.2 Duty of notification via advertisement of the appointment and the convening of creditors meetings

5.1.3 Duty to provide annual progress reports to creditors and file the same at Companies House

5.1.4 Duty to provide information to the Official Receiver

5.1.5 Duty to collect the Company's assets

5.1.6 Duty to realise assets and discharge liabilities

5.1.7 Duty to discover who the creditors of the Company are and the amount of their claims

5.1.8 Duty to meet the prescribed requirements for the provision of security (referred to as a bond) for certain types of losses in relation to the insolvent estate

5.1.9 Duty to manage and administer the insolvent estate and its funds

It is the primary duty of a liquidator of a company to collect its assets with a view to discharging its liabilities to the extent the assets permit. To perform that function the liquidator needs information. The companies legislation has for many years given a liquidator power to obtain it from those who can be expected to have relevant information.

I am obliged under Section 144 of the Insolvency Act 1986 to take into my custody and control the Company's property, which includes its books, papers and records as defined in Section 436 of the Insolvency Act 1986.

A Liquidator enters office as a relative stranger to the Company and I am required pursuant to Statement of Insolvency Practice Number 2 ("SIP 2") to investigate and reconstitute knowledge of the Company. SIP 2 states as follows:

*" an office holder has a duty to investigate what assets there are (including potential claims against third parties including the directors) and what recoveries can be made locate the company's books and records (in whatever form), and ensure that they are secured "*

A full copy of SIP 2 can be downloaded from the Technical section of [www.ocinsolvency.com](http://www.ocinsolvency.com)

In the satisfaction of reconstituting knowledge of the Company I am obliged to consider any claims capable of swelling the Company's assets. I would therefore need to seek to identify, discover and recover the Company's property. To undertake that exercise I will need to obtain the books and records for the Company from its Officers and if relevant its agents. Whilst there are many and varied statutory functions of a liquidator, obtaining the books and records is arguably one of the most important duties as without the same it can be impossible to identify the assets with sufficient specificity to enable their recovery.

This is a compulsory liquidation and therefore pursuant to Section 143 of the Insolvency Act 1986 I have a duty to furnish and assist the Official Receiver with such information as may be reasonably required for the purposes of carrying out his or her functions in relation to the winding up. I am also obliged pursuant to Section 218 of the Insolvency Act 1986 to report to the Official Receiver any apparent criminal offences in relation to the Company by any past or present officer or any member of the Company.

## 5.2 Books and Records

By virtue of Section 386(3) of the Companies Act 2006 the Company's accounting records should have contained daily entries confirming details of all monies received and paid by the Company. In addition the same should have contained a record of the assets and liabilities of the Company.

Without this information I may be unable to independently verify what assets both exist and or should exist and only be in a position to collect disclosed assets.

## 5.3 Fulfilling the Liquidator's Functions

As this is a compulsory liquidation I have not had any prior dealings and or introduction to the Company through its Directors. In light of the same it will be / have been necessary for

me to conduct an information gathering exercise to obtain the books and records and also where possible to obtain the Director's cooperation via completion of a questionnaire to obtain data on the Company

There are usually a number of sources of the Company's books, papers and records as follows

- 5 3 1 the Company's officers such as its Directors;
- 5 3 2 the Company's accountants who may and often will have acted as its tax agents,
- 5 3 3 the Company's bankers who may and often will have acted as its agents in the processing of transactions,
- 5 3 4 the Company's solicitors who may have acted as agents

Accordingly, I intend to or will have sought to call up the files of the Company from those typical sources. Often the information gathering process is time consuming with entitlement to information being the focus of some debate.

Once the information has been obtained it would need to be collated, catalogued and then reviewed to investigate the Company's affairs, dealings and property.

If there are any matters that arise from a review of the same that lead me to not have a satisfactory understanding of the Company's financial affairs or information is incomplete, then it may be necessary for me to interview some or all of the Directors. Investigations generally may involve contacting third parties as part of the process of unscrambling the Company's dealings.

My investigations into the Company's affairs will generally have regard to any transactions or trading that appear capable of giving rise to greater realisations for creditors. The provisions under the Insolvency Act 1986 and Companies Act 2006 which may enable me as Liquidator to effect the same would include but not necessarily be limited to the following:

- Section 212 of the Insolvency Act 1986 - Misfeasance and Breach of Duty
- Section 213 of the Insolvency Act 1986 - Fraudulent Trading
- Section 214 of the Insolvency Act 1986 - Wrongful Trading
- Section 238 of the Insolvency Act 1986 - Transactions at an Undervalue
- Section 239 of the Insolvency Act 1986 - Preferences
- Section 423 of the Insolvency Act 1986 - Transactions defrauding creditors
- Section 847 of the Companies Act 2006 - Unlawful Dividends

Directors owe companies fiduciary duties and as a result of their duty of loyalty, to act within their powers, avoid conflicts of interest and to promote the success of the Company, they have a duty to disclose any of the above that give rise to a breach of those duties.

If any creditor is aware or becomes aware of the existence of any transactions or trading that they consider to be consistent with the above or of concern generally, then please contact my office to afford me details of the same for my consideration.

## **6 OTHER MATTERS**

Should any Creditor reasonably require further particulars in relation to any aspect of the conduct of my administration then please submit such requests in writing to this office. The

same will be considered and if appropriate further information may be furnished such that you may reasonably require the same

### **Insolvency Code of Ethics**

As I am an insolvency practitioner, by virtue of Statement of Insolvency Practice Number 1, which can be viewed with reference to <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/statements-of-insolvency-practice-for-insolvency-practitioners>, I should inform creditors that I am bound by the Insolvency Code of Ethics, which can be viewed with reference to <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/insolvency-practitioner-code-of-ethics> when carrying out all professional work relating to an insolvency appointment I should if requested, provide details of any threats identified to compliance with the fundamental principles (Integrity, Objectivity, Professional competence and due care, Confidentiality and Professional behaviour) and safeguards applied. If any creditor considers that there is any threat (perceived or otherwise) to such compliance then I would be grateful if they could contact me in writing and notify me accordingly of their considered view in respect of the same.

In relation to any internet links identified above which appear for any reason to be out of date please contact my office and I shall be happy to afford creditors details of any updated link in order that such documents can be reviewed and downloaded.

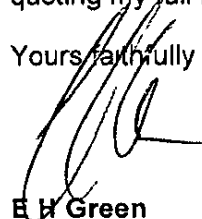
### **7 ENCLOSURES**

The following are enclosed for your attention

- 7.1 Breakdown of time costs for the Period
- 7.2 Detailed breakdown of time costs by category of work undertaken for the Period
- 7.3 Breakdown of time costs since appointment - -
- 7.4 Detailed breakdown of time costs by category of work undertaken since appointment
- 7.5 Receipts & Payments Account, reconciled with that held by the Secretary of State

Any queries with regard to this Progress Report must be submitted in writing to this office quoting my full reference

Yours faithfully



**E H Green**

Liquidator

*Licensed by the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England & Wales*

3 November, 2015

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Brookmann Home Limited

23 October 2015

**SIP 9 - Time & Cost Summary**

Period 09/10/14 08/10/15

## Time Summary

| Hours                           |         |         |                            |                            |             | Time Cost (£) | Average hourly rate (£) |
|---------------------------------|---------|---------|----------------------------|----------------------------|-------------|---------------|-------------------------|
| Classification of work function | Partner | Manager | Other Senior Professionals | Assistants & Support Staff | Total Hours |               |                         |
| Administration & planning       | 3 00    | 0 00    | 0 20                       | 10 00                      | 13 20       | 2,802 20      | 212 29                  |
| Investigations                  | 3 50    | 0 00    | 0 00                       | 1 60                       | 5 10        | 1,769 00      | 346 66                  |
| Realisations of assets          | 0 00    | 0 00    | 0 00                       | 0 00                       | 0 00        | 0 00          | 0 00                    |
| Trading                         | 0 00    | 0 00    | 0 00                       | 0 00                       | 0 00        | 0 00          | 0 00                    |
| Creditors                       | 0 50    | 0 00    | 0 00                       | 4 30                       | 4 80        | 856 20        | 178 38                  |
| Case specific matters           | 0 00    | 0 00    | 0 00                       | 0 00                       | 0 00        | 0 00          | 0 00                    |
| Total Hours                     | 7 00    | 0 00    | 0 20                       | 15 90                      | 23 10       | 5,427 40      | 234 95                  |
| Total Fees Claimed              |         |         |                            |                            |             | 0 00          |                         |

# Sub Analysis in Period

|     |                                     |       |          |
|-----|-------------------------------------|-------|----------|
| 100 | Admin & Planning                    | 0 90  | 135 00   |
| 102 | Telephone Calls                     | 2 20  | 660 00   |
| 104 | Reviews                             | 1 90  | 285 00   |
| 106 | General Correspondence              | 2 30  | 792 80   |
| 113 | Our solicitors correspondence       | 0 90  | 162 80   |
| 117 | Internal Memo                       | 0 30  | 65 80    |
| 118 | Cashbook / Cashier / Cheque Matters | 0 10  | 15 00    |
| 120 | Emails                              | 0 20  | 30 00    |
| 121 | Filing                              | 2 20  | 335 00   |
| 125 | Corporation Tax Return              | 0 50  | 75 00    |
| 128 | Review of case administrators work  | 1 00  | 150 00   |
| 130 | Archiving                           | 0 50  | 75 00    |
| 135 | HMRC Correspondence                 | 0 20  | 20 80    |
| 202 | Correspondence With Solicitors      | 0 20  | 20 80    |
| 203 | Correspondence With Accountants     | 0 20  | 90 00    |
| 204 | Review Solicitors Files             | 0 30  | 45 00    |
| 215 | Our solicitors correspondence       | 4 00  | 1,571 60 |
| 221 | Telephone Calls                     | 0 40  | 41 60    |
| 503 | Creditors Reports                   | 3 60  | 600 00   |
| 512 | Correspondence with creditors       | 1 20  | 256 20   |
|     |                                     | 23 10 | 5,427 40 |

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23 October 2015

**SIP 9 - Time & Cost Summary**

Period 09/10/13 08/10/15

## Time Summary

| Hours                           |         |         |                            |                            |             | Time Cost (£) | Average hourly rate (£) |
|---------------------------------|---------|---------|----------------------------|----------------------------|-------------|---------------|-------------------------|
| Classification of work function | Partner | Manager | Other Senior Professionals | Assistants & Support Staff | Total Hours |               |                         |
| Administration & planning       | 14 30   | 1 40    | 0 60                       | 33 50                      | 49 80       | 11,506 80     | 231 08                  |
| Investigations                  | 48 10   | 5 30    | 0 00                       | 13 90                      | 67 30       | 24,668 60     | 366 55                  |
| Realisations of assets          | 1 00    | 0 00    | 0 00                       | 0 00                       | 1 00        | 450 00        | 450 00                  |
| Trading                         | 0 00    | 0 00    | 0 00                       | 0 00                       | 0 00        | 0 00          | 0 00                    |
| Creditors                       | 1 50    | 0 20    | 0 00                       | 6 70                       | 8 40        | 1,707 00      | 203 21                  |
| Case specific matters           | 0 00    | 0 00    | 0 00                       | 0 00                       | 0 00        | 0 00          | 0 00                    |
| Total Hours                     | 64 90   | 6 90    | 0 60                       | 54 10                      | 126 50      | 38,332 20     | 303 02                  |
| Total Fees Claimed              |         |         |                            |                            |             | 0 00          |                         |

## Sub Analysis in Period

|     |                                          |        |           |
|-----|------------------------------------------|--------|-----------|
| 100 | Admin & Planning                         |        |           |
| 102 | Telephone Calls                          | 0 90   | 135 00    |
| 104 | Reviews                                  | 7 00   | 1,530 00  |
| 106 | General Correspondence                   | 6 50   | 1,815 00  |
| 107 | Case Opening                             | 7 00   | 2,077 40  |
| 109 | Opening Review                           | 11 40  | 1,584 60  |
| 110 | IPS Diary Update                         | 1 20   | 540 00    |
| 111 | Other                                    | 0 10   | 17 50     |
| 112 | Incoming correspondence                  | 0 20   | 20 80     |
| 113 | Our solicitors correspondence            | 0 60   | 150 00    |
| 116 | Official Receiver correspondence         | 1 40   | 318 60    |
| 117 | Internal Memo                            | 0 20   | 90 00     |
| 118 | Cashbook / Cashier / Cheque Matters      | 5 10   | 1,956 10  |
| 119 | Correspondence with Debtor/Director      | 0 30   | 50 00     |
| 120 | Emails                                   | 0 20   | 30 00     |
| 121 | Filing                                   | 0 30   | 40 40     |
| 124 | Internal discussion                      | 4 10   | 615 40    |
| 125 | Corporation Tax Return                   | 0 30   | 75 00     |
| 126 | VAT Returns                              | 0 80   | 120 00    |
| 128 | Review of case administrators work       | 0 10   | 15 00     |
| 130 | Archiving                                | 1 30   | 205 00    |
| 131 | Amend Audio Typing                       | 0 50   | 75 00     |
| 135 | HMRC Correspondence                      | 0 10   | 25 00     |
| 201 | Correspondence With Banks                | 0 20   | 20 80     |
| 202 | Correspondence With Solicitors           | 2 50   | 627 40    |
| 203 | Correspondence With Accountants          | 13 40  | 4,412 60  |
| 204 | Review Solicitors Files                  | 11 30  | 4,159 80  |
| 205 | Review Accountants Files                 | 0 50   | 95 00     |
| 206 | Review Company Records                   | 3 50   | 1,575 00  |
| 212 | Conference With Counsel                  | 2 40   | 960 00    |
| 214 | Incoming correspondence                  | 1 70   | 765 00    |
| 215 | Our solicitors correspondence            | 0 20   | 50 00     |
| 218 | Official Receiver correspondence         | 14 60  | 5,902 40  |
| 220 | Correspondence with Debtor / Director    | 0 80   | 360 00    |
| 221 | Telephone Calls                          | 10 40  | 3,496 60  |
| 229 | Enquiry and Investigation Correspondence | 5 90   | 2,239 80  |
| 301 | Correspondence With Agents               | 0 10   | 25 00     |
| 308 | Other                                    | 0 20   | 90 00     |
| 501 | Proofs Of Debt                           | 0 80   | 360 00    |
| 503 | Creditors Reports                        | 0 60   | 90 00     |
| 505 | Creditors Enquiries/Response             | 3 60   | 600 00    |
| 506 | Creditors Meetings                       | 0 20   | 50 00     |
| 512 | Correspondence with creditors            | 1 30   | 345 00    |
|     |                                          | 2 70   | 622 00    |
|     |                                          | 126 50 | 38,332 20 |

**Brookmann Home Limited  
(In Liquidation)**

**Liquidator's Abstract Of Receipts And Payments**

| Statement<br>of affairs<br>£ | From 09/10/2014<br>To 08/10/2015<br>£ | From 09/10/2013<br>To 08/10/2015<br>£ |
|------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
|------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|

**RECEIPTS**

|             |             |
|-------------|-------------|
| <u>0 00</u> | <u>0 00</u> |
|-------------|-------------|

**PAYMENTS**

|                         |       |          |
|-------------------------|-------|----------|
| Official Receiver's Fee | 0 00  | 1,070 00 |
| Secretary of State Fee  | 66 00 | 154 00   |

|              |                 |
|--------------|-----------------|
| <u>66 00</u> | <u>1,224 00</u> |
|--------------|-----------------|

**BALANCE - 08 October 2015**

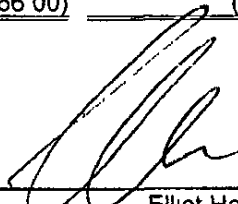
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| <u>(66.00)</u> | <u>(1,224 00)</u> |
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**MADE UP AS FOLLOWS**

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|-----|---------|------------|
| ISA | (66 00) | (1,224 00) |
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| <u>(66 00)</u> | <u>(1,224 00)</u> |
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