

Joint administrators' progress report from 28 August 2021 to 27 February 2022

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(in administration)

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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
Company	Maplin Electronics Limited
Joint Administrators	Jane Steer and Zelf Hussain
Firm	PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP
IR16	Insolvency (England and Wales) Rules 2016
IA86	Insolvency Act 1986
Sch.B1 IA86	Schedule B1 to the Insolvency Act 1986
HMRC	HM Revenue & Customs
Hilco	Hilco Retail Services Limited
IP	Intellectual Property, including the Maplin brand
Proposals	Joint administrators' proposals for achieving the purpose of administration dated 19 April 2018
Rutland	Rutland Partners LLP
Wells Fargo	Wells Fargo Capital Finance (UK) Limited
Secured creditors	Creditors with security in respect of their debt, in accordance with section 248 IA86
Preferential creditors	Claims for unpaid wages earned in the four months before the insolvency up to £800, holiday pay and unpaid pension contributions in certain circumstances
Unsecured creditors	Creditors who are neither secured nor preferential
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

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Please note you should read this report in conjunction with the Joint Administrators' previous reports issued to the Company's creditors, which can be found at www.pwc.co.uk/maplin. Unless stated otherwise, all amounts in this report and appendices are stated net of VAT.

Jane Steer and Zelf Hussain have been appointed as Joint Administrators of the Company to manage its affairs, business and property as its agents and act without personal liability. Both are licensed in the United Kingdom to act as insolvency practitioners by the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales. The Joint Administrators are bound by the Insolvency Code of Ethics which can be found at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/insolvency-practitioner-code-of-ethics>

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Key messages

Why we've sent you this report

I'm writing to update you on the progress of the administration of Maplin Electronics Limited in the six months since our last report dated 27 September 2021.

You can still view our earlier reports on our website at www.pwc.co.uk/maplin. Please get in touch with James Crowther on 0113 289 4076 or at crowther.james@pwc.com if you need any of the passwords to access the reports.

How much creditors may receive

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

Class of creditor	Paid to Date £	Current estimate (%)	Previous estimate (%)
Secured creditor - Wells Fargo	11.2m	Paid in full	Paid in full
Secured creditor - Rutland	14.5m	14%	14%
Preferential creditors	Nil	N/a	N/a
Unsecured creditors	600k	Paid 1.04%	Paid 1.04%

**Please note this guidance on dividends is only an indication and should not be used as the main basis of any bad debt provision or debt trading.*

Wells Fargo had a first ranking fixed and floating charge over the Company's assets and were repaid in full shortly following our appointment.

Rutland holds second ranking security over the Company's assets and on our appointment was owed £102m inclusive of accrued interest. To date, Rutland has received distributions totalling £14.5m. We estimate that Rutland will receive a further and final distribution; however, they will suffer a shortfall on their security.

On leaving, all employees received their wages payments in full as well as any payments for holiday accrued but not taken in accordance with the Company's holiday policy. As such, we do not consider there to be any preferential creditors.

In December 2019, a first and final dividend was paid to unsecured creditors from the prescribed part at a rate of 1.04%. This was a better result than the less than 1% originally estimated. There will be no further distribution to unsecured creditors.

What you need to do

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

Overview of what we've done to date

For details of the work we have done to date, please refer to our previous progress reports, which can be found on our case website: www.pwc.co.uk/maplin. If you would prefer a hard copy of any of the previous reports, please contact James Crowther by email at crowther.james@pwc.com.

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

- Finalise insurance matters;
- Conclude the Company's legal claim in relation to credit card charges;
- Submit a final VAT return;
- Make a final distribution to the secured creditor; and
- Deal with closure matters including drafting and issuing the final progress report, closure of our internal systems, obtaining clearances from third parties and removal of the Joint Administrators' bond.

This report provides an update on these key outstanding matters.

Progress since we last reported

In our previous report we outlined a number of tasks we needed to do before the administration could be brought to an end. They fell under the following categories.

Properties

Together with our solicitors, we have continued to agree to surrender leases by operation of law, or alternatively by formal deed. In the period 17 leases were either surrendered or expired, bringing the total to 185. Conversely, the leases for 34 properties remain in place and we continue to deal with any surrender requests received. However, these leases being in place will not prevent the closure of the administration in due course.

We still have public liability insurance in place for the properties where the leases haven't been surrendered or expired. During the period, we began reconciling the insurance position with our insurers. We will settle any refunds due or amounts owed to our insurers in due course. The current cost of insuring the remaining properties is c£8.5k for a 6 month period. However, this may be offset by any refunds due and will also reduce as further leases are surrendered or expire.

Business rates

It came to our attention in the previous period that a historical error by a local council may have led to further business rates recoveries. We are pleased to report that in this period we recovered a further £19.7k in business rates refunds. Currently the total value of business rates refunds stands at £208k. During the period we paid £4.4k to agents in relation to the work involved with recovering these business rates refunds. We understand from our business rates agents, all refunds have now been collected.

Tax and VAT

During the period, our VAT team continued to deal with the Company's VAT affairs. A number of VAT refunds that were being withheld by HMRC were repaid to the Company during the period and are shown on the attached receipts and payments account at Appendix A. As such, we have been able to reconcile our VAT accounts and are now comfortable that all VAT due from HMRC has been paid, and that there is no VAT due from the Company to HMRC (other than what is currently in the VAT control account).

Despite being comfortable that no funds were owed to HMRC, the R&P in our previous report showed the VAT control account having a payable balance of £1.4m. As part of the reconciliation exercise in this period, we have reallocated the VAT payable balance from the VAT control account to 'Trading Sales' in the trading account. The discrepancy was a result of using the Company's systems during the trading period, where VAT was paid directly to HMRC. As such, a payable balance was provisioned for when the income from trading sales was transferred to the administration bank account, despite already being paid.

As we have deregistered for VAT, we will submit a final VAT reclaim by way of a VAT426 form before the closure of the case to recover any further VAT due to the Company.

We have previously obtained corporation tax clearance and HMRC confirmed they had no objection to the closure of the administration.

Creditors

As previously reported, any unclaimed unsecured dividends were paid to the Insolvency Service Unclaimed Dividends Account. Any creditors who did not bank their dividend cheque must now contact the Insolvency Service directly to receive payment.

Legal Claim

We have continued to monitor the progress of the Company's claim in relation to credit card charges, which is being dealt with by a third party as part of a group action, and they have continued to keep us apprised of their work towards a possible settlement. During the period, an extension of time for service of the claim form was granted until 8 December 2022, pending the outcome of a Supreme Court hearing of appeals in similar claims to assist the parties, and the Court, in reaching a conclusion in the litigation. As such, it is highly unlikely the claim will be settled in the next period. However, as previously reported, Rutland is the only creditor with an economic interest in the outcome of this claim and any funds received from this claim will be paid to Rutland under the terms of their security. Rutland is supportive of the strategy for continuing to keep the administration open pending the conclusion of this claim.

As the time to resolve this claim is materially uncertain, we are still exploring options which might enable the administration to be concluded while the claim remains in progress. However, it is likely that we will continue to pursue the claim in the administration.

Extension of the administration

Due to the ongoing legal claim mentioned above, the administrators sought a further extension of the administration. During the period, the court approved the extension and the administration is now due to expire on 27 February 2023.

Changes of administrator

Toby Scott Underwood, one of the previous joint administrators, has retired from the firm. To make sure that outstanding issues in the administration continue to be pursued, an application was made to the Court to remove him and appoint Jane Steer as joint administrator. Jane Steer is licensed in the United Kingdom to act as an insolvency practitioner by the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales.

The application was granted and so Jane Steer replaced Toby Scott Underwood as joint administrator with effect from 30 November 2021. Toby Scott Underwood will be released from all liability in respect of his conduct as administrator with effect from 28 days from the date of this report. Creditors have 28 days from receiving this notice to apply to Court to vary or discharge the Court order.

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 administration from 28 August 2021 to 27 February 2022.

Our expenses

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

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.

Pre-administration costs

You can find in Appendix D information about the approval of the unpaid pre-administration costs previously detailed in our proposals.

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. 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 emailing James Crowther at crowther.james@pwc.com.

What we still need to do

The following is a summary of the work we still need to do before the administration can be brought to an end:

- Finalise insurance matters;
- Conclude the Company's legal claim in relation to credit card charges;
- Submit a final VAT reclaim;
- Make a final distribution to the secured creditor; and

- Deal with closure matters including drafting and issuing the final progress report, closure of our internal systems, obtaining clearances from third parties and removal of the joint administrators' bond.

Next steps

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

If you've got any questions, please get in touch with James Crowther on 0113 289 4076.

Yours faithfully
For and on behalf of the Company

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'J Steer', written in a cursive style.

Jane Steer
Joint Administrator

Appendix A: Receipts and payments

Maplin Electronics Limited receipts and payments account for the period from 28 February 2018 to 27 February 2022

Directors' statement of affairs (£)	28 February 2018 to 27 August 2021 (£)	28 August 2021 to 27 February 2022 (£)	28 February 2018 to 27 February 2022 (£)
Fixed Charge			
Receipts			
133,649 Freehold Property	375,000.00	-	375,000.00
489,687 Cash at bank and in transit (Specifically Charged to Wells Fargo)	1,311,415.18	-	1,311,415.18
Sale of Intellectual Property	800,000.00	-	800,000.00
Wells Fargo guarantee not called upon	685,000.00	-	685,000.00
Total Receipts	3,171,415.18	-	3,171,415.18
Payments			
Distribution to Wells Fargo	(2,486,415.18)	-	(2,486,415.18)
Total Payments	(2,486,415.18)	-	(2,486,415.18)
Net Fixed Charge Realisations	685,000.00	-	685,000.00
Floating Charge			
Receipts			
2,293,676 Trading Surplus / (Deficit) (see trading account for detailed breakdown)	21,708,335.70	-	21,708,335.70
Cash at Bank and in Transit on Appointment	1,156,774.97	-	1,156,774.97
Receipt of funds from Rutland regarding Incentives Scheme	270,300.00	-	270,300.00
Refunds	10,220.62	-	10,220.62
Insurance Receipt	15,752.63	-	15,752.63
Rates Refunds	187,902.19	19,720.25	207,622.44
Premiums on Lease Assignments / Surrenders	819,328.97	-	819,328.97
Sale of Laptops	250.00	-	250.00
Fixtures and fittings	61,821.93	-	61,821.93
Vehicles	55,750.00	-	55,750.00
200,000 Book debts	614,252.00	-	614,252.00
Receipts from pre-appointment legal actions	416.82	-	416.82
41,174,561 Stock (see note 1)	-	-	-
866,351 Fixtures (see note 6)	-	-	-
364,581 Bank Interest	66,482.25	31.22	66,513.47
Prepayments	-	-	-
Storage costs	557.00	-	557.00
Funds Transferred from EUR account	1,599,684.41	-	1,599,684.41
Funds returned from Eversheds Sutherland in relation to float held	20,000.00	-	20,000.00
Total Receipts	26,587,829.49	19,751.47	26,607,580.96
Payments			
NIF - Wage arrears & Holiday pay	(5,463.18)	-	(5,463.18)
Statutory Advertising	(152.00)	-	(152.00)
Bank charges	(59,273.41)	-	(59,273.41)
Agents' fees - Consulting on IP sale	(5,000.00)	-	(5,000.00)
Legal fees property related - lease premiums	(87,939.00)	-	(87,939.00)
Rent paid in relation to lease premiums	(76,149.36)	-	(76,149.36)
Service charge in relation to lease premiums	(4,754.56)	-	(4,754.56)
Other property costs in relation to lease premiums	(9,082.64)	-	(9,082.64)
Agents' fees - employee services	-	-	-
Agents' fees - property related and lease premiums	(99,591.74)	(4,437.06)	(104,028.80)
Legal fees	(126,060.84)	-	(126,060.84)
Storage costs	(28,351.79)	(2,655.29)	(31,007.08)
Distribution to Floating Charge Holder - Wells Fargo	(8,716,868.93)	-	(8,716,868.93)
Distribution to Floating Charge Holder - Rutland	(14,591,125.94)	-	(14,591,125.94)
Sundry debts and refunds	(19,872.62)	7.26	(19,865.36)
Insurance	(333,140.48)	-	(333,140.48)
Administrators' fee (see note 7)	(2,000,000.00)	-	(2,000,000.00)
Administrators' expenses	(38,100.63)	-	(38,100.63)
Total Payments	(26,200,927.12)	(7,085.09)	(26,208,012.21)
Net Floating Charge Realisations	386,902.37	12,666.38	399,568.75
Prescribed Part distribution to unsecured creditors (1.05p in the £) paid 17 December 2019	(599,948.26)	-	(599,948.26)
Charges for uncashed dividend cheques	(55.00)	-	(55.00)
Total cost of prescribed part	(600,003.26)	-	(600,003.26)
Net Floating Charge Realisations	471,899.11	12,666.38	(200,434.51)
VAT Control Account (see note 5)	(120,769.85)	118,666.80	(2,103.05)
Balance held in Non-Interest Bearing Current Account	351,129.26	131,333.18	482,462.44

Notes:

- 1 Stock was sold through the trading of the stores, and therefore value for this is included in the trading profit line
- 2 All items are stated net of VAT
- 3 Funds are held in non-interest bearing account, however due to a banking error, we have received interest. This may be paid back to the bank in due course.
- 4 Only statement of affairs balances where the estimated to realise value is above zero have been included
- 5 The brought forward balance in the VAT control account differs from the carried forward amount in our previous report. This is a result of the VAT account reconciliation exercise, which resulted in a balance of £1.5m being moved to sales in the trading statement.
- 6 The director's statement of affairs showed an estimated value of fixtures and fittings of £866k. However, prior to the vacation of the stores and distribution centre, we ascertained that there was no value in these assets.
- 7 Administrators fees were paid on a fixed fee basis.

Maplin Electronics Limited trading statement for the period from 28 February 2018 to 27 February 2022

Directors' statement of affairs (€)	Trading Statement - GBP	28 February 2018 to 27 August 2021	28 August 2021 to 27 February 2022	28 February 2018 to 27 February 2022
		(€)	(€)	(€)
	Trading Receipts			
	Sales (see note 4)	49,754,759.09	-	49,754,759.09
	Currency Gains	1,990.92	-	1,990.92
	Trading refunds	80,395.96	-	80,395.96
	Bank charge credits - Worldpay	955.53	-	955.53
	Overdraft Facility from Wells Fargo	500,000.00	-	500,000.00
	Irrecoverable VAT	3,620.78	-	3,620.78
	Trading Receipts Total	50,341,722.28	-	50,341,722.28
	Trading Payments			
	Repayment of overdraft to Wells Fargo	(500,000.00)	-	(500,000.00)
	Change Withdrawn from Stores	(273,099.50)	-	(273,099.50)
	Agents Fees - Secure Cash Collection from Stores	(136,818.83)	-	(136,818.83)
	Other Costs of sales	(29,158.12)	-	(29,158.12)
	Coin Delivery	(6,985.00)	-	(6,985.00)
	Sundry expenses	(83,897.80)	-	(83,897.80)
	Sales Commission	(73,905.70)	-	(73,905.70)
	Payment to HMRC to Stock in Bonded Warehouse	(1,808,694.26)	-	(1,808,694.26)
	Retention of Title Claims	(707,283.63)	-	(707,283.63)
	Rent	(4,502,385.45)	-	(4,502,385.45)
	Other Property Costs	(79,857.88)	-	(79,857.88)
	Service Charge	(229,633.46)	-	(229,633.46)
	Business Rates	(1,893,151.35)	-	(1,893,151.35)
	Wages and Salaries (net)	(6,500,105.89)	-	(6,500,105.89)
	Wage payment to employees of Maplin (Hong Kong) Limited	(69,870.71)	-	(69,870.71)
	Employee expenses	(88,433.30)	-	(88,433.30)
	PAYE/NIC and Pension Deductions	(2,060,852.72)	-	(2,060,852.72)
	Purchases	(4,856,157.00)	-	(4,856,157.00)
	Utilities	(442,878.93)	-	(442,878.93)
	Telephone Costs	(16,537.87)	-	(16,537.87)
	Subcontractors - temp staff	(327,608.63)	-	(327,608.63)
	Fuel costs	(198.00)	-	(198.00)
	Motor and travel expenses	(3,368.33)	-	(3,368.33)
	Logistics	(1,493,390.97)	-	(1,493,390.97)
	Cleaning, Waste and Recycling	(114,393.12)	-	(114,393.12)
	Sales Support Fees - Third Party Installer	(60,708.06)	-	(60,708.06)
	Security Costs	(93,783.39)	-	(93,783.39)
	Repairs and Maintenance	(94,549.87)	-	(94,549.87)
	Trading refunds	(20,346.06)	-	(20,346.06)
	IT Costs	(399,353.10)	-	(399,353.10)
	Lease/hire payments	(36,532.72)	-	(36,532.72)
	Licences	(9,375.00)	-	(9,375.00)
	Legal Settlements	(58,325.94)	-	(58,325.94)
	Office costs and postage	(91,551.14)	-	(91,551.14)
	Duress Payments	(374,958.00)	-	(374,958.00)
	Health and Safety Costs	(11,818.34)	-	(11,818.34)
	Marketing Costs	(558,033.31)	-	(558,033.31)
	Agents Fees - Exiting stores	(509,327.99)	-	(509,327.99)
	Group Pension Premium	(12,372.45)	-	(12,372.45)
	Irrecoverable VAT	(3,684.76)	-	(3,684.76)
	Trading Payments Total	(28,633,386.58)	-	(28,633,386.58)
	Trading Account Surplus/(Deficit)	21,708,335.70	-	21,708,335.70

Notes

- 1 All items are stated net of VAT
- 2 VAT payable / receivable on trading receipts and payments are included on the main R&P
- 3 Funds are held in non interest bearing accounts
- 4 The brought forward balance in trading sales receipts differs from the carried forward amount in our previous report. This is a result of the VAT account reconciliation exercise, which resulted in a balance of £1.5m being moved to sales in the trading statement.

Appendix B: Expenses

Expenses are amounts properly payable by us as joint 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 don't 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 this case the secured creditors) also has the responsibility for agreeing the policies for payment of Category 2 expenses.

The rate for services provided by the Joint 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

Category	Policy	Costs incurred £
2	Photocopying – At 5 pence per sheet copied, only charged for circulars to creditors and other bulk copying.	-
2	Mileage – At a maximum of 71 pence per mile (up to 2,000cc) or 93 pence per mile (over 2,000cc)	-
1	Administrator's bonding insurance	10.00
Total for this period		10.00
Brought forward		11,378.50
Total		11,388.50

The expense policy set out above has been approved by the secured creditors.

The following tables show expenses incurred to date and an estimate of further expenses we consider will be (or are likely to be) incurred. Expenses are amounts properly payable by us as joint administrators from the estate, but excludes distributions to creditors and our fees. The estimate also excludes any potential tax liabilities that may be payable as an expense of the administration in due course because amounts 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.

Maplin Electronics Limited Trading Expenses

	Expenses incurred from 28 February 2018 to 27 August 2021 (£)	Expenses incurred in the period 28 August 2021 to 27 February 2022 (£)	Total expenses to 27 February 2022 (£)	Estimated future expenses (£)	Anticipated total expenses (£)	Previous Estimate (£)	Variance (£)
Repayment of overdraft to Wells Fargo	500,000.00	-	500,000.00	-	500,000.00	500,000.00	-
Change Withdrawn from Stores	273,099.50	-	273,099.50	-	273,099.50	273,099.50	-
Agents Fees - Secure Cash Collection from Stores	136,818.83	-	136,818.83	-	136,818.83	136,818.83	-
Other Costs of sales	29,158.12	-	29,158.12	-	29,158.12	29,158.12	-
Coin Delivery	6,985.00	-	6,985.00	-	6,985.00	6,985.00	-
Sundry expenses	83,897.80	-	83,897.80	-	83,897.80	83,897.80	-
Sales Commission	73,905.70	-	73,905.70	-	73,905.70	73,905.70	-
Payment to HMRC to Stock in Bonded Warehouse	1,808,694.26	-	1,808,694.26	-	1,808,694.26	1,808,694.26	-
Retention of Title Claims	707,283.63	-	707,283.63	-	707,283.63	707,283.63	-
Rent	4,502,385.45	-	4,502,385.45	-	4,502,385.45	4,502,385.45	-
Other Property Costs	79,857.88	-	79,857.88	-	79,857.88	79,857.88	-
Service Charge	229,633.46	-	229,633.46	-	229,633.46	229,633.46	-
Business Rates	1,893,151.35	-	1,893,151.35	-	1,893,151.35	1,893,151.35	-
Wages and Salaries (net)	6,500,105.89	-	6,500,105.89	-	6,500,105.89	6,500,105.89	-
Wage payment to employees of Maplin (Hong Kong)	69,870.71	-	69,870.71	-	69,870.71	69,870.71	-
Employee expenses	88,433.30	-	88,433.30	-	88,433.30	88,433.30	-
PAYE/NIC and Pension Deductions	2,060,852.72	-	2,060,852.72	-	2,060,852.72	2,060,852.72	-
Purchases	4,856,157.00	-	4,856,157.00	-	4,856,157.00	4,856,157.00	-
Utilities	442,878.93	-	442,878.93	-	442,878.93	442,878.93	-
Telephone Costs	16,537.87	-	16,537.87	-	16,537.87	16,537.87	-
Subcontractors - temp staff	327,608.63	-	327,608.63	-	327,608.63	327,608.63	-
Fuel costs	198.00	-	198.00	-	198.00	198.00	-
Motor and travel expenses	3,368.33	-	3,368.33	-	3,368.33	3,368.33	-
Logistics	1,493,390.97	-	1,493,390.97	-	1,493,390.97	1,493,390.97	-
Cleaning, Waste and Recycling	114,393.12	-	114,393.12	-	114,393.12	114,393.12	-
Sales Support Fees - Third Party Installer	60,708.06	-	60,708.06	-	60,708.06	60,708.06	-
Security Costs	93,783.39	-	93,783.39	-	93,783.39	93,783.39	-
Repairs and Maintenance	94,549.87	-	94,549.87	-	94,549.87	94,549.87	-
Trading refunds	20,346.06	-	20,346.06	-	20,346.06	20,346.06	-
IT Costs	399,353.10	-	399,353.10	-	399,353.10	399,353.10	-
Lease/hire payments	36,532.72	-	36,532.72	-	36,532.72	36,532.72	-
Licences	9,375.00	-	9,375.00	-	9,375.00	9,375.00	-
Legal Settlements	58,325.94	-	58,325.94	-	58,325.94	58,325.94	-
Office costs and postage	91,551.14	-	91,551.14	-	91,551.14	91,551.14	-
Duress Payments	374,958.00	-	374,958.00	-	374,958.00	374,958.00	-
Health and Safety Costs	11,818.34	-	11,818.34	-	11,818.34	11,818.34	-
Marketing Costs	558,033.31	-	558,033.31	-	558,033.31	558,033.31	-
Agents Fees - Exiting stores	509,327.99	-	509,327.99	-	509,327.99	509,327.99	-
Group Pension Premium	12,372.45	-	12,372.45	-	12,372.45	12,372.45	-
Total	28,629,701.82	-	28,629,701.82	-	28,629,701.82	28,629,701.82	-

Maplin Electronics Limited Non-Trading Expenses

	Expenses incurred from 28 February 2018 to 27 August 2021	Expenses incurred in the period 28 August 2021 to 27 February 2022	Total expenses to 27 February 2022	Estimated future expenses	Anticipated total expenses	Previous Estimate	Variance
	(£)	(£)	(£)	(£)	(£)	(£)	(£)
NIF - Wage arrears & Holiday pay	5,463.18	-	5,463.18	-	5,463.18	5,463.18	-
Statutory Advertising	152.00	-	152.00	-	152.00	227.00	(75.00)
Bank charges	59,273.41	-	59,273.41	1,500.00	60,773.41	60,773.41	-
Agents' fees - Consulting on IP sale	5,000.00	-	5,000.00	-	5,000.00	5,000.00	-
Legal fees property related - lease premiums	87,939.00	-	87,939.00	-	87,939.00	87,939.00	-
Rent paid in relation to lease premiums	76,149.36	-	76,149.36	-	76,149.36	76,149.36	-
Service charge in relation to lease premiums	9,621.69	-	9,621.69	-	9,621.69	9,621.69	-
Other property costs in relation to lease premiums	9,082.64	-	9,082.64	-	9,082.64	9,082.64	-
Agents' fees - property related - lease premiums	99,591.74	4,437.06	104,028.80	2,500.00	106,528.80	99,641.29	6,887.51
Legal fees	126,060.84	4,750.00	130,810.84	4,000.00	134,810.84	131,060.84	3,750.00
Storage costs	28,351.79	2,655.29	31,007.08	5,000.00	36,007.08	32,379.32	3,627.76
Sundry debts and refunds	19,978.87	-	19,978.87	-	19,978.87	19,978.87	-
Insurance	333,140.48	8,500.00	341,640.48	10,000.00	351,640.48	330,130.98	21,509.50
Total	859,805.00	20,342.35	880,147.35	23,000.00	903,147.35	867,447.58	35,699.77

Due to the extension of the administration, we need to maintain public liability insurance for the leasehold properties. We may also incur further legal costs and agents fees, should the administration be extended for another period, to enable the legal claim to materialise.

Appendix C: Remuneration update

The secured creditors approved our fees on a fixed fee basis. To date we have drawn fees of £2,000,000 plus VAT in line with the approval given, as shown on the enclosed receipts and payments accounts.

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

Due to the ongoing holding costs of keeping the administration open, we will be seeking an uplift in our fee cap in due course.

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

Area of work	Work undertaken	Why the work was necessary and what, if any, financial benefit the work provided to creditors OR whether it was required by statute
Assets	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Completing lease surrender deals and corresponding with landlords in relation to lease surrenders• Reviewing insurance policies• Corresponding with insurer regarding ongoing insurance requirements• Monitoring the status of the legal claim	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• To realise the Company's assets at the most favourable price• Maximise realisations from assets for the benefit of the creditors and minimise costs
Creditors	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Responding to secured creditor's queries• Continue to monitor outcome for Rutland and provide updates to them• Updating and maintaining an estimated outcome statement	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• To address creditors' enquiries and keep them informed of the progress of the administration• Required by statute and best practice
Trading	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Liaising with our agents to settle the business rates position for each property	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Continuing to trade cost effectively and with appropriate supervision ensured trading losses were minimised and no litigation costs were incurred that could have resulted from an interruption of the services
Statutory and compliance	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Periodic case reviews• Drafting and sending out a further progress report• Maintaining fee budgets & monitoring cost• Holding team meetings and	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• To keep all stakeholders informed of the course of the administration• For proper case management and retention of records• Required by statute

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> discussions regarding status of administration and key decisions • Considering timings for key case milestones and key strategic decisions • Liaising with lawyers in regards to the extension of the administration • Applying to court for the extension of the administration and filing statutory documents at Companies House and on the case website. • Applying to court for the change in administrator and filing statutory documents following the transfer of appointment. 	
Tax and VAT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Liaising with HMRC regarding unpaid VAT refunds • Continuing to reconcile our VAT accounts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To discharge our obligations to HMRC. • Required by statute.
Accounting and Treasury	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carrying out bank reconciliations • Dealing with receipts, payments and journals, both trading and non-trading related 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For the efficient management of the administrations' funds. • Required by statute.

Our future work

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

Area of work	Work undertaken	Why the work was necessary and what, if any, financial benefit the work provided to creditors OR whether it was required by statute
Assets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Decide how to deal with any residual leases where surrenders can not be agreed • Continue to monitor the status of the legal claim 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To realise the Company's assets at the most favourable price • Maximise realisations from assets for the benefit of the creditors
Creditors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make a further distribution to Rutland in due course • Update and maintain the case estimated outcome statement • Respond to creditor queries • Continue to monitor outcome for Rutland and provide updates to them 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To address creditors' enquiries and keep them informed of the progress of the administration • Required by statute and best practice
Statutory and compliance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Periodic case reviews • Draft and send out further progress reports • Team meetings to review strategy and progress • Maintain fee budgets & monitoring cost • Hold team meetings and discussions regarding status of administration and key decisions • Consider timings for key case milestones and key strategic decisions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To keep all stakeholders informed of the course of the administration • For proper case management and retention of records • Required by statute

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extend the administration if deemed necessary 	
Tax and VAT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submit a final VAT 426 form to reclaim any VAT owed to the Company from HMRC 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To discharge our obligations to HMRC. • Required by statute.
Accounting and Treasury	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carry out bank reconciliations and manage investment of funds • Deal with receipts, payments and journals • Bank account management • Pay any unclaimed unsecured dividend cheques to the Insolvency Service 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For the efficient management of the administrations' funds. • Required by statute.
Closure Procedures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete checklists and diary management system • Close down internal systems • Prepare and issue final report to creditors 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To ensure all outstanding matters are dealt with in good time. • Ensures an orderly case closure

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 out any work during the period.

Legal and other professional firms

We've instructed the following professionals on this case:

Service provided	Name of firm / organisation	Reason selected	Basis of fees
Legal services, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Advice relating to lease assignments;- Assisted with the second, third and fourth extension of the administration;- Advice in relation to assigning the legal claim;- Sale of freehold property; and- Review deeds of surrenders.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Eversheds Sutherland LLP	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Legal knowledge	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Time costs (with certain streams subject to caps)
Legal services, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Property matters which were ongoing at the time of our appointment.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Irwin Mitchell LLP	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pre-appointment knowledge of ongoing Company legal matters.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Time costs
Property agents for marketing purposes	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Gooch Cunliffe Whale LLP	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Industry expertise	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Time costs
IP sales agents	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Metis Partners	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Industry expertise	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Time costs
Business rates agents	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hilco Profit Recovery Limited• Kingford Partnership Limited	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Industry expertise	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• % of realisations
Trading agents	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hilco Retail Services Limited	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Trading expertise	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Fee based on a minimum net realisation into the administration estate

We require all third party professionals to submit evidence such as time costs analyses/narratives/schedule of realisations achieved in support of invoices rendered. We undertake the following steps to review professional firms' costs:

- Review invoices to the terms agreed at the outset.
- Where fees are charged on a time cost basis, a breakdown of such costs is requested and reviewed before payment.

Appendix D: Pre-administration costs

We previously reported unpaid pre-administration costs of £52,433. We are not seeking approval to draw these costs.

Appendix E: Other information

Court details for the administration:	High Court of Justice, Chancery Division, Manchester District Registry, Case No. 2175 of 2018
Company's registered name:	Maplin Electronics Limited
Trading name:	Maplin Electronics Limited
Registered number:	01264385
Registered address:	Central Square, 29 Wellington Street, Leeds, LS1 4DL
Date of the joint administrators' appointment:	28 February 2018
Joint administrators' names, addresses and contact details:	Jane Steer, PwC, Central Square, 29 Wellington Street, Leeds, LS1 4DL Zelf Hussain, PwC, 7 More London, Riverside, London, SE1 2RT Contact telephone number: 0113 289 4076 Contact email address: crowther.james@pwc.com
Extension(s) to the initial period of appointment:	Administration extended to 27 February 2023