

Joint Administrators' progress report from 28 May 2022 to 27 November 2022

Palmer & Harvey McLane Limited
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Palmer & Harvey (Holdings) Plc
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Abbreviations and definitions

The following table shows the abbreviations and insolvency terms that may be used in this report:

Abbreviation or definition	Meaning
ABLs	Asset Based Lenders, namely Barclays Bank Plc, HSBC Invoice Finance (UK) Limited, PNC Business Credit (a trading name of PNC Financial Services UK Limited), RBS Invoice Finance Limited and Santander UK Plc
Administrators / we / us / our	Matthew Boyd Callaghan, Ian David Green and Zelf Hussain to 10 May 2019 Ian David Green and Zelf Hussain from 10 May 2019 to 19 December 2019 Zelf Hussain and Mark James Tobias Banfield from 19 December 2019
Companies	Palmer & Harvey (Holdings) Plc "Plc" Palmer & Harvey McLane Limited "PHML"
P&H / Palmer & Harvey Group	P&H Direct Limited, Palmer & Harvey McLane (Holdings) Limited, P&H (1925) Limited "1925", P&H Snacksdirect Limited, P&H Sweetdirect Limited, P & H Direct Van Sales Limited - all formerly in administration and the Companies
Group	The Companies, P&H Direct Limited, Palmer & Harvey McLane (Holdings) Limited, P&H Snacksdirect Limited, P&H Sweetdirect Limited, P & H Direct Van Sales Limited, WS Retail Limited and all other companies in the wider group
HMRC	HM Revenue & Customs
IA86	Insolvency Act 1986
IR16	Insolvency (England and Wales) Rules 2016
PPF	Pension Protection Fund
Preferential Creditors	Primarily employee claims for unpaid wages earned in the four months before the insolvency up to £800, holiday pay and unpaid pension contributions in certain circumstances
Prescribed Part	The amount set aside for unsecured creditors from floating charge funds in accordance with Section 176A IA86 and the Insolvency Act 1986 (Prescribed Part) Order 2003
PwC/firm	PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP
RPS	Redundancy Payments Service, part of the Insolvency Service, which is an executive agency sponsored by BEIS, and which authorises and pays the statutory claims of employees of insolvent companies under the Employment Rights Act 1996
Sch B1 IA86	Schedule B1 to the Insolvency Act 1986
Secured Creditor	A creditor with security in respect of their debt, in accordance with Section 248 IA86
Security Agent	Barclays Bank Plc, a secured creditor
SIP	Statement of Insolvency Practice. SIPs are issued to insolvency practitioners under procedures agreed between the insolvency regulatory authorities. SIPs set out principles and key compliance standards with which insolvency practitioners are required to comply.
SIP 9	Statement of Insolvency Practice 9: Payments to insolvency office holders and their associates
Tobacco Companies / TCs	Imperial Brands Finance Plc and Gallaher Limited
Unsecured Creditors	Creditors who are neither secured nor preferential

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<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/insolvency-practitioner-code-of-ethics>

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Key messages

Why we've sent you this report

We are writing to update you on the progress of the administration of the Companies in the six months since our last report dated 21 June 2022.

Creditors may wish to read this report in conjunction with our proposals or earlier progress reports, all of which continue to be available on our website at www.pwc.co.uk/palmerharvey. Please email Adam Thompson at uk_palmerharvey_creditors@pwc.com, if you wish to request a hard copy of the report.

How much creditors may receive

The following table summarises the possible outcome for creditors, based on what we currently know.

Company	Secured creditors (p in the £)	Preferential creditors (p in the £)	Unsecured creditors (p in the £)
PHML			
This report:	ABLs 100p TCs 80-100p	100p (paid)	0.0978p(paid)
Last report:	ABLs 100p TCs 80-100p	100p (paid)	0.0978p(paid)
Plc			
This report:	ABLs 100p TCs 80-100p	N/A	Nil
Last report:	ABLs 100p TCs 80-100p	N/A	Nil

Secured creditors

As previously reported, it is uncertain whether all the secured creditors will fully be repaid their lending and accrued interest out of their security over the Group's assets. On appointment, the total value of the secured lending was £253.5m. The amount owing across the Group to the secured creditors continues to increase as a result of the ongoing interest accrual. On appointment, the debt due to the ABLs was £187.4m, secured by way of fixed and floating charges over the Group's assets. The ABLs held first ranking security (except in 1925) and their debt has been repaid in full.

The Tobacco Companies held second ranking security over the Group's assets and were owed £66.1m on appointment. As the ABLs' debt has been discharged in full, funds were made available for distribution to the Tobacco Companies. To date, distributions totalling £63.1m have been made by PHML (both through realisations in the administration account and outside of it) & other companies within the Group to the Tobacco Companies under the terms of their security, no further distributions have been made during the period covered by this report. As the debt has not been discharged in full, interest continues to accrue on the balance due to the Tobacco Companies and the remaining balance due continues to increase.

We anticipate a return of 80-100% will be achieved, however, the timing of future distributions to the Tobacco Companies is currently 12-18 months and dependent on the outcome of the litigation discussed in a later section of this report.

Preferential creditors

The dividend prospects (and dividends paid) for preferential creditors in each company are as follows:

- PHML - Dividend of 100p in the £ paid on 21 July 2020.
- Plc - There are no known preferential creditors.

Unsecured creditors

A prescribed part distribution of £600,000 was distributed to the creditors of PHML on 10 February 2022, providing a return to creditors of 0.0978p in the £. There is currently no anticipated dividend to the creditors of Plc. We do not currently expect to pay a further dividend to creditors of PHML.

What you need to do

This report is for your information and you don't need to do anything, unclaimed dividend cheques have now been paid over to the Insolvency Service unclaimed dividend account.

Overview of what we've done to date

As explained in our earlier reports, our initial strategy was principally to mitigate the losses to the various classes of creditors, by:

- Securing and safeguarding large volumes of stock and facilitating its return to suppliers based on a commercial assessment of retention of title claims;
- Securing the various sites and instructing agents to begin valuing and marketing the freehold properties;
- Supporting redundant employees with processing claims against the RPS and engaging with JobCentre Plus and alternative employers looking to hire former employees;
- Locating, securing and arranging for the return of leased vehicles and other third-party assets to their owners;
- Collecting debts owed by customers;
- Quickly assessing the likelihood of any premium value in the leasehold estate and returning leasehold properties to their landlords as soon as possible where no premium value was expected; and
- Selling any assets that were identified to be owned by the Companies, the proceeds of which would firstly be used to discharge the expenses of the administrations, with any amounts remaining being available to the creditors of the Companies in accordance with the statutory order of priority.

Please note that our previous reports which cover the realisations and progress to 27 May 2022 provide more detail and are available to view and download on our case website www.pwc.co.uk/palmerandharvey.

When we last reported, the key outstanding matters in the administrations were as follows:

- Collect the remaining debtor balances owed;
- Realise potential value from the remaining contingent assets within the administrations (including litigation in respect of PHML and Plc and possibly cartel claims for PHML); and
- Make further distributions to the secured creditors

We provide an update of the progress made in the period in the next section of this report.

Progress since we last reported

PHML - Debtors

As detailed in my previous report, all pre-administration bank accounts have now been closed, with the surplus balance of funds transferred into the administrators bank account. The receipts and payments account at Appendix A now reflects the total level of debtor collections achieved during the administration period of £213m, of which £178m has been subsequently distributed to the ABLs under their fixed and floating charge, thus resulting in the full repayment of the ABLs principal lend and associated costs, including termination fee and interest charges across the receivable facilities.

Debtor realisations achieved during the period total £8.5K and are included within the £213m of total collections reported above. The outstanding ledger balance now stands at £181K, with these customer accounts continuing to be pursued by our legal advisors.

Litigation update (PHML & Plc)

We continue to engage with our legal advisers and Counsel to progress the potential claims outlined in our previous reports in respect of PHML and Plc. Due to the commercial sensitivity of this claim, we are unable to provide further details at this time but will update creditors further in our next report.

Cartel Claim (PHML)

As previously reported, prior to our appointment, PHML was involved in a group action in relation to a truck cartel claim. If successful it may result in significant additional realisations into PHML. The Competition Appeal Tribunal ("CAT") had reserved its judgement on both the UK Trucks Claim Limited's ("UKTC") application and the Road Haulage Association ("RHA")

The CAT previously held that UKTC's application for a collection proceedings order satisfied all the legal tests, including that the UKTC itself was a suitable class representative. However, the CAT also decided that the RHA's application satisfied all the legal tests as well and that it should choose between the two applications, rather than grant a collective proceedings order to both applicants. On balance, the CAT decided that the RHA's application for an opt-in collective proceedings order was preferable, consequently UKTC's application was unsuccessful.

UKTC and its legal advisors have considered the CAT's judgement and the merits of an appeal and during the period, the CAT has granted permission for UKTC to appeal its judgement, UKTC is now taking appropriate steps to start the appeal process. Pending any successful appeal, UKTC will not be able to pursue its application further. The Administrators will therefore continue to monitor this claim and await a decision about an appeal.

Sundry refunds & bank interest

During the period covered by this report, a sundry refund of £1,035 has been received into the administration and bank interest of £15,264 has been received in the period.

Employees (PHML)

During the period, the one remaining employee in PHML concluded the work to assist with the ongoing debt collection and has now been made redundant.

Connected party transactions

There have been no connected party transactions in the period covered by this report.

Other issues

During the period, we submitted the quarterly VAT returns and in respect of PHML we submitted the tax return for the relevant period. Tax clearance has been obtained for Plc.

Investigations and actions

Nothing has come to our attention during the period under review to suggest that we need to do any more work in line with our duties under the Company Directors' Disqualification Act 1986 and Statement of Insolvency Practice No.2.

Our receipts and payments account

We set out in Appendix A an account of our receipts and payments in the administrations from 28 May 2022 to 27 November 2022.

During the period, we have undertaken an exercise to accurately reflect the position in relation to book debt collections, pre-appointment cash balances and the distributions made to the ABLs under their security. There are several receipts and payments shown in the period which relate to transactions made in prior periods but which were not previously captured on the receipts and payments account.

Our expenses

We set out in Appendix B statements of the expenses we've incurred to the date covered by this report and an estimate of our future expenses.

The statement excludes any potential tax liabilities that we may need to pay as an administration expense in due course because amounts due will depend on the position at the end of the tax accounting period.

Our fees

We set out in Appendix C an update on our remuneration which covers our fees, disbursements and other related matters in this case.

Creditors' rights

Creditors have the right to ask for more information within 21 days of receiving this report as set out in Rule 18.9 IR16. Any request must be in writing. Creditors can also challenge fees and expenses within eight weeks of receiving this report as set out in Rule 18.34 IR16. This information can also be found in the guide to fees at:

<https://www.icaew.com/-/media/corporate/files/technical/insolvency/creditors-guides/2021/administration-creditor-fee-guide-1-april-2021.ashx?la=en>

You can also get a copy free of charge by telephoning Adam Thompson on 0113 289 4000.

What we still need to do

Before we can finalise our work in the administrations of the Companies, we still need to deal with the following outstanding tasks:

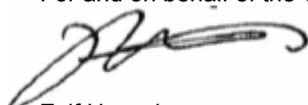
- Pursue the remaining debtor balances owed in PHML;
- Realise potential value from the remaining contingent assets within the administrations (including litigation in respect of PHML and Plc and possibly cartel claims for PHML); and
- Make further distributions to the secured creditors.

Next steps

We expect to send our next report to creditors at the end of the administration or in about six months, whichever is the sooner.

If you've got any questions, please get in touch with Adam Thompson, uk_palmerharvey_creditors@pwc.com.

Yours faithfully
For and on behalf of the Companies



Zelf Hussain
Joint Administrator

Appendix A: Receipts and payments

Statement of affairs	28 November 2017 to 27 May 2022	28 May 2022 to 27 November 2022	28 November 2017 to 27 November 2022
Fixed Charge realisations			
Debtors	-	-	-
1,945,000 Freehold property	3,400,000.00	-	3,400,000.00
Bank interest	618.30	-	618.30
	3,400,618.30	-	3,400,618.30
Fixed Charge cost of realisations			
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
Fixed charge balance	3,400,618.30	-	3,400,618.30
Floating Charge realisations			
1,989,000 Fixtures & Fittings, Office Equipment & Computers	245,831.99	-	245,831.99
237,099,000 Debtors	25,741,601.06	187,696,013.05	213,437,614.11
Plant & Machinery	257,884.00	-	257,884.00
190,000 Motor Vehicles	1,157,275.68	-	1,157,275.68
Pre-appointment cash balance	1,545.90	868,896.84	870,442.74
Stock	857,921.72	-	857,921.72
Intellectual property	131,013.80	-	131,013.80
593,000 Refunds	802,065.53	1,035.15	803,100.68
359,000 Prepayments	-	-	-
Bank Interest	91,107.73	15,263.92	106,371.65
Suspense Account*	29,069.63	-	29,069.63
	29,315,317.04	188,581,208.96	217,896,526.00
Floating Charge cost of realisations			
Sub Contractors	(137,014.40)	-	(137,014.40)
Motor & travel expenses	(1,856.26)	-	(1,856.26)
Professional Fees	(60,544.12)	-	(60,544.12)
Leased equipment / hire purchase	(192,712.74)	-	(192,712.74)
Site clearance	(191,106.10)	-	(191,106.10)
Repairs & Maintenance	(108,010.21)	-	(108,010.21)
Agents' fees & disbursements	(512,795.50)	-	(512,795.50)
Duress Payments	(291,271.93)	-	(291,271.93)
Security	(260,265.32)	-	(260,265.32)
Software licences, trademarks & IT	(598,884.82)	-	(598,884.82)
Office costs, Stationery & Postage	(14,847.82)	-	(14,847.82)
Legal Fees & disbursements	(2,628,186.37)	(35,905.46)	(2,664,091.83)
Employee deductions from earnings	(1,701.97)	-	(1,701.97)

Irrecoverable VAT	(13.00)	-	(13.00)
Storage Costs	(35,204.14)	-	(35,204.14)
Statutory advertising	(531.00)	-	(531.00)
Corporation tax	(14,061.37)	-	(14,061.37)
Office holders' fees	(5,900,000.00)	-	(5,900,000.00)
Rent	(615,481.60)	-	(615,481.60)
Utilities & Rates	(497,721.01)	-	(497,721.01)
Insurance	(264,839.37)	(30,857.65)	(295,697.02)
Wages & Salaries	(2,214,110.20)	(27,363.09)	(2,241,473.29)
PAYE/NIC and Pension Deductions	(1,152,632.20)	(3,439.03)	(1,156,071.23)
Employee expenses & related costs	(167,091.64)	(190.60)	(167,282.24)
Bank charges	(750.00)	-	(750.00)
ISA unclaimed dividend fee	-	(25.75)	(25.75)
Head office expenses	(3,822.50)	-	(3,822.50)
	(15,865,455.59)	(97,781.58)	(15,963,237.17)
Distributions			
Secured Creditors - TCs	(22,625,000.00)	-	(22,625,000.00)
Secured Creditors - ABLs	-	(178,300,793.68)	(178,300,793.68)
Preferential creditors (100p in the £ - paid 21 July 20)	(1,447,517.55)	-	(1,447,517.55)
Prescribed part - unsecured creditors (0.0987p in £ - paid 10 February 2022)	(600,000.00)	26,783.11	(573,216.89)
Payment to Insolvency Service - unclaimed dividends	-	(26,783.11)	(26,783.11)
	(24,672,517.55)	(178,300,793.68)	(202,973,311.23)
Floating charge balance excluding ABL funding	(11,222,656.10)	10,182,633.70	(1,040,022.40)
Funding from ABLs	9,420,922.93	(9,420,922.93)	-
VAT control account	20,946.64	(6,560.19)	14,386.45
Funds held in interest bearing Barclays account	1,619,831.77	755,150.58	2,374,982.35

Notes to the R&P

1. Amounts shown exclude VAT. Funds currently held may include monies due to HMRC or other members of a VAT group, or exclude monies which will be received in due course from these parties.
2. As explained further in Appendix C, our fees are based on a set fee.
3. There have been no payments made to us, our firm or our associates other than from the insolvent estate as shown in the receipts and payments account provided above
4. On 21 July 2020, we paid a dividend to preferential creditors at the rate of 100 pence in the £.
5. On 10 February 2022, we paid a maximum prescribed dividend to unsecured creditors at the rate of 0.0987 pence in the £.
6. Funds are held in an interest bearing account for PHML.
7. During the period of this report, an exercise has been carried out to accurately reflect the total book debt collections and pre-appointment cash position of PHML, along with the distributions made to the ABLs under their security. The book debt receipts in the period are therefore inclusive of debtor collections reported previously which were paid directly to the ABLs, but which are now presented in the receipts and payments account for full transparency on realisations and distributions to date.

Plc

**Statement
of affairs**

	28 November 2017 to 27 May 2022	28 May 2022 to 27 November 2022	28 November 2017 to 27 November 2022
Fixed Charge realisations	-	-	-
Fixed Charge cost of realisations	-	-	-
Fixed balance	-	-	-
Floating Charge realisations			
Refunds	86,535.03	-	86,535.03
Sundry realisations	5,633.03	-	5,633.03
Bank Interest	1,469.07	-	1,469.07
	93,637.13	-	93,637.13
Floating Charge cost of realisations			
Insurance	(14,000.00)	-	(14,000.00)
Legal fees	(154,008.03)	-	(154,008.03)
	(168,008.03)	-	(168,008.03)
Floating charge balance excluding ABL funding	(74,370.90)	-	(74,370.90)
VAT control account	(13,227.63)	-	(13,227.63)
Funding from ABLs	89,797.55	-	89,797.55
Funds held in interest bearing Barclays account	2,199.02	-	2,199.02

Notes to the R&P

1. Amounts shown exclude VAT. Funds currently held may include monies due to HMRC or other members of a VAT group, or exclude monies which will be received in due course from these parties.
2. As explained further in Appendix C, our fees are based on a set fee.
3. There have been no payments made to us, our firm or our associates other than from the insolvent estate as shown in the receipts and payments account provided above
4. Funds are held in a non-interest bearing account for Plc as tax clearance has been obtained.

Appendix B: Expenses

Expenses are amounts properly payable by us as administrators from the estate, but excludes our fees and distributions to creditors.

These include disbursements which are expenses met by and reimbursed to an office holder in connection with an insolvency appointment. Expenses fall into two categories:

Expense	SIP 9 definition
Category 1	Payments to persons providing the service to which the expense relates who are not an associate of the office holder.
Category 2	Payments to our firm or our associates or which have an element of shared costs (for example, photocopying and mileage disbursements, or costs shared between different insolvent estates).

We do not need approval from creditors to draw Category 1 expenses as these have all been provided by third parties but we do need approval to draw Category 2 expenses. The body of creditors who approve our fees (in the case of Plc the secured creditors and in the case of PHML the secured and preferential creditors) also has the responsibility for agreeing the policies for payment of Category 2 expenses.

The rate for services provided by the Administrators' own firm (Category 2 expenses) may periodically rise (for example to cover annual inflationary cost increases) over the period of the administration. All other disbursements to be charged at cost.

The following table provides a breakdown of the Category 2 expenses have been incurred by us as administrators or our associates, together with details of the Category 1 expenses that have been incurred by PwC and will be recharged to the case:

PHML

Category	Costs incurred by	Policy	Costs incurred £
2	PwC	Photocopying - up to 10 pence per side copied, only charged for circulars to creditors and other bulk copying.	-
2	PwC	At a maximum of 71 pence per mile (up to 2,000cc) or 93 pence per mile (over 2,000cc)	
1	PwC	Rail fares	94.40
1	PwC	Car Parking	7.92
1	PwC	Storage	3,497.88
Total			3,600.20

Approval for Category 2 expenses was obtained from the secured creditor and preferential creditors at the same time as approval for our fees.

We have not incurred any disbursements in the period of this report in respect of Plc.

The tables below provides details of the expenses incurred in the administrations:

<i>PHML</i>	Brought forward from 27 May 2022	Incurred in the period under review	Cumulative	Estimated future	Anticipated total	Initial estimate	Variance
	(£)	(£)	(£)	(£)	(£)	(£)	(£)
Bank charges	750.00	25.75	775.75	90.00	865.75	600.00	265.75
Office holders fees	5,900,000.00	-	5,900,000.00	89,406.00	5,989,406.00	5,989,406.00	-
Office holders expenses	111,986.14	3,600.20	115,586.34	6,000.00	121,586.34	49,515.48	72,070.86
Legals	2,628,186.32	35,905.46	2,664,091.78	35,000.00	2,699,091.78	2,230,370.00	468,721.78
Agents - asset realisations	512,795.50	-	512,795.50	-	512,795.50	421,930.38	90,865.12
Rent	615,481.60	-	615,481.60	-	615,481.60	582,637.69	32,843.91
Gross salaries	3,366,742.26	30,802.12	3,397,544.38	-	3,397,544.38	3,452,987.03	(55,442.65)
Employee expenses	167,091.64	190.60	167,282.24	-	167,282.24	53,154.33	114,127.91
Subcontractors	137,014.40	-	137,014.40	-	137,014.40	148,253.80	(11,239.40)
Petty cash	3,822.50	-	3,822.50	-	3,822.50	1,250.00	2,572.50
Motor and travel expenses	1,856.26	-	1,856.26	-	1,856.26	3,028.58	(1,172.32)
Lease/Hire payments	192,712.74	-	192,712.74	-	192,712.74	160,619.58	32,093.16
IT costs	598,737.82	-	598,737.82	-	598,737.82	221,829.76	376,908.06
Utilities and rates	495,005.99	-	495,005.99	5,000.00	500,005.99	735,447.58	(235,441.59)
Insurance	264,839.37	30,857.65	295,697.02	16,000.00	311,697.02	305,551.19	6,145.83
Repairs and maintenance	108,010.21	-	108,010.21	-	108,010.21	129,046.82	(21,036.61)
Site clearance	191,106.10	-	191,106.10	-	191,106.10	212,759.69	(21,653.59)
Duress payments	291,271.93	-	291,271.93	-	291,271.93	222,048.00	69,223.93
Postage and stationary	14,847.82	-	14,847.82	-	14,847.82	14,076.28	771.54
Advertising	531.00	-	531.00	-	531.00	444.00	87.00
Storage costs	35,204.14	-	35,204.14	-	35,204.14	27,353.14	7,851.00
Security	260,265.32	-	260,265.32	-	260,265.32	319,415.58	(59,150.26)
Professional fees	60,544.12	-	60,544.12	-	60,544.12	49,431.18	11,112.94
TV licence	147.00	-	147.00	-	147.00	147.00	-
Pre administration costs	93,018.75	-	93,018.75	-	93,018.75	93,018.75	-
Corporation tax	13,291.16	-	13,291.16	-	13,291.16	-	13,291.16
Total (excl VAT)	16,065,260.09	101,381.78	16,166,641.87	151,496.00	16,318,137.87	15,424,321.84	893,816.03

Plc	Brought forward from 27 May 2022	Incurred in the period under review	Cumulative	Estimated future	Anticipated total	Initial estimate	Variance
	(£)	(£)	(£)	(£)	(£)	(£)	(£)
Bank charges	-	-	-	15.00	15.00	203.00	(188.00)
Office holders fees	-	-	-	28,679.00	28,679.00	28,679.00	-
Office holders expenses	820.65	-	820.65	200.00	1,020.65	744.38	276.27
Legals	154,007.78	-	154,007.78	20,000.00	174,007.78	23,000.00	151,007.78
Insurance	14,000.00	-	14,000.00	-	14,000.00	14,000.00	-
Pre administration costs	4,464.90	-	4,464.90	-	4,464.90	4,464.90	-
Total (excl VAT)	173,293.33	-	173,293.33	48,894.00	222,187.33	71,091.28	151,096.05

The tables also exclude any potential tax liabilities that we may need to pay as an administration expense because amounts becoming due will depend on the position at the end of the tax accounting period.

The tables should be read in conjunction with the receipts and payments account at Appendix A, which shows expenses actually paid during the period and the total paid to date.

Please note that an estimate for future legal costs in relation to the litigation described earlier in this report has not been provided as it is not currently possible to provide an accurate estimate, an update in respect of the legal fees will be provided in our future reports.

Appendix C: Remuneration update

Our fees in respect of the Companies were previously approved on a fixed fee basis as set out in our remuneration report for each company (which can be located on the website www.pwc.co.uk/palmerandharvey) by the secured and (where applicable) the preferential creditors.

Company name	Fees approved (£)	Fees Drawn (£)
Palmer & Harvey McLane Limited	5,989,406	5,900,000
Palmer & Harvey (Holdings) Plc	28,679	-

Our remuneration request and the above fixed fees excluded any work in relation to the litigation work disclosed earlier in this report. As such we propose to issue a fee uplift request in connection with this work and any shared costs the Companies may incur in relation to professional advisors fees. The timing of this request will be dependent on the progress of the litigation and as such may not be for c12 months.

We set out later in this Appendix details of our work to date, anticipated future work, subcontracted work and payments to associates.

Payments to associates

No payments have been made to associates or any party who could reasonably be perceived as an associate during the period of this report. Relevant parties have been chosen due to their specific area of expertise or technical knowledge and payments to those parties based on standard commercial terms.

Our work in the period

In the following table we provide more detail on the key areas of work undertaken in the period covered by this report.

Area of work Both Companies unless stated otherwise	Work undertaken	Why the work was necessary	What, if any, financial benefit the work provided to creditors OR whether it was required by statute
Strategy & planning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Six monthly manager and appointee case progression reviews • Internal meetings & updates 	To ensure case progression and monitoring costs	Ensures orderly progression of case and cost management
Creditors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Liaising with creditors to provide updates • Responding to queries • Corresponding with creditors to ensure dividend cheques are banked. • Paying over unclaimed dividends to the Insolvency Service unclaimed dividends account. 	To keep the creditors informed	Work done in anticipation of returning funds to creditors
Assets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collecting remaining book debts (PHML) • Receiving dividend from the Insolvency Service • Working closely with legal advisors, counsel, experts and factual witnesses to progress the Companies' claim against third parties • Identifying and implementing the optimal legal strategy to enhance realisations for creditors • Managing costs and budgets to ensure funding remains available to progress ongoing litigation to include reporting to key stakeholders on claim status • Managing costs and budgets of ongoing litigation to include reporting to key stakeholders on claim status / progress • Monitoring litigation claims and potential windfalls • Monitoring cartel claim (PHML) 	To ensure returns to the creditors are maximised	Realises funds for the benefit of creditors
Accounting & treasury	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accounting for payments and receipts from the administration account (PHML) • Bank reconciliations • Completing journals to reflect accurate book debt collections position and distributions to ABLs (PHML) 	To manage the bank account	Ensures proper management of the funds held
Statutory & compliance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Filing documents • Preparing and circulating the seventh progress report to creditors 	To comply with statutory obligations	Required by statute / regulation
Employees & Pensions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Responding to queries from employees (PHML) • Payment of pension contributions (PHML) 	To keep employees informed	Required by statute

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Employee payroll (PHML) Calculating final employee payroll and deductions (PHML) 		
Tax & VAT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preparing and submitting the tax returns (PHML) Preparing and submitting quarterly VAT returns 	To comply with statutory obligations, pay tax and recover VAT which maximises realisations to creditors	Required by statute and ensures the maximum recovery of input VAT and appropriate payment of corporation tax, for the benefit of creditors

Our future work

We still need to do the following work to achieve the purpose of administration.

Area of work Both Companies unless stated	Work we need to do	Whether or not the work will provide a financial benefit to creditors
Strategy & planning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Six monthly manager and appointee case progression reviews 	Incidental to proper management of the liquidation
Creditors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Liaising with creditors Responding to queries from creditors 	Ensuring orderly return of funds to creditors
Assets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Collecting remaining book debts (PHML) Recovering refunds due into the administrations Working closely with legal advisors, counsel, experts and factual witnesses to progress the Companies' claim against third parties Identifying and implementing the optimal legal strategy to enhance realisations for creditors Managing costs and budgets to ensure funding remains available to progress ongoing litigation to include reporting to key stakeholders on claim status Managing costs and budgets of ongoing litigation to include reporting to key stakeholders on claim status / progress Monitoring litigation claims and potential windfalls Monitoring cartel claim (PHML) 	Realises funds for the benefit of creditors
Accounting & treasury	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bank reconciliations Accounting for payments and receipts into the case bank account Payment of final distributions to the TCs Closure of bank accounts 	Ensures proper management of the funds held
Statutory & compliance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preparing and submitting six monthly progress reports to creditors Complying with statutory filing requirements Requesting a further extension of the administrations of PHML and Plc if required Preparing and circulating final reports 	Required by statute

Employees & Pensions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Responding to queries from former employees (PHML) 	Required by statute
Tax & VAT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submitting VAT reclaims • Completing tax returns in respect of PHML • Obtaining HMRC clearance in respect of PHML 	Required by statute and ensures the maximum recovery of input VAT, for the benefit of creditors
Closure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Obtaining clearances for closure • Closure procedures 	Required by statute, ensures all administration matters have been dealt with

Our relationships

We have no business or personal relationships with the parties who approve our fees or who provide services to the administration where the relationship could give rise to a conflict of interest.

Details of subcontracted work

We have not subcontracted any work in the period covered by this report.

Legal and other professional firms

We've instructed the following professionals on this case:

Service provided For PHML unless stated	Name of firm / organisation	Reason selected	Basis of fees
Legal services, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Contract renewal and debtor dispute assistance; andAdvice on ROT claims.Investigation matters (also Plc)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Dentons UK and Middle East LLPDLA Piper UK LLPAshurst LLPHogan Lovells LLP (also Plc)Quinn Emmanuel Urqhart & Sullivan UK LLP (also Plc)	Industry knowledge and expertise Previous company knowledge	Time costs and disbursements
Chattel agents and valuers	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Hilco Valuation ServicesThe Fleet Auction Group	Industry knowledge	% of realisations
Property agents, services including: <ul style="list-style-type: none">SecurityWaste collection / skip hire	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Moorcroft Vacant Property ManagementACM Environmental PlcTriton Securities and Facilities Management Limited	Appropriateness of services and cost	Time costs and disbursements % realisations
Agents, services including: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Debt collectionRates refunds	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Hilton-Baird Collection Services LimitedCAPA UK	Expertise and cost	% realisations
Subcontractors and others <ul style="list-style-type: none">Assisting with the collection of debtors	<ul style="list-style-type: none">PG & JE LimitedJRC Consultancy Services	Expertise and cost	Time costs and disbursements

We require all third party professionals to submit time costs analyses and narrative or a schedule of realisations achieved, dependent on their fee basis, in support of invoices rendered. All invoices are reviewed before being approved for payment. We are satisfied that the level of legal and professional costs is appropriate.

Appendix D: Other information

Court details for the administration:	In the High Court of Justice, Business and Property Courts of England and Wales, Insolvency and Companies List (ChD)
Trading name:	Palmer & Harvey, P&H
Registered address:	Current: Central Square, 8 th Floor, 29 Wellington Street, Leeds, LS1 4DL Former: P&H House, Davigdor Road, Hove, East Sussex, BN3 1RE
Date of the joint administrators' appointment:	28 November 2017
Joint administrators' names, addresses and contact details:	Zelf Hussain and Mark James Tobias Banfield, 7 More London Riverside, London, SE1 2RT Contact: Adam Thompson - Tel 0113 289 4983, email - uk_palmerharvey_creditors@pwc.com
Extensions to the administration:	The administration of Plc and PHML has been extended by 24 months to 27 November 2023
Appointer's/applicant's name and address:	The directors of the Companies P&H House, Davigdor Road, Hove, East Sussex, BN3 1RE
Objective being pursued by the Administrators:	Objective (b) achieving 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), or failing that, objective (c) realising the company's assets to pay a dividend to secured or preferential creditors
Division of the joint administrators' responsibilities:	The joint administrators may exercise any of the powers conferred on them by IA 1986 jointly or individually
Regulation (EU) 2015/848 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 May 2015 on Insolvency Proceedings (recast) :	The Regulation applies to this administration and the proceedings are main proceedings

Company specific information

	PHML	Plc
Court references:	CR-2017-008976	CR-2017-008977
Registered number:	01874153	06470058