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Joint Administrators' progress report for the period 11 June 2023 to 10 December 2023

Elite Insurance Company Limited – (in Administration)

The Supreme Court of Gibraltar
Case No. 2019/COMP/002



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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
Accrued Liabilities	Liabilities agreed before the end of the validity of the relevant insurance policy
Administration	The Administration of Elite Insurance Company Limited
ATE	After the event insurance
CBLI	CBL Insurance Limited (in Liquidation)
Cedents	Unsecured non-preferential creditors whose claims arise from being holders of policies of reinsurance issued by the Company
Commutation	The commutation with Elite's major reinsurer, CBLI
Company/Elite	Elite Insurance Company Limited (in Administration)
Company Website	www.pwc.co.uk/elite-insurance
Court	The Supreme Court of Gibraltar
Creditors	Secured, Preferential and Unsecured creditors
DA ATE	Delegated authority - after the event insurance
Direct Insurance Creditors	Unsecured non-preferential creditors whose claims arise from being direct policyholders of the Company excluding Cedents
DO	A dommage ouvrage insurance policy taken out by French homeowners for building defects
EU	European Union
FCA	The Financial Conduct Authority in the UK
FGAO	Fonds de Garantie des Assurances Obligatoires de dommages (French compensation scheme fund for compulsory damage insurance)
FSICR	Financial Services (Insurance Companies) Regulations 2020
FSCS	The Financial Services Compensation Scheme in the UK
GAF	The Greek Auxiliary Fund
GIA11	Gibraltar Insolvency Act 2011
GIR14	Gibraltar Insolvency Rules 2014
GFSC	Gibraltar Financial Services Commission
ICF	The Irish Insurance Compensation Fund
IPT	Insurance Premium Tax
Joint Administrators /we / us / our / Firm	Edgar Lavarello of PricewaterhouseCoopers Limited Gibraltar and Dan Schwarzmann of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP UK
Preferential Creditors	Creditors listed in section 2 of the Schedule GIR14, mainly relating to amounts due to employees, amounts deducted from employee remuneration, and amounts due to the Government of Gibraltar.
Period	11 June 2023 to 10 December 2023
Proposals	The Administrators' proposals for the Administration of Elite dated 9 February 2020
PwC	PricewaterhouseCoopers Limited Gibraltar and/or PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP UK
Quest	Quest Consulting (London) Limited (Elite's run-off manager)
RB ATE	Rate based after the event insurance
RCD	A Responsabilité Civile Décennale insurance policy taken out by French property builders for building defects
SCA	Irish State Claims Agency
Secured Creditors	Creditors with security in respect of their debt
Unsecured Creditors	Creditors who are neither Secured Creditors nor Preferential Creditors (including creditors by virtue of any insurance contract)
VAT	Value Added Tax in the UK

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Key messages

Why we have sent you this report

This is the eighth progress report by the Joint Administrators of the Company.

Creditors may wish to read this report in conjunction with our Proposals, which continue to be available on the Company Website. The information in that report or previous progress reports is not repeated here unless considered necessary or beneficial for the purposes of this update.

Earlier progress reports can be viewed on the Company Website.

This report provides an update on the work the Joint Administrators have undertaken, and the progress made since their appointment, with particular focus on the progress made in the Period.

If you have any questions regarding your insurance policy, please use the following contact details:

UK and other: Elite-insurance.uk@quest-group.co.uk or +44 (0) 207 129 8147

France: Elite-insurance.fr@quest-group.com or +44 (0) 207 129 8661

Italy: Elite-insurance.it@quest-group.com or +44 (0) 207 129 8663

Or write to: Elite Insurance Company Limited (in Administration), c/o Quest Consulting, 4th Floor, 52-54 Gracechurch Street, London, EC3V 0EH.

How much Creditors may receive

This is a brief summary of the possible outcome for Creditors of the Company based on what we currently know. As Elite is a complex case, there are still a number of material uncertainties which mean that the Joint Administrators are unable to give a meaningful estimate of the likely outcome for Creditors. Please read the rest of this document and seek further specific advice where needed.

Secured Creditors

We are not aware of any Secured Creditors.

Preferential Creditors

On the basis that Elite did not have any direct employees at the time of our appointment we do not expect any Preferential Creditors to arise in respect of former employees.

Unsecured Creditors

Creditors are reminded that Direct Insurance Creditors rank ahead of all other Unsecured Creditors by virtue of FSICR. Please note that any agreed damages claims relating to policies of direct insurance disclaimed by the Joint Administrators are classed as Direct Insurance Creditors.

The Joint Administrators remain unable to give a meaningful estimate of the likely outcome for Direct Insurance Creditors. As we outlined in our previous reports, the ultimate outcome will depend on a number of variable factors where considerable uncertainty exists. Based on our current view of Elite's financial position, Direct Insurance Creditors are highly unlikely to receive payment in full of their debts unless appropriately covered by a compensation scheme. As a consequence, other Unsecured Creditors should not expect a dividend. All Creditors should seek to mitigate their losses as far as possible.

As the Administration develops we will provide Creditors with updates on future distribution prospects.

What you need to do

This report is for your information and you don't need to do anything.

Progress since we last reported

This section deals with the key activities we have undertaken since our last report.

Closure

Exit mechanism

The purpose of the Administration is to achieve a better result for the Company's creditors as a whole than would be likely if the Company were wound up (without first being in administration). As previously reported, the Joint Administrators believe a scheme of arrangement would be the best mechanism to achieve the purpose of the Administration.

During the Period, alongside Elite's legal advisers and Quest, the Joint Administrators have been continuing to develop a scheme of arrangement. We have also been liaising with appropriate regulators and compensation funds to ensure that any exit mechanism is in the best interests of Creditors as a whole. For example, we have been working with the FSCS to develop an agreement which preserves access to compensation for FSCS protected policyholders.

Further detail will be shared with creditors when it is available, by post or email where available, and by publication on the Company Website.

Branch closures

As previously reported, Elite's branch in Spain was closed on 21 February 2023. We continue with the legal, tax and regulatory process to complete the closure of the Elite branch in Italy. Following the conclusion of the tax rebate claim referred to above, estimated to be in the first quarter of 2024, the branch will be closed shortly thereafter.

Run-off management

Operations

Quest remains the initial point of contact for the vast majority of Creditors. ACS Solutions, a specialist outsourcer, continues to deal with French construction claims under policies which were written by a number of specific coverholders.

During the Period, 771 insurance claims were closed, with an adjusted value of approximately £1.85m including fees as well as indemnity amounts. At the end of the Period, approximately 11k claims remain open, with a value of approximately £101m. We continue to oversee the complaints processes administered by Quest, only dealing directly with customer complaints where necessary. During the Period, 27 new complaints were received and 33 complaints were resolved. There were no open complaints at the end of the Period.

Portfolio updates

The latest status in respect of Elite's books of business and compensation for eligible policyholders is summarised below.

France

As previously reported, all French construction insurance policies were 'disclaimed', in other words, terminated, by the Joint Administrators in accordance with GIA11 with effect from (and including) 15 September 2020. Further information in respect of the disclaimer can be found on the Company Website.

The FGAO previously confirmed that beneficiaries of DO policies in effect on or after 1 July 2018 whose claims arose before 15 September 2020 will retroactively benefit from the compensation scheme. The Joint Administrators have continued contacting policyholders whose claims were agreed by Elite before 15 September 2020 to progress their claims for payment by the FGAO. During the Period, the FGAO paid €246k in respect of 11 eligible claims. This brings the total paid to €380k in respect of 31 eligible claims.

The Joint Administrators continue to liaise with the FGAO in respect of the instruction and payment of experts for creditors whose claims arose, but were not agreed, before the policies were disclaimed on 15 September 2020.

DO beneficiaries not eligible for FGAO compensation are entitled to bring a claim against Elite for damages arising as a result of the disclaimer. Claimants are required to mitigate their losses and should continue to seek to progress their claims with their RCD insurer in the first instance.

Greece

Quest continues to liaise with the GAF, which provides compensation to injured parties in respect of bodily injury and/or material damage. During the Period, the GAF paid five eligible claims which were submitted in the previous period as part of the first submission. The amount paid by the GAF totalled €53k. We continue to work with the GAF to ensure claims are paid where compensation is available and the next submission is expected to be completed during Q1 2024.

Ireland

The SCA has reiterated its position that Elite does not qualify for eligible claim payments to be made from the ICF. This is based on its view that an administration in Gibraltar is not equivalent to a liquidation in Ireland. The Joint Administrators are considering the availability and merits of potential options to enable compensation to be made available to Elite's Irish policyholders and will provide an update for them on the Company Website in due course.

Policyholders should continue to submit claims against Elite in the usual way.

Italy

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Spain

We have continued to attempt to obtain a copy of Elite's records from a coverholder. Unfortunately, no records have been forthcoming and therefore it is likely that Elite will have to rely solely on supporting evidence from policyholders in order to progress their claims.

Policyholders should continue to submit claims against Elite in the usual way.

UK

Claims continue to be agreed as they arise, with the FSCS providing compensation to eligible claimants at 90%, or 100% for compulsory insurance products, of the claim value. Further information on eligibility can be found on the FSCS website at [fscs.org.uk/making-a-claim/claims-process/eligibility-rules](https://www.fscs.org.uk/making-a-claim/claims-process/eligibility-rules).

During the Period, the FSCS paid £1.1m in respect of 40 eligible claims. This brings the total balance paid by the FSCS to approximately £22.5m in respect of 3,338 claims.

Asset recoveries

Commutation

As reported in the last reporting period, an agreement was reached in respect of certain assets subject to the Commutation. During the Period, the funds due under that agreement of NZ\$1m were received by Elite.

Additional consideration under the Commutation may still be receivable by Elite and any developments will be reported in future progress reports.

Reinsurance

We continued to liaise with reinsurers and reinsurance brokers regarding a number of reinsurance arrangements to ensure the ongoing processing and collection of recoveries. We also continued discussions with a number of reinsurers to assess their appetite for seeking early finality in relation to the commutation of certain reinsurance arrangements. These efforts led to total recoveries in the Period of £524k.

DA ATE disclaimer and RB ATE recoveries

As previously reported, the Joint Administrators disclaimed Elite's ATE business with effect from 11 December 2020 with the exception of two ATE policies.

Following a settlement relating to one of the two retained policies, Elite continues to pursue premium and accrued interest due to Elite from the insured under the ATE policy. The second retained RB ATE policy, where Elite has novated its exposure but retains a right to a share of any future premium, continues to be monitored. Further to the previously reported update, the defendants' application for permission to appeal to the Supreme Court has been granted in the Period. The hearing is now likely to take place in the second half of 2024.

General recoveries

Elite continued to pursue recoveries within European jurisdictions, resulting in recoveries of €25k from the French business, €80k from the Italian business and £45k from the UK business in the Period. This brings total claims recoveries to over €2.8m and over £0.8m to date.

The Joint Administrators continue efforts to recover funds of nearly €1m held in a French bank account on trust for Elite. In the prior period, Elite successfully defended a demand made for the funds held on trust for Elite to be released to the liquidator of the former coverholder. The liquidator subsequently appealed the decision and both parties filed their defences in December 2023. It is currently anticipated that a determination of the appeal is likely to be heard in the first half of 2024.

As previously reported, in relation to the Building Guarantee portfolio, the litigation against the coverholder of this book has been concluded. Elite continues to engage, as appropriate, with the company voluntary arrangement supervisor of the coverholder's appointed representative in relation to its claim in this matter.

Insurance recoveries of €145k from the French business and £5k from the UK business were made in the Period. This brings total insurance recoveries to over €1.5m and over £0.25m to date.

We continue to pursue a number of other potential asset recoveries in various jurisdictions and will provide updates in future progress reports.

Treasury management

At the end of the Period, the Company held funds of £33.0m, €5.8m and NZ\$0.1k with the majority (90%+) of funds invested in money market deposits. The remaining balances are held in current accounts with Barclays Bank and HSBC to cover ongoing operating costs and business activities.

We continue to monitor money market deposit and interest rates to ensure that the funds are invested to maximise interest earned whilst remaining in line with the Firm's treasury management policies covering such matters as counterparty credit risk and diversification. During the Period, interest of £911k was received.

Corporation tax, IPT and VAT

The Joint Administrators continued to liaise with Quest to obtain relevant information required to manage the Company's tax affairs in respect of the pre and post-appointment liabilities in all jurisdictions including Gibraltar, Italy and Spain.

We continue to review and submit corporate and IPT tax returns to ensure compliance in all jurisdictions, including the associated approval and processing of any resulting tax liability payments. As part of our tax compliance work, we have submitted the post-appointment IPT returns in the UK as well as beginning the tax analysis and process associated with the closure of the Italian branch. We are currently pursuing a tax rebate from the Italian Tax Office, which impacts the timeline for the closure of the Italian branch. We have completed the tax analysis and process associated with the closure of the Spanish branch and have also settled a small outstanding IPT liability in Spain. Further information is included in the Closure section below.

Stakeholder engagement

The Joint Administrators continue to keep key stakeholders apprised of progress made in a timely manner and encourage Creditors to monitor the Company Website for updates.

Regulatory engagement

The Company remains authorised and regulated to the extent needed for the purposes of the Administration and as such must comply with various regulatory requirements. We continue to engage with the GFSC and cooperate with other regulators as appropriate on the progress of the Administration and regulatory reporting matters that arise.

Creditors' Committee

The fees sub-committee met on 23 August 2023 where costs for the period 1 January to 30 June 2023 were reviewed against budgeted figures. An update on the progress made against the key focus areas for 2023 was also provided.

In addition to formal meetings, we continue to engage as appropriate with members of the Creditors' Committee to discuss key issues. The next Creditors' Committee meeting is expected to be held in the next few months.

We are grateful to the members of the Creditors' Committee for their continued engagement and support.

Connected party transactions

To date, no assets have been disposed of by the Administrators to a party (person or company) with a connection to the directors, shareholders, or secured creditors of the company or their associates and the Administrators are not seeking approval from creditors to make a substantial disposal to a connected person.

Other information

Communications

The Joint Administrators continue to use the Company Website as a means of delivering updates to policyholders and Creditors. Unless you advise us that you wish to receive communications by post, the Company Website will be used as the main method of communication during the Administration. Due to the large number of European policyholders, key parts of the Company Website are available in French and Italian and we continue to translate key documents into these languages.

The Company Website is regularly updated with relevant communications, press releases and frequently asked questions. During the Period we received 1,944 Company Website visits. We continue to respond to queries raised by policyholders and other stakeholders via our dedicated helplines or by email.

Directors' conduct and investigations

During the Period, the Joint Administrators concluded discussions and fact finding to understand the events leading up to the Administration and any other significant information which relates to them. Please note that we will not be able to publish our findings and work in this area, but we have complied with our duties in accordance with GIA11.

This is part of our normal work and does not necessarily imply any criticism of the directors' actions.

Our receipts and payments account

An account of receipts and payments in the Administration for the Period can be seen in Appendix A.

We consider that all payments which have been made as an expense of the Administration are appropriate and proportionate to the size and complexity of the Administration.

Administration expenses

In Appendix B we set out a statement of the expenses we have incurred during the Period. The statement excludes any potential tax liabilities that we may need to pay as an Administration expense in due course, as amounts due will depend on the position at the end of the tax accounting periods in each jurisdiction.

Our fees

An update on our remuneration which covers our fees, disbursements and other related matters in this case is provided in Appendix C. The Joint Administrators continue to draw fees in accordance with the approved fee resolutions.

Creditors' rights

Creditors have the right to ask for further information about remuneration or expenses within 21 days of receiving this report as set out in S49 GIR14. Any request must be in writing.

What we still need to do and next steps

The Administration of the Company is complex given the wide range of portfolios it underwrote and territories it operated in. Our focus over the next six months will be:

- Ensuring policyholder claims are dealt with appropriately;
- Pursuing asset and other recoveries of the Company; and
- Finalising the development of the scheme of arrangement and taking any initial steps required to implement it so that Creditors' claims can be agreed and paid as quickly as possible. We will share relevant documentation with Creditors in due course.

The next report to creditors will be circulated to Creditors in approximately six months time. If you have any questions, please get in touch by email at uk_elite@pwc.com

Yours faithfully



For and on behalf of the Company
Edgar Lavarello
Joint Administrator

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Appendix A: Receipts and payments

	As at 10 December 2023			As at 10 December 2023 Total (GBP equivalent)	Movements from 11 June 2023 to 10 December 2023 (GBP equivalent)	As at 10 June 2023 (GBP equivalent) RESTATED at 10 December 2023 exchange rate	As at 10 June 2023 (GBP equivalent)
	GBP	EUR	NZD				
Receipts							
Cash at bank - receipts	12,235,428	6,159,009	0	17,521,223	467,778	17,053,445	17,035,736
Claim recoveries	825,078	2,816,726	0	3,242,454	135,033	3,107,420	3,098,864
Interest	1,830,575	118,680	1,857	1,933,336	911,244	1,022,092	1,021,987
Investments & Shares	979,711	17,375	0	994,622	0	994,622	994,567
Gross Premium - ATE Premium	2,469,656	4,845	0	2,473,815	0	2,473,815	2,473,799
Sundry debts & refunds	15,988	10,000	0	24,570	0	24,570	24,538
Insurance recoveries	1,326,993	252,238	0	1,543,470	128,981	1,414,489	1,414,148
Reinsurance recoveries	42,204,631	76,328	1,000,000	42,758,512	523,907	42,234,605	42,234,364
Receipts total	61,888,060	9,455,201	1,001,857	70,492,002	2,166,943	68,325,058	68,298,003
Payments							
Cash at bank - payments	0	0	1,001,739	489,226	489,226	0	0
Office holder's fees	14,698,039	0	0	14,698,039	1,403,385	13,294,654	13,294,654
Office holder's expenses	9,911	0	0	9,911	607	9,304	9,304
Pre-administration Office Holder's fees	282,910	0	0	282,910	0	282,910	282,910
Pre-administration Office Holder's expenses	2,225	0	0	2,225	0	2,225	2,225
Run-off services	4,371,771	0	0	4,371,771	464,629	3,907,142	3,907,142
Claims handling expenses	689,935	1,670,218	0	2,123,352	217,786	1,905,566	1,900,919
Professional fees	85,922	426,520	0	451,971	52,522	399,449	398,252
Printing, stationery & postage	209,123	25,439	0	230,955	6,685	224,271	224,190
Legal fees & expenses	7,117,626	1,472,729	0	8,381,553	827,549	7,554,005	7,549,654
Statutory advertising	65,419	0	0	65,419	0	65,419	65,419
Taxation costs	284,132	3,813	0	287,404	1,065	286,338	286,328
Irrecoverable VAT	1,004,479	11,200	0	1,014,092	50,250	963,841	963,806
Bank charges	24,245	10,573	0	33,319	701	32,617	32,587
Storage costs	7,526	65,712	0	63,921	1,613	62,308	62,104
Payments total	28,853,263	3,686,204	1,001,739	32,506,068	3,516,018	28,990,049	28,979,494
NET POSITION	33,034,797	5,768,997	118	37,985,934	-1,349,075	39,335,009	39,318,509

Made up as follows	GBP	EUR	NZD	As at 10 Dec 2023 Total GBP equivalent	Exchange rates - (Bank of England)
Barclays UK	275,150	172,477	118	423,232	10 December 2023 £1 to Eur 1.1652
HSBC UK (interest bearing)	6,518			6,518	10 June 2023 £1 to Eur 1.1695
Money Market Deposits (interest bearing)	32,753,129	5,596,520		37,556,184	10 December 2023 £1 to NZD 2.0476
	33,034,797	5,768,997	118	37,985,934	10 June 2023 £1 to NZD 2.0522

As explained further in Appendix C, our fees are based on time costs. The receipts and payments table above shows the amount(s) paid in the period and total paid to date.

Appendix B: Expenses

The following table provides details of our expenses. Expenses are amounts properly payable by us as Joint Administrators from the estate and includes our fees but excludes distributions to Creditors. The table also excludes future 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 table 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.

Nature of expenses	GBP	EUR
	Incurred in the Period (£)	Incurred in the Period (€)
Bank charges	30	800
Claims handling expenses	50,310	196,507
Irrecoverable VAT	50,099	0
Legal fees and expenses	821,493	110,633
Office holders' disbursements	607	0
Office holders' fees	1,587,013	0
Printing, stationery and postage	6,685	0
Professional fees	11,805	43,502
Run-off services	556,296	0
Storage costs	598	1,014
Taxation costs	473	690
Total expenses	3,090,407	353,146

*This represents 100% of fees.

Appendix C: Remuneration update

On 23 October 2020 the Creditors' Committee approved resolutions authorising the Joint Administrators to draw remuneration at 75% of agreed rates as detailed in previous reports. During the Period, fees of £1.40m were billed and paid covering 1 May to 31 October 2023. Fees billed in the period were paid at 67% of Elite rates which reflects an additional proportion of deferred fees for work performed in 2023, which may be released at a later date, at the Creditors' Committee's discretion. Deferred fees accrued in the Period total £794k. This brings the total deferred fees incurred since the start of the Administration to £5.6m.

Our hours and average rates

Fees incurred since the start of the Administration total £20.7m (including deferred fees), at hourly rates agreed with the fees sub-committee, which represent a discount on normal PwC rates, but incorporates fees written off and not billed totalling £359k.

The time cost charges incurred in the Period total £2.3m. This is 4,041 hours at an average hourly rate of £571.

The table below shows a breakdown of this.

							Period Total			Total from 11 December 2019 to 10 December 2023	
	Partner	Director	Senior Manager	Manager	Senior Associate	Associate/ Other	Hours	Total Cost (£)	Average hourly rate (£)	Hours	Total Cost (£)
Accounting & Treasury	902	-	18,517	30,938	44,278	41,001	299	135,636	453	3,045	1,184,346
Assets	4,655	11,546	30,801	28,471	2,848	237	112	78,558	702	5,443	2,810,733
Claims	65,954	24,851	299,985	54,525	104,596	3,959	804	553,870	689	4,833	2,948,718
Closure	23,099	115,853	275,184	176,145	185,427	25,394	1,442	801,102	556	2,639	1,542,472
Creditors	-	641	7,142	-	153	1,000	19	8,936	470	1,770	608,163
Run-off management	1,225	3,185	9,578	9,466	3,748	-	40	27,202	680	7,318	3,940,771
Statutory & compliance	48,994	6,163	49,430	56,595	16,189	35,647	372	213,018	573	4,778	2,378,101
Strategy & planning	18,443	21,834	45,756	79,770	125,141	23,457	705	314,401	446	5,720	3,215,779
Tax & VAT	11,672	175	96,352	10,511	33,683	8,829	226	161,222	714	3,671	2,431,329
Total for the Period	174,944	184,248	832,745	446,421	516,063	139,524	4,019	2,293,945		39,216	21,060,412
Fees incurred and written off											(359,260)
Total fees*											20,701,152

*These represent 100% of fees.

Our time charging policy and hourly rates

We and our team charge our time for the work we need to do in the Administration. We delegate tasks to suitable grades of staff, taking into account their experience and any specialist knowledge that is needed, and we supervise them properly to maximise the cost effectiveness of the work done. Anything complex or important matters of exceptional responsibility are handled by our senior staff or us.

All of our staff who work on the Administration (including our cashiers) charge time directly to the case and are included in any analysis of time charged. Each grade of staff has an hourly charge out rate which is reviewed from time to time. Work carried out by our support and secretarial staff is charged separately and is not included in the hourly rates charged by partners or other staff members. Time is charged in six minute units in the UK and 15 minute units in Gibraltar. We do not charge general or overhead costs.

In common with many professional firms, our scale rates increased to cover inflationary cost increases. All increases are subject to agreement by the fee sub-committee. Updated hourly rates were agreed with the fee sub-committee with effect from 1 July 2022 until 31 December 2023 with a 3% inflationary increase effective from 1 July 2023.

We set out below the maximum charge-out rates per hour for the grades of our staff. The Joint Administrators' core team is made up of both UK and Gibraltar staff. Where the Joint Administrators draw on the expertise of specialists within the firm such as actuarial and tax experts, bespoke rates apply.

From 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023*			
Grade	Rate - UK, £/hour	Rate - Gibraltar, £/hour	UK Bespoke Rate, £/hour (maximum)
Partner	980	875	1,687
Director	898	700	1,487
Senior Manager	706	484	1,137
Manager	613	385	882
Senior Associate	495	220	639
Associate	307	110	319
Other	149	n/a	189

From 1 July 2023*			
Grade	Rate - UK, £/hour	Rate - Gibraltar, £/hour	UK Bespoke Rate, £/hour (maximum)
Partner	980	902	1,737
Director	915	721	1,531
Senior Manager	728	498	1,172
Manager	631	397	908
Senior Associate	510	227	658
Associate	316	113	329
Other	153	n/a	195

*These are our agreed rates at 100%, with a minimum 25% remaining at the discretion of the Committee in line with approved resolutions.

Our work in the Period

Whilst this is not an exhaustive list, in the following table we provide more detail on the key areas of work:

Area of work	Work undertaken	Why the work was necessary	What, if any, financial benefit the work provided to Creditors OR whether it was required by statute
Accounting and Treasury	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Processing all incoming funds via the Administrators' accounting system in order to ensure consistency of coding and clarity of reporting. Preparing and updating cash flow reporting. Processing payments, including review and approval by senior case staff. Producing and reviewing monthly bank reconciliations. Cash management using multiple bank accounts and money market deposits. 	To manage the Company's bank accounts	<p>Ensures proper management of the funds held</p> <p>Maximise interest received and minimise interest paid commensurate with appropriate risk tolerances</p>
Assets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pursuing recoveries including reinsurance recoveries, premiums, claims funds and other assets. Investigating the position and potential outcome of recovery from debtors in insolvency procedures. Negotiating with debtors. Continued discussions and fact finding to understand the events leading up to the Company's administration in an attempt to pursue any potential recoveries. 	To ensure returns to the Creditors are maximised	Realise funds for the benefit of Creditors
Claims	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Leading negotiations for a number of large value claims. Ensuring claims are agreed efficiently and at an appropriate value. Progression of French DO claims that were agreed by Elite before the policies were disclaimed on 15 September 2020 for payment by the FGAO. Continued dialogue with the FGAO in respect of creditors whose DO claims arose, but were not agreed, before the policies were disclaimed. Completing the first submission to the GAF for Greek claims eligible for compensation. Re-negotiating and executing French claims handling contract with ACS. Ongoing review of supplier contracts. Completing the claims audit of Quest for the period September 2022 to November 2023. 	To ensure returns to the Creditors are maximised	Maximising funds for the benefit of Creditors

Closure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting with legal, actuarial and tax advisors, Quest and key stakeholders to consider implications of different strategic and exit options from Administration. Preparation and legal drafting of documentation for a scheme of arrangement. Liaising with non-UK compensation schemes in relation to the possible protections available in an exit solution. Developing the agreed strategy with the FSCS for UK protected policyholders. Liaising with the relevant regulators with respect to Elite's potential exit mechanism. Ongoing engagement in respect of the closure of the Italian branch including filing a tax rebate application with the Italian Tax Office. Maintaining an estimated outcome statement. 	To ensure claimants are treated fairly and in line with best practice	Required by statute, ensures all Administration matters have been dealt with
Creditors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Liaising with Creditors and policyholders in various European jurisdictions regarding individual queries. Providing timely Company Website updates. 	To keep the Creditors informed	Work done in anticipation of returning funds to Creditors
Run-off management supervision	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regular meetings and discussions with members of the Quest claims handling team. Regular meetings with Quest to discuss key issues, budgets and operational matters. Monitoring and providing feedback on performance and management information supplied. Reviewing and agreeing costs and budget including supporting evidence provided by the Run-off Manager. 	To ensure claimants are treated fairly and in line with best practice	Ensuring service levels are maintained for Elite policyholders
Statutory and compliance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Officeholder oversight. Conducting case reviews every six months. Reviewing the Company's books and records. Managing internal case, filing and accounting systems. Maintaining our records, preparing file notes, filing relevant letters, emails and supporting documentation. Compliance activities such as anti-money laundering checks, sanctions screening and information handling protocol. 	To comply with statutory obligations	Required by statute / regulation

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preparing for and attending a meeting with the fees sub-committee. • Preparing and issuing all statutory documents, notices and reports as required. • Liaising with the relevant regulators and third-party stakeholders, including the Creditors' Committee. 		
Strategy and planning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Refining strategy and progress toward the objectives of the Administration, an indicative timeline, and key milestones. • Evaluating strategic options to be implemented in order to achieve the objectives of the Administration. • Discussions with third-parties to assess the Company's affairs including the events and circumstances leading up to the Company's Administration. • Reviewing documentation and correspondence to determine whether there are any actions against any third parties. 	To ensure case progression and monitor costs	Ensures orderly progression of case and cost management
Tax and VAT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ongoing work to understand post-appointment liabilities in various jurisdictions. • Further investigation into potential tax related recoveries in different European jurisdictions. • Ongoing consideration of tax compliance matters in all territories the Company operated in. • Submission of various tax returns in the UK and Italy. • Specialist assistance as required in respect of the closure of the Italian branch. 	To comply with statutory obligations	Required by statute and ensures the appropriate payment of corporation and other taxes, for the benefit of Creditors

Our future work

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

Area of work	Our Future work	What, if any, financial benefit the work provided to Creditors OR whether it is required by statute
Accounting and treasury	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bank reconciliations. • Cash management. • Currency hedging analysis. • Requesting bank account and other creditor details. • Accounting for payments and receipts into the case bank accounts. • Processing payments. • Dealing with unbanked dividend cheques. 	Ensures proper management of the funds held
Assets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Managing the remaining two active cases under the RB ATE and DA ATE businesses. 	Realise funds for the benefit of Creditors

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Analysing Company records and pursuing recoveries including reinsurance recoveries, premiums, claims funds and other assets. Corresponding with reinsurance debtors and Quest regarding settlements following case by case cost benefit analysis. Engage with the CBLI liquidator in relation to recovery of deferred consideration subject to the Commutation. 	
Claims	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensuring claims are agreed efficiently and at an appropriate value. Reviewing and responding to referrals from Quest/ACS claims handlers and approving actions with respect to large value, litigated claims or claims recoveries from third-parties. Continuing to negotiate large value claims. Ongoing management of claims following the disclaimers of various books of business. Reviewing payments and supporting evidence in relation to FSCS eligible policyholders. Liaising with the FGAO and relevant experts regarding compensation for Elite's French DO policyholders and ongoing submission of Accrued Liabilities for payment. Ongoing correspondence with the SCA regarding the reasons for their decision that Elite does not qualify to apply for payments to be made from the ICF. Ongoing submission of claims from eligible Greek policyholders to the GAF. Overseeing complaints handling. Adjudication of claims. Manage all supplier contracts. Regular claims audits to be undertaken. 	Maximising funds for the benefit of Creditors
Closure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ongoing implementation of the plan and timeline for an exit from Administration including all the appropriate communications with creditors. Finalise and implement the agreed strategy with the FSCS for eligible UK protected policyholders. Establish and implement an effective claims handling and valuation system. Liaise with the Gibraltar Court and GFSC to ensure compliance during exiting an Administration. Obtaining clearances for closure. Closure procedures. Winding down the Company's affairs generally. 	Required by statute, ensures all Administration matters have been dealt with
Creditors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Liaising with Creditors. Responding to queries from Direct Insurance Creditors. Maintaining an estimated outcome statement. Preparation and payment of dividends. 	Work done in anticipation of returning funds to Creditors
Run-off management supervision	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monitoring Quest performance against budget. Quarterly meetings to discuss performance and Management Information. Maintain operating protocols. Negotiation of a further run-off management agreement and other claims handling agreements ahead of their expiries. 	Ensuring service levels are maintained for Elite policyholders
Statutory and compliance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complying with statutory filing requirements. Preparing and circulating six monthly progress reports to Creditors. Ongoing regular communications with the Creditors' Committee and fees sub-committee. Ongoing communications with key stakeholders. 	Required by statute / regulation
Strategy and planning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preparing fee budgets and monitoring costs. Holding team meetings. Providing updates to the Joint Administrators regarding the case. Ongoing contract negotiations with suppliers in several jurisdictions. Conducting case reviews on the status of the Administration to assist the JAs with strategic decision making in relation to the Administration. 	Ensures orderly progression of case and cost management

Tax and VAT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completing post-appointment tax returns. • Obtaining tax clearance from the appropriate tax authorities. • Pursuing tax recoveries. • Tax submissions in relation to the closure of the Italian branch. 	Required by statute and ensures the appropriate payment of corporation and other taxes, for the benefit of Creditors
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Payments to associates

We have instructed the following professionals on this case due to their jurisdictional tax and regulatory expertise and for efficiency purposes. The amounts shown were paid in the Period.

Service provided	Name of firm / organisation	Jurisdiction	Basis of fees	Amount incurred
Professional Services	PricewaterhouseCoopers Advisory SpA	Italy	Time costs and disbursements	€37,553
Tax and regulatory	PricewaterhouseCoopers Tax & Legal Services, S.L.	Spain	Time costs and disbursements	€10,581

As required with all third-party professionals, submission of time costs analyses and narrative, or a schedule of realisations achieved dependent on their fee basis, is supplied in support of invoices rendered. All invoices are reviewed before being approved for payment. We are satisfied that the level of costs is appropriate.

Disbursements

Disbursements are costs paid by the Joint Administrators and may include an element of shared or allocated costs.

Disbursements totalling £1,925 were incurred in the Period relating to the below categories.

Category	Amount incurred (£)
Travel expenses	962
Archiving costs	309
Postage and other	654
Total	1,925

Our relationships

Other than as previously disclosed, 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.

Legal and other professional firms

In addition to the associates previously mentioned, we have instructed the following professionals on this case:

Service provided	Name of firm / organisation	Reason selected	Basis of fees
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legal services, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Assistance when dealing with and concluding claims ◦ Costs incurred when recovering money in relation to claims 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A and L Goodbody • Ayache Salama • Bryan Cave Leighton Paisner LLP • Clifford Chance LLP • Clyde & Co Claims LLP • CMS Adonnino Ascoli & Cavasola Scamoni • CMS Albinana & Suarez de Lezo, S.L.P • Da Ros Associes • DWF Rousaud Costas Duran Abogados • Ellul & Co. Limited • Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer LLP • Gateley Plc • Jean-Baptiste Meyrier • Kennedys Law LLP • Kiejman & Marembert • SCP L. Poulet-Odent • Studio Legale Avv. Michele Tavazzi • Triay Lawyers Limited • Unalome Legal Sarl • Weightmans LLP 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Industry knowledge • Insolvency expertise • Jurisdictional expertise 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Time costs and disbursements
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agent/Claims handling 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ACS Solutions • All Risks SRL • Crawford & Company Legal Services Ltd • Marley Risk Consultants • Quest Consulting (London) Limited • Woodgate and Clark Limited 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Policyholder knowledge • Claims handling experience 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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:	The Supreme Court of Gibraltar Case number: 2019/COMP/002
Full and trading name:	Elite Insurance Company Limited
Registered number:	91111
Registered address:	327 Main Street, GX11 1AA, Gibraltar
Date of the Administration appointment:	11 December 2019
Joint Administrators' names and addresses:	Edgar Charles Andrew Lavarello of PricewaterhouseCoopers Limited Gibraltar, 327 Main Street, Gibraltar and Dan Yoram Schwarzmann of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP UK, 1 Embankment Place, London, WC2N 6RH UK
Company Website:	www.pwc.co.uk/elite-insurance
Objective being pursued by the Joint 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)
Division of the Joint Administrators' responsibilities:	In relation to the powers set out in schedule 1 of GIA11, during the period for which the Administration is in force, any function to be exercised by the persons appointed to act as Administrators may be done by any or all of the persons appointed or any of the persons for the time being holding that office
Regulation (EU) 2015/848 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 May 2015 on Insolvency Proceedings (recast):	The EC Insolvency Regulation does not apply



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