

# Joint administrators' progress report from 28 February 2019 to 27 August 2020

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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
<b>Company</b>	Maplin Electronics Limited
<b>Administrators</b>	Zelf Hussain, Toby Scott Underwood and Ian David Green
<b>Firm</b>	PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP
<b>IR16</b>	Insolvency (England and Wales) Rules 2016
<b>IA86</b>	Insolvency Act 1986
<b>Sch.B1 IA86</b>	Schedule B1 to the Insolvency Act 1986
<b>HMRC</b>	HM Revenue & Customs
<b>Hilco</b>	Hilco Retail Services Limited
<b>ICAEW</b>	Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales
<b>IP</b>	Intellectual Property, including the Maplin brand
<b>Proposals</b>	Joint administrators' proposals for achieving the purpose of administration dated 19 April 2018
<b>Rutland</b>	Rutland Partners LLP
<b>SIP</b>	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.
<b>Wells Fargo</b>	Wells Fargo Capital Finance (UK) Limited
<b>Secured creditors</b>	Creditors with security in respect of their debt, in accordance with section 248 IA86
<b>Preferential creditors</b>	Claims for unpaid wages earned in the four months before the insolvency up to £800, holiday pay and unpaid pension contributions in certain circumstances
<b>Unsecured creditors</b>	Creditors who are neither secured nor preferential
<b>Prescribed part</b>	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
<b>ROT claims</b>	Claims to retention of title over goods supplied to the Company but not paid for before the Administrators' appointment

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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 23 March 2020.

You can still view our earlier reports on our website at [www.pwc.co.uk/maplin](http://www.pwc.co.uk/maplin). Please get in touch with James Crowther on 0113 289 4076 or at [crowther.james@pwc.com](mailto: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 (%)
<b>Secured creditor - Wells Fargo</b>	11.2m	Paid in full	Paid in full
<b>Secured creditor - Rutland</b>	14.5m	14%	14%
<b>Preferential creditors</b>	Nil	N/a	N/a
<b>Unsecured creditors</b>	600k	Paid 1.04%	Less than 1%

*\*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 (£1m paid in this period). We estimate that they will receive a further and final distribution, however, Rutland will suffer a shortfall on its security.

We still do not anticipate that there will be any preferential creditors as, 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. Should this position change, we shall let you know.

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 previously 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](http://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](mailto:crowther.james@pwc.com).

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

- Finalise utility and insurance matters;
- Complete the assignment of the legal claim;
- Submit a final VAT return and obtain corporation tax clearance;
- 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 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.

## Trading

Since the end of the period we have settled some final invoices relating to the trading period, totalling c£8.9k (plus VAT). We now believe there are no more supplier invoices outstanding relating to the trading period and all trading expenses have been settled.

## Properties

Together with our solicitors, we have continued to offer to surrender leases by operation of law, or alternatively by formal deed. To date 116 leases have either been surrendered or have expired. Conversely, the leases for 103 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. In the period we paid £41k in relation to this insurance cover.

We believe we have now settled all landlord expenses in relation to the trading period and we expect no more rental payments will be made.

## Debtors

In the period we received £8k in relation to book debt realisations. Our book debts collections have now finished and we have achieved a positive result collecting a total of £614k since our appointment. Other than residual legacy debts, which will be immaterial in value, we do not expect to receive any more funds in relation to book debts.

## Business rates

In total we have now received refunds of £145k (£0.5k in this period) in relation to business rates. These recoveries relate to business rates payments made prior to our appointment. We have paid a total of £1.8m and €33k in relation to post appointment business rates. We used agents to assist with the exercise of collecting business rates refunds and paying post appointment business rates liabilities to ensure the charges we are paying are correct.

The business rates workstream has now concluded and we do not expect to receive any more funds in relation to book debt realisations.

## Tax and VAT

As administrators, we continue to deal with the Company's tax and VAT affairs and filing obligations. The Company has previously deregistered for VAT purposes and we will submit a final VAT reclaim before the closure of the case to recover any VAT due to the Company.

We submitted the final corporation tax computation and simultaneously requested tax clearance from HMRC. We have continued to pursue HMRC for corporation tax clearance, however, we are yet to receive it.

## Creditors

During the period we paid £1m to Rutland as a secured creditor distribution. As previously reported, we paid the prescribed part unsecured dividend in December 2019. Any unclaimed unsecured dividends will be passed to the Insolvency Service imminently.

## Legal Claim

As previously reported, prior to our appointment the Company joined a group action in relation to credit card charges, which had been ruled by the European Court to be unfair. As Rutland is the only creditor with an economic interest in the outcome of this claim, we took advice in relation to the possibility of assigning the benefit of the claim to Rutland. Due to certain legal complexities, the claim has not been assigned as to do so may have impacted the potential amount recovered and we therefore continue to monitor the position as regards this claim.

## 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 February 2020 to 27 August 2020.

## 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.

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.

## 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/2017/administration-creditor-fee-guide-6-april-2017.ashx?la=en>

You can also get a copy free of charge by emailing James Crowther at [crowther.james@pwc.com](mailto: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 claim in relation to credit card charges;
- Submit a final VAT return and obtain corporation tax clearance;
- 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 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 the 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



Toby Underwood  
Joint Administrator



# Appendix A: Receipts and payments

## Maplin Electronics Limited receipts and payments account for the period 28 February 2018 to 27 August 2020

Directors' statement of affairs	28 February 2018 to 27 February 2020	28 February 2020 to 27 August 2020	28 February 2018 to 27 August 2020
(£)	(£)	(£)	(£)
<b>Fixed Charge</b>			
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
	800,000.00	-	800,000.00
	685,000.00	-	685,000.00
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>3,171,415.18</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,171,415.18</b>
Payments			
	(2,486,415.18)	-	(2,486,415.18)
<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>(2,486,415.18)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(2,486,415.18)</b>
<b>Net Fixed Charge Realisations</b>	<b>685,000.00</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>685,000.00</b>
<b>Floating Charge</b>			
Receipts			
2,293,676 Trading Surplus / (Deficit) (see trading account for detailed breakdown)	20,521,567.07	(325,000.00)	20,196,567.07
	1,156,774.97	-	1,156,774.97
	270,300.00	-	270,300.00
	10,220.62	-	10,220.62
	15,752.63	-	15,752.63
	144,869.42	447.10	145,316.52
	819,328.97	-	819,328.97
	250.00	-	250.00
	61,821.93	-	61,821.93
	55,750.00	-	55,750.00
200,000 Book debts	606,423.59	7,828.41	614,252.00
41,174,561 Receipts from pre-appointment legal actions	416.82	-	416.82
866,351 Stock (see note 1)	-	-	-
	-	-	-
364,581 Fixtures	65,274.82	1,207.43	66,482.25
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	557.00	-	557.00
	1,599,684.41	-	1,599,684.41
	-	20,000.00	20,000.00
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>25,324,554.01</b>	<b>(295,517.06)</b>	<b>25,033,475.19</b>
Payments			
	(5,463.18)	-	(5,463.18)
	(152.00)	-	(152.00)
	(59,247.66)	-	(59,247.66)
	(5,000.00)	-	(5,000.00)
	(87,939.00)	-	(87,939.00)
	(76,149.36)	-	(76,149.36)
	(4,754.56)	-	(4,754.56)
	(7,607.63)	(1,475.01)	(9,082.64)
	-	-	-
	(91,074.43)	-	(91,074.43)
	(116,059.76)	(5,180.35)	(121,240.11)
	(20,778.81)	(5,208.64)	(25,987.45)
	(8,716,868.93)	-	(8,716,868.93)
	(13,507,943.58)	(1,083,182.36)	(14,591,125.94)
	(19,978.87)	26.17	(19,952.70)
	(248,779.35)	(41,310.31)	(290,089.66)
	(2,000,000.00)	-	(2,000,000.00)
	(38,100.63)	-	(38,100.63)
<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>(25,005,897.75)</b>	<b>(1,136,330.50)</b>	<b>(26,142,228.25)</b>
<b>Net Floating Charge Realisations</b>	<b>318,656.26</b>	<b>(1,431,847.56)</b>	<b>(1,108,753.06)</b>
Prescribed Part distribution to unsecured creditors (1.05p in the £)	(599,948.26)	-	(599,948.26)
Charges for uncashed dividend cheques	(55.00)	-	(55.00)
<b>Total cost of prescribed part</b>	<b>(600,003.26)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(600,003.26)</b>
<b>Net Floating Charge Realisations</b>	<b>(281,347.00)</b>	<b>(1,431,847.56)</b>	<b>(1,708,756.32)</b>
VAT Control Account	1,491,585.24	(86,708.81)	1,404,876.43
<b>Balance held in Non-Interest Bearing Current Account</b>	<b>1,895,238.24</b>	<b>(1,518,556.37)</b>	<b>381,120.11</b>

### 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
- 4 Only statement of affairs balances where the estimated to realise value is above zero have been included
- 5 Due to an issue with HMRC systems, we are still reconciling our own VAT control account. We are comfortable that there is no VAT owing to HMRC, but the brought forward VAT figure is subject to change. We will recover any VAT due to the Company by way of a VAT426 form.
- 6 The brought forward sales figure has increased by £4k as it was received at the end of the previous period.
- 7 The £20k received from Eversheds Sutherland relates to a repayment of funds held in their client account. These funds were previously paid from the Company to Eversheds Sutherland to be held as a float for any expenses they may incur in dealing with property leases.

**Maplin Electronics Limited trading statement for the period 28 February 2018 to 27 August 2020.**

Directors' statement of affairs (£)	Trading Statement - GBP	28 February 2018 to 27 February 2020 (£)	28 February 2020 to 27 August 2020 (£)	28 February 2018 to 27 August 2020 (£)
	Trading Receipts			
	Sales	48,234,038.64	-	48,234,038.64
	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
-	<b>Trading Receipts Total</b>	<b>48,821,001.83</b>	-	<b>48,821,001.83</b>
	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	(433,927.11)	-	(433,927.11)
	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	(184,327.99)	(325,000.00)	(509,327.99)
	Group Pension Premium	(12,372.45)	-	(12,372.45)
	Irrecoverable VAT	(3,684.76)	-	(3,684.76)
-	<b>Trading Payments Total</b>	<b>(28,299,434.76)</b>	<b>(325,000.00)</b>	<b>(28,624,434.76)</b>
-	<b>Trading Account Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	<b>20,521,567.07</b>	<b>(325,000.00)</b>	<b>20,196,567.07</b>

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

# Appendix B: Expenses

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 administrators from the estate and includes our fees, but excludes distributions to creditors. 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 February 2020	Expenses incurred in the period 28 February to 27 August 2020	Total expenses to 27 August 2020	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	0.00
Change Withdrawn from Stores	273,093.50	-	273,093.50	-	273,093.50	273,093.50	0.00
Agents Fees - Secure Cash Collection from Stores	136,818.83	-	136,818.83	-	136,818.83	136,818.83	0.00
Other Costs of sales	23,158.12	-	23,158.12	-	23,158.12	23,158.12	0.00
Coin Delivery	6,985.00	-	6,985.00	-	6,985.00	6,985.00	0.00
Sundry expenses	83,897.80	-	83,897.80	-	83,897.80	83,897.80	0.00
Sales Commission	73,305.70	-	73,305.70	-	73,305.70	73,305.70	0.00
Payment to HMRC to Stock in Bonded Warehouse	1,808,694.26	-	1,808,694.26	-	1,808,694.26	1,808,694.26	0.00
Retention of Title Claims	707,283.63	-	707,283.63	-	707,283.63	707,283.63	0.00
Rent	4,502,385.45	-	4,502,385.45	-	4,502,385.45	4,480,352.19	22,033.26
Other Property Costs	79,857.88	-	79,857.88	-	79,857.88	76,669.40	3,188.48
Service Charge	229,633.46	-	229,633.46	-	229,633.46	229,633.46	0.00
Business Rates	1,893,151.35	-	1,893,151.35	-	1,893,151.35	Unknown	0.00
Wages and Salaries (net)	6,500,105.89	-	6,500,105.89	-	6,500,105.89	6,500,105.89	0.00
Wage payment to employees of Maplin (Hong Kong)	69,870.71	-	69,870.71	-	69,870.71	69,870.71	0.00
Employee expenses	88,433.30	-	88,433.30	-	88,433.30	88,433.30	0.00
PAYE/NIC and Pension Deductions	2,060,852.72	-	2,060,852.72	-	2,060,852.72	2,060,852.72	0.00
Purchases	4,856,157.00	-	4,856,157.00	-	4,856,157.00	4,856,157.00	0.00
Utilities	433,927.11	-	433,927.11	20,000.00	453,927.11	471,361.50	-17,434.39
Telephone Costs	16,537.87	-	16,537.87	-	16,537.87	16,537.87	0.00
Subcontractors - temp staff	327,608.63	-	327,608.63	-	327,608.63	327,608.63	0.00
Fuel costs	198.00	-	198.00	-	198.00	198.00	0.00
Motor and travel expenses	3,368.33	-	3,368.33	-	3,368.33	3,368.33	0.00
Logistics	1,493,390.97	-	1,493,390.97	-	1,493,390.97	1,493,390.97	0.00
Cleaning, Waste and Recycling	114,393.12	-	114,393.12	-	114,393.12	114,393.12	0.00
Sales Support Fees - Third Party Installer	60,708.06	-	60,708.06	-	60,708.06	60,708.06	0.00
Security Costs	93,783.39	-	93,783.39	-	93,783.39	93,783.39	0.00
Repairs and Maintenance	94,549.87	-	94,549.87	-	94,549.87	94,549.87	0.00
Trading refunds	20,346.06	-	20,346.06	-	20,346.06	20,346.06	0.00
IT Costs	399,353.10	-	399,353.10	-	399,353.10	399,353.10	0.00
Lease/fire payments	36,532.72	-	36,532.72	-	36,532.72	36,532.72	0.00
Licences	9,375.00	-	9,375.00	-	9,375.00	9,375.00	0.00
Legal Settlements	58,325.94	-	58,325.94	-	58,325.94	58,325.94	0.00
Office costs and postage	91,551.14	-	91,551.14	-	91,551.14	91,551.14	0.00
Dues Payments	374,958.00	-	374,958.00	-	374,958.00	374,958.00	0.00
Health and Safety Costs	11,818.34	-	11,818.34	-	11,818.34	11,818.34	0.00
Marketing Costs	558,033.31	-	558,033.31	-	558,033.31	558,033.31	0.00
Agents Fees - Evolving stores	184,327.59	325,000.00	509,327.59	-	509,327.59	184,327.59	325,000.00
Group Pension Premium	12,372.45	-	12,372.45	-	12,372.45	12,372.45	0.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>28,295,750.00</b>	<b>325,000.00</b>	<b>28,620,750.00</b>	<b>20,000.00</b>	<b>28,640,750.00</b>	<b>26,414,811.30</b>	<b>332,787.35</b>

## Maplin Electronics Limited Non-Trading Expenses

	Expenses incurred from 28 February 2018 to 27 February 2020	Expenses incurred in the period 28 February to 27 August 2020	Total expenses to 27 August 2020	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	0.00
Statutory Advertising	152.00	-	152.00	75.00	227.00	150.00	77.00
Bank charges	59,247.66	-	59,247.66	1,500.00	60,747.66	62,247.66	-1,500.00
Agents' fees - Consulting on IP sale	5,000.00	-	5,000.00	-	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00
Legal fees property related - lease premiums	87,939.00	-	87,939.00	Unknown	87,939.00	87,939.00	0.00
Rent paid in relation to lease premiums	76,149.36	-	76,149.36	Unknown	76,149.36	76,149.36	0.00
Service charge in relation to lease premiums	9,621.69	-	9,621.69	Unknown	9,621.69	9,621.69	0.00
Other property costs in relation to lease premiums	7,607.63	1,475.01	9,082.64	Unknown	9,082.64	7,607.63	1,475.01
Agents' fees - property related - lease premiums	91,074.43	-	91,074.43	2,500.00	93,574.43	94,788.17	-1,213.74
Legal fees	116,059.76	5,180.35	121,240.11	5,000.00	126,240.11	108,303.26	17,936.85
Storage costs	20,778.81	5,208.64	25,987.45	5,000.00	30,987.45	25,572.67	5,414.78
Sundry debts and refunds	19,978.87	-	19,978.87	-	19,978.87	16,978.31	3,000.56
Insurance	248,779.35	41,310.31	290,089.66	Unknown	290,089.66	248,779.35	41,310.31
Administrators' fee	2,000,000.00	-	2,000,000.00	-	2,000,000.00	2,000,000.00	0.00
Administrators' expenses	38,100.63	49.09	38,149.72	3,000.00	41,149.72	43,100.63	-1,950.91
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,785,952.37</b>	<b>53,223.40</b>	<b>2,839,175.77</b>	<b>17,075.00</b>	<b>2,856,250.77</b>	<b>2,791,700.91</b>	<b>25,190.46</b>

# 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.

## Payments to associates

We made no payments to associates in the period covered by this report.

## 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
<b>Assets</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Completing lease surrender deals and corresponding with landlords in relation to lease surrenders</li> <li>Reviewing insurance policies</li> <li>Corresponding with insurer regarding ongoing insurance requirements</li> <li>Liaising with lawyers regarding a potential assignment of the legal claim and monitoring the status of the claim</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To realise the Company's assets at the most favourable price</li> <li>Maximise realisations from assets for the benefit of the creditors</li> </ul>
<b>Creditors</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Responding to secured creditor's queries</li> <li>Making distributions in accordance with security entitlements</li> <li>Continue to monitor outcome for Rutland and provide updates to them</li> <li>Updating and maintaining an estimated outcome statement</li> <li>Receiving proofs of debt and maintaining register</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To address creditors' enquiries and keep them informed of the progress of the administration</li> <li>Required by statute and best practice</li> </ul>
<b>Trading</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Liaising with utility providers to settle final trading costs</li> <li>Liaising with our agents to settle the business rates position for each property</li> <li>Settling all other costs with trading suppliers</li> <li>Negotiating a final settlement agreement, with Hilco, for their agents fees</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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</li> </ul>
<b>Statutory and compliance</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Periodic case reviews</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To keep all stakeholders informed of the</li> </ul>



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Drafting and sending out further progress reports</li> <li>• Maintaining fee budgets &amp; monitoring cost</li> <li>• Holding team meetings and discussions regarding status of administration and key decisions</li> <li>• Considering timings for key case milestones and key strategic decisions</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• course of the administration</li> <li>• For proper case management and retention of records</li> <li>• Required by statute</li> </ul>
<b>Tax and VAT</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pursuing HMRC for corporation tax clearance</li> <li>• Continuing to reconcile our VAT accounts</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To discharge our obligations to HMRC.</li> <li>• Required by statute.</li> </ul>
<b>Accounting and Treasury</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Carrying out bank reconciliations and managing investment of funds</li> <li>• Dealing with receipts, payments and journals, both trading and non-trading related</li> <li>• Bank account management of both Sterling and Euro accounts</li> <li>• Making distributions to secured creditors</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For the efficient management of the administrations' funds.</li> <li>• Required by statute.</li> </ul>

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

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

## Disbursements

We don't need to get approval to draw expenses or disbursements unless they are for shared or allocated services provided by our own firm, including room hire, document storage, photocopying, communication facilities. These types of expenses are called "Category 2" disbursements and they must be directly incurred on the case, subject to a reasonable method of calculation and allocation and approved by the same party who approves our fees.

Our expenses policy allows for all properly incurred expenses to be recharged to the administration and has been / but has not yet been approved by the secured creditors where required.

The following disbursements arose in the period of this report.

Category	Policy NB: where approved, ensure that the photocopying and mileage rates match the rates that were approved by creditors when the fee basis was fixed	Costs incurred £
2	<b>Photocopying</b> – At 5 pence per sheet copied, only charged for circulars to creditors and other bulk copying.	-
3	<b>Mileage</b> – At a maximum of 71 pence per mile (up to 2,000cc) or 93 pence per mile (over 2,000cc)	-
1	All other disbursements reimbursed at cost	
	Postage	49.09
	Storage Costs	-
<b>Total for this period</b>		<b>49.09</b>
<b>Brought forward</b>		11,242.41
<b>Total</b>		<b>11,291.50</b>

## 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

As shown below, we instructed Hilco as specialist retail agents to oversee the running of the stores during the trading period and also the wind down of the stores following the decision to cease trading.

## 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
<b>Legal services, including:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Advice relating to lease assignments;</li> <li>- Assisted with the second extension of the administration;</li> <li>- Advice in relation to assigning the legal claim;</li> <li>- Sale of freehold property; and</li> <li>- Review deed of surrenders.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Eversheds Sutherland LLP</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Legal knowledge</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Time costs</li> </ul>
<b>Legal services, including:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Property matters which were ongoing at the time of our appointment.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Irwin Mitchell LLP</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pre appointment knowledge of ongoing Company legal matters.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Time costs</li> </ul>
<b>Property agents for marketing purposes</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gooch Cunliffe Whale LLP</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Industry expertise</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Time costs</li> </ul>
<b>IP sales agents</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Metis Partners</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Industry expertise</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Time costs</li> </ul>
<b>Business rates agents</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hilco Profit Recovery Limited</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Industry expertise</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• % of realisations</li> </ul>
<b>Trading agents</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hilco Retail Services Limited</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trading expertise</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fee based on a minimum net realisation into the administration estate</li> </ul>

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

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<b>Court details for the administration:</b>	High Court of Justice, Chancery Division, Manchester District Registry, Case No. 2175 of 2018
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<b>Company's registered name:</b>	Maplin Electronics Limited
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<b>Trading name:</b>	Maplin Electronics Limited
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<b>Registered number:</b>	01264385
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<b>Registered address:</b>	Central Square, 29 Wellington Street, Leeds, LS1 4DL
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<b>Date of the joint administrators' appointment:</b>	28 February 2018
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<b>Joint administrators' names, addresses and contact details:</b>	Toby Scott Underwood, PwC, Central Square, 29 Wellington Street, Leeds, LS1 4DL
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<b>Extension(s) to the initial period of appointment:</b>	Administration extended to 28 February 2021
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