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Joint Administrators' progress report from 7 March 2022 to 6 September 2022

Nigel Fredericks Limited (in administration)
(in administration)

High Court of Justice, High Court of Justice, Business and
Property Courts, Insolvency and Companies List (ChD)
Case no. 7347 of 2018

4 October 2022

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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
Administrators / we / us / our	Rachael Maria Wilkinson and Zelf Hussain
Atlantic	Atlantic Risk Management Services Limited
CDDA	Companies Directors Disqualification Act 1986
Charge Holders	National Westminster Bank Plc, RBS Invoice Finance Limited and Lombard North Central Plc (all Secured creditors)
(the) Company	Nigel Fredericks Limited – in administration
firm	PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP
The Insolvency Service	An executive agency of the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy
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
LTO	Licence to occupy
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
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
(the) Purchaser	The purchaser of the Company's business and assets – Nigel Fredericks Trading Limited
Proposals	Joint Administrators' proposals for achieving the purpose of administration dated 14 September 2018
RBS	The Royal Bank of Scotland Plc - Charge Holder
Unsecured creditors	Creditors who are neither secured nor preferential

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/nigel. Unless stated otherwise, all amounts in this report and appendices are stated net of VAT.

Rachael Maria Wilkinson 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:

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Key messages

Why we've sent you this report

We're writing to update you on the progress of the administration of the Company in the six months since our last report dated 1 April 2022.

You can still view our earlier reports on our website at www.pwc.co.uk/nigel.

How much creditors may receive

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

Class of creditor	Current estimate (p in £)	Previous estimate (p in £)
Secured creditors	67	67
Preferential creditors	Nil	Nil
Unsecured creditors	Nil	Nil

We don't think the Secured creditors will fully recover their lending (totalling £8.7m, including amounts owed under the invoice discounting facility) out of their security over the Company's assets.

There are no preferential creditors as there are no arrears of wages or unpaid holiday pay that we're aware of, as all employees transferred to the Purchaser.

We don't think the Company's unsecured creditors (totalling £8.7m per the Company's statement of affairs) will receive any dividend based on what we know currently. The prescribed part provisions do not apply as all realisable assets are secured by floating charges registered prior to 15 September 2003, when the prescribed part provisions came into force.

What you need to do

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

Please note that should you wish to vote in future in relation to any decision procedure during the administration or any subsequent liquidation, or object to a decision sought by deemed consent in the future, you'll need to submit a proof of debt.

A proof of debt form can be downloaded from our website at www.pwc.co.uk/nigel or you can get one by emailing katharine.herridge@pwc.com or telephoning Katharine Herridge on 0113 289 4000.

Overview of what we've done to date

Progress made to date

We set out below a summary of the key areas of work following our appointment on 7 September 2018. Full details can be found by reading our earlier reports.

- We completed the sale of the business and assets of the Company for a net consideration of £23k. All employees transferred to the Purchaser.
- We granted the Purchaser a licence to occupy the Company's properties.
- We discussed and arranged the assignment, extension and/or surrender of various property leases with the Purchaser and the relevant landlords.
- We provided reasonable assistance to the Purchaser in the novation of certain agreements and contracts.
- Up to the date of assignment or surrender, we managed the portfolio of properties, collecting licence fees from the Purchaser and paying rent to the landlords.
- We liaised with the Purchaser and the landlord to expedite the sale of the freehold property at 11a Carlisle Road. Once the sale had been completed, we collected the funds due to the Company into the administration estate.
- We agreed that the Purchaser would collect the book debts and RBS also appointed the debt collection firm Atlantic to monitor and report to RBS on the collection process. During the period of the administration, Atlantic collected a sum of £4.87m.
- We liaised with the Purchaser and DVLA in respect of a number of penalty notices which we received relating to vehicles previously operated by the Company's employees.
- We worked with our legal advisors to take steps to recover the remaining assets from the director's loans account.
- We secured a refund of dividends totalling £35k which had been paid to one of the Company's directors in order to reduce their director's loans account at a point when the Company did not have adequate distributable reserves.
- We pursued refunds of business rates and liaised with specialist agents to explore the possibility of securing further rates refunds.
- We reviewed the conduct of the directors prior to the insolvency of the Company and completed the required statutory submissions to The Insolvency Service.
- We sought and obtained approval from the Secured creditors to fix the basis of our fees and extend the Administration to 6 September 2020.
- We submitted a Terminal Loss Relief claim for the recovery of corporation tax paid prior to the Company's insolvency. A sum of c.£166k was received in the prior reporting period.
- We successfully petitioned to place Mr Nigel Tottman into bankruptcy in respect of the outstanding directors' loans account (see below).
- In February 2021, we transferred a sum of £361k to the bankruptcy trustees of the former director, Mr Nigel Tottman, in respect of the sale of 11a Carlisle Road. These proceeds had previously been held by us as third party funds pending the outcome of the bankruptcy petition.
- We prepared and submitted an application to Court for an extension of the administration which was granted until 6 April 2024.
- We have continued to fulfil our statutory and regulatory obligations as administrators of the Company.

Progress since we last reported

When we last reported, the key outstanding issues were:

- Agreement from HMRC regarding the VAT reclaim of c£100k relating to the pre-appointment period;
- Recovery of the director's loan account; and
- Repayment of the Section 455 tax from HMRC.

Below we provide an update on progress made on these matters in the reporting period.

Asset realisations

Director's loan account

This remains the principal outstanding matter in the administration. The estate of the former director Mr Nigel Tottman is in bankruptcy with insolvency practitioners from Evelyn Partners LLP (formerly known as Smith and Williamson LLP) appointed as trustees ("the trustees"). We have continued to receive updates from the trustees regarding the progress of the proceedings and understand the trustees are conducting further work to establish assets belonging to Mr Tottman and how these can be realised for the benefit of his creditors.

As previously reported, any return into the administration from the bankruptcy will increase the amounts distributable to the Company's Secured creditors but it is very unlikely that the Company's unsecured creditors will receive any distributions. Having received a report from the trustees in August 2022, the timing and quantum of any return to the Company from the bankruptcy proceedings remains uncertain.

Managing the Company's affairs

VAT

The Company has deregistered for VAT with effect from 1 May 2020. VAT incurred after deregistration will be recovered via a VAT426 form.

Having carried out a review of our records from early on in the administration, we have sought to reclaim VAT paid by the Company prior to our appointment which was thought to be c£100k. In the reporting period, HMRC requested some additional information, which we provided. This resulted in £96k being paid to the Company.

We also prepared and submitted a VAT426 form to recover VAT paid by the Company after formal VAT deregistration. This resulted in a sum of £16k being refunded to the Company.

Tax

As mentioned above the Company is awaiting potential funds by way of dividend from the bankruptcy estate of Mr Tottman. If the Company receives the final distribution from the bankruptcy estate, the director's loans will be partially repaid and any outstanding amounts written off.

The Company had made tax payments to HMRC in respect of these loans under Section 455 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010. These tax payments become repayable to the Company 9 months and 1 day after the end of the period when the director's loans are repaid or written off. The amount potentially repayable is thought to be in excess of £300k. The administration of the Company will likely remain open until this matter is resolved.

In respect of the terminal loss receipt, we advised in our last report that we were investigating whether there are any further funds due back to the Company or repayable to HMRC. Having consulted with our tax colleagues on this we have concluded there is no merit in taking any further action on this.

Connected party transactions

We confirm that we have not undertaken a sale of any assets to connected parties and none are expected. There have been no other connected party transactions in the period covered by this report.

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 7 March 2022 to 6 September 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.

The statement excludes our fees, distributions to creditors and 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 and our progress reports.

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 guides 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>

What we still need to do

We remain in office for the following purposes:

- To realise the remaining director's loans asset;
- To complete any recoveries of tax and VAT assets;
- To reach an agreement with the Charge Holders in respect of the most appropriate exit route from the administration; and
- To make a distribution to the Charge Holders.

Whilst we remain in office as administrators, we will also continue to discharge our regular statutory obligations such as submitting tax returns, dealing with any VAT matters and issuing further progress reports to creditors.

Next steps

We expect to send our next report to creditors in about 6 months. If you have any questions, please get in touch by emailing katharine.herridge@pwc.com or telephoning Katharine Herridge on 0113 289 4000.

Yours faithfully
For and on behalf of the Company



Rachael Wilkinson
Joint administrator

Appendix A: Receipts and payments

Directors' statement of affairs		Total 7 September 2021 to 6 March 2022	7 March 2022 to 6 September 2022	Total 7 September 2018 to 6 September 2022
(£)		(£)	(£)	(£)
	Fixed charge			
	Receipts			
	-	-	-	-
	Total receipts	-	-	-
	Payments			
	-	-	-	-
	Total payments	-	-	-
	Net fixed charge receipts	-	-	-
	Floating charge			
	Receipts			
	Sale of business	23,033.29	-	23,033.29
20,000	Sale of Property (Company's beneficial share)	382,200.00	-	382,200.00
	Insurance claims and refunds	1,068.21	-	1,068.21
	Contribution from Purchaser to insurance of properties under LTO	663.52	-	663.52
	Sundry debts and refunds	4,637.57	-	4,637.57
	LTO receipts	237,388.41	-	237,388.41
	Bank interest received gross	4,070.51	2,324.37	6,394.88
	Refund of dividends previously received by director	35,000.00	-	35,000.00
Uncertain	Directors' loans	-	-	-
Uncertain	Section 455 tax repayable	-	-	-
150,587.38	Prepayments and deposits	-	-	-
	Pre-appointment bank accounts	1,793.22	-	1,793.22
	Petition related legal costs	45,039.40	-	45,039.40
	Pre-appointment VAT refund	-	95,676.32	95,676.32
	Corporation tax refund - Terminal loss relief	166,201.10	-	166,201.10
	Total receipts	901,095.23	1,605.66	999,095.92
	Payments			
	Statement of affairs cost	1,500.00	-	1,500.00
	LTO payments including rent and insurance	223,945.85	-	223,945.85
	Property agents' fees in respect of sale of Property	8,384.86	-	8,384.86
	Insurance	3,138.56	-	3,138.56
	Statutory advertising	75.00	-	75.00
	Irrecoverable VAT	0.05	-	0.05
	Office holders' fees	100,000.00	-	100,000.00
	Office holders' expenses	662.26	-	662.26
	Agents' fees	3,107.00	-	3,107.00
	Agents' disbursements	1,305.00	-	1,305.00

Legal fees and expenses	94,391.26	-	94,391.26
Corporation tax	336.87	-	336.87
Total payments	436,846.71	-	436,846.71
Net floating charge receipts	464,248.52	1,605.66	562,249.21
VAT control account	(14,084.72)	16,144.57	2,059.85
Balance held in interest bearing current account	450,163.80	114,145.26	564,309.06

Notes

1. Amounts shown exclude VAT. Funds currently held may include monies due to HMRC, or exclude monies which may be received in due course from HMRC, depending on the net VAT and tax position for the submitted periods.
2. As mentioned previously, the book debts were being collected by a third party (Atlantic) and these realisations will be covered by RBS's invoice discounting facility.
3. Funds are held in an interest bearing bank account with Barclays Bank plc.
4. As explained later in this report, our fees are based on a time cost basis.
5. There have been no payments made to us, our firm or our associates other than from the insolvent estate as shown in the receipts and payments account provided above.
6. Included within our expenses is £118.38 paid in total in relation to 'Category 2' disbursements in accordance with the policy explained in Appendix B.
7. The prescribed part doesn't apply because the realisable assets of the Company are secured in the first instance by the floating charges registered against the Company before 15 September 2003. There are no assets to be captured by the charge registered after 15 September 2003 and so there are no assets from which to ring-fence the prescribed part.

Appendix B: Expenses

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

These include disbursements which are expenses met by and reimbursed to an office holder in connection with an insolvency appointment.

Expenses fall into two categories:

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

We 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 creditor) also has the responsibility for agreeing the policies for payment of Category 2 expenses.

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

The following table provides a breakdown of the Category 2 expenses that 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	Costs incurred by	Policy	Costs incurred £
2	PwC	Photocopying - up to 10 pence per side copied, only charged for circulars to creditors and other bulk copying.	0.02
2	PwC	Mileage - At a maximum of 71 pence per mile (up to 2,000cc) or 80pence per mile (over 2,000cc)	-
1	PwC	Other expenses - all other disbursements reimbursed at cost	
		Storage	0.40
Total			0.42

Our expenses policy allows for all properly incurred expenses to be recharged to the administration and has been approved by the Secured creditors where required.

The table below provides details of the expenses incurred in the administration. It excludes any potential tax liabilities that we may need to pay as an administration expense because amounts becoming due will depend on the position at the end of the tax accounting period.

The 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.

	Brought forward from previous period	Incurred in the period under review	Total incurred to 6 September 2022	Estimated future	Anticipated total	Initial estimate	Variance
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Statement of affairs cost	1,500	-	1,500	-	1,500	1,500	-
Irrecoverable VAT	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Legal fees	135,499	-	135,499	8,000	143,499	12,387	(131,112)
Legal disbursements	1,028	-	1,028	-	1,028	328	(700)
Mileage	100	-	100	-	100	100	-
Travel	59	-	59	-	59	59	-
Printing and postage	494	-	494	962	1,456	1,456	-
Insurance	2,851	-	2,851	-	2,851	4,750	(1,899)
Bonding	225	-	225	-	225	140	85
Professional fees including property agents	11,492	-	11,492	-	11,492	8,385	3,107
Agents' disbursements	1,305	-	1,305	-	1,305	-	1,305
Statutory advertising	75	-	75	75	150	150	-
Bank charges	-	-	-	100	100	100	-
Land Registry fee	9	-	9	-	9	-	9
Other expenses	-	-	-	1,000	1,000	1,000	-
Total	154,637	-	154,637	10,137	164,774	30,355	(129,205)

Our expenses to date have exceeded the original estimate provided to all creditors before the basis of our fees was fixed for the following reasons:

- The Company's share of property agents' fees in respect of the sale of the Property was higher than initially anticipated. The fee was calculated as a percentage of sale proceeds which exceeded the initial expectation. This increase in property related costs was partially offset by lower insurance costs than originally anticipated.
- The increase in total legal costs is due to the Purchaser's insolvency and the associated costs we incurred in dealing with complexities relating to property leases which were yet to be assigned or surrendered.
- In addition, we have incurred further legal costs in pursuing recoveries from the director's loans account and in applying for the extensions of the administration, including longer than expected dealings with the Court due to Covid-19 and more extensive witness statement requirements. However, we have recovered a sum of c.£45k in legal fees associated with the bankruptcy application (to recover the directors' loans account) as these were treated as an expense of the bankruptcy proceedings.

Appendix C: Remuneration update

Our fees were approved on 18 July 2019 on a time costs basis by the Secured creditors. We have not drawn any fees in the period covered by this report.

The time costs incurred in the period covered by this report were £32,966. This brings total time costs incurred from 7 September 2018 to 6 September 2022 to £740,322. This amount does not necessarily reflect the total amount which we will eventually draw as fees.

Our time costs have exceeded our initial estimate of £394,496 approved by the Secured creditors for the reasons detailed further in this section. We are not planning to seek further fee approval as we do not anticipate drawing fees above the initial estimate. So far, we have drawn a total of £100k plus VAT in respect of our fees and expect to draw a further sum before the administration comes to an end. Our time costs have exceeded our original estimate in some work categories but are under budget in others. Overall, our time costs have exceeded the estimated budget for the following reasons:

- Extra work in relation to the LTO as a result of the Purchaser going into administration;
- Complexities relating to assigning and surrendering property leases;
- Dealing with a number of legal technicalities in pursuing recoveries from the director's loan;
- Extra work carried out by our tax specialists assessing a number of options for recovery of tax and dealing with HMRC queries;
- Dealing with a number of unexpected DVLA penalty notices as previously reported; and
- The length of time that the above matters involved also meant that the administration had to be extended three times resulting in significantly higher statutory and compliance costs which we had not initially anticipated.

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

Our hours and average rates

During the period covered by this report, we incurred the following time costs:

Category of work	Partner	Director	Senior Manager	Manager	Senior Associate	Associate/ Other	Offshore Professionals	Hours	Total Cost (£)	Average Hourly Cost (£)
Accounting and Treasury	-	-	-	0.35	1.75	1.20	-	3.30	1,281.50	388.33
Assets	-	1.25	-	-	-	-	-	1.25	1,143.75	915.00
Creditors	-	-	-	-	3.50	-	-	3.50	1,487.50	425.00
Statutory and Compliance	0.50	0.50	1.00	4.75	28.50	1.00	2.50	38.75	18,108.75	467.32
Tax and VAT	-	-	1.40	0.90	18.95	2.65	-	23.90	10,944.50	457.93
Grand Total	0.50	1.75	2.40	6.00	52.70	4.85	2.50	70.70	32,966.00	466.28

Below is our cumulative time costs from 7 September 2018 to 6 September 2022 together with a comparison against our initial estimate.

Category of work	Total hours to 6 September 2022	Total cost to 6 September 2022 (£)	Average hourly rate (£/hour)	Estimate of total hours	Estimate of total cost (£)	Estimate of average hourly rate (£/hour)	Variance - hours	Variance - cost (£)
Accounting and Treasury	136.65	37,855.20	277	83	20,849	253	54	17,006
Assets	267.72	101,443.10	379	229	80,961	354	39	20,482
Creditors	161.37	41,853.85	259	204	49,073	241	(43)	(7,219)
Employees and Pensions	37	13,491	369	36	11,785	328	1	1,706
Investigations	36	9,955	278	47	11,632	245	(11)	(1,677)
Statutory and Compliance	833.43	303,837.15	365	403	127,182	315	430	176,655
Strategy and Planning	147.15	47,947.75	326	129	44,384	344	18	3,564
Tax and VAT	424.55	183,939.35	433	144	48,630	338	281	135,309
Total	2,043.21	740,321.85	362	1,275	394,496	310	768	345,826

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, support and secretarial staff) 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 cashiers, support and secretarial staff is charged separately and isn't included in the hourly rates charged by partners or other staff members. Time is charged in six minute units. The minimum time chargeable is three minutes (i.e. 0.05 units). We don't charge general or overhead costs.

We set out below the maximum charge-out rates per hour for the grades of our staff who already or who are likely to work on the administration.

Grade	From 1 July 2021 (£)	From 1 July 2022 (£)
Partner	980	980
Appointment taking director	N/A	960
Director (not appointee)	840	915
Assistant director	N/A	900
Senior Manager	625	860
Manager	525	730
Senior Associate	425	515
Associate	280	375
Offshore Professionals	280	375 - 515
Support Staff	130	130

We call on colleagues such as those in our Tax, VAT, Real Estate and Pensions departments where we need their expert advice. We may also utilise Technology Specialists from the wider Business Restructuring Services team or other parts of our firm. Their specialist charge-out rates vary but the following are the maximum rates by grade per hour.

Grade	From 1 July 2021 to 31 March 2022 (£)	From 1 April 2022 (£)
Partner	1,680	1,810
Director	1,540	1,660
Senior Manager	1,425	1,570
Manager	860	950
Senior Associate	640	690
Associate	345	375
Offshore Professionals	190	190
Support staff	190	190

Reflecting the increasingly mobile and flexible nature of the PwC workforce and the narrowing of our London and regional cost bases we have moved to one uniform rate card for our standard restructuring and insolvency services from 1 July 2022. This is in line with other parts of PwC, and is also consistent with wider insolvency market practice. We will continue to have a separate rate card for specialist services including our tax, data and technologist support.

Should an increase in charge out rates result in our time costs exceeding the fee estimate provided to creditors at the time we sought approval of the basis of our remuneration, we will need to seek approval from the relevant creditor body in order to draw fees in excess of that estimate.

We have a diverse range of experience and capability within our director and senior manager teams. We have created two further grades within this population to reflect different levels of experience. We have differentiated between those directors who take insolvency appointments and lead insolvency cases (thereby providing considerable leverage to our appointment taking partners and reducing overall costs to insolvent estates), and those directors who help to support the delivery of our insolvency strategy. We have also created differential rates in our senior manager team, acknowledging those insolvency qualified and long serving insolvency experienced senior managers separately from those who are not yet insolvency qualified.

Role descriptions applicable to the new rates are below. In addition, as the range of work that may be undertaken by our offshore professional colleagues increases, we also provide updated information for that role.

Title	Description
Appointment taking director	A licensed insolvency practitioner acting as an office holder on the insolvency appointment and subject to additional office-holder responsibilities compared to a Director who is not an appointed office-holder. Highly experienced in insolvency matters at a senior level, including managing complex insolvencies and supervising teams.
Assistant director	Individuals of Senior Manager title but who are highly experienced in insolvency matters and either with more than 10 years insolvency experience at Senior Manager level or are qualified to JIEB level.
Offshore professional	Offshore professional colleagues may provide assistance, albeit that the majority of the work on this case will be undertaken by the UK based team. An off-shore professional at the higher end of the fee bracket generally has appropriate insolvency experience or an accounting qualification, depending on the nature of the work and will assist with planning and control of various aspects of the insolvency. An off-shore professional at the lower end of the fee bracket will typically have a finance-related qualification and appropriate skills to complete basic insolvency related tasks and provide administrative support to the team including efficient document preparation and data entry, records management, and general data analytics. All work under the supervision of more senior staff.

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

Earlier in this section we have included an analysis of the time spent by the various grades of staff. 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 cheque receipt from HMRC regarding VAT and coding on IPS. Carrying out periodic bank reconciliations and managing investment of funds 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensures proper and secure stewardship of funds 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Statutory requirement
Assets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Liaising with bankruptcy trustees in relation to progress matters, responding to queries and reviewing their remuneration report 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To discharge our duties in respect of the recovery of assets for creditors 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maximising realisations for the creditors
Creditors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reviewing creditor query management system and taking action where appropriate 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To ensure correct and efficient processing of creditor details and claims Keeping creditors informed of the progress of the administration 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Statutory requirement
Statutory and compliance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preparing and issuing our seventh progress report to creditors members and the Registrar Preparing six-monthly case management review Filing all case related documents and correspondence Managing case information database Updating case checklists and diary management system Reviewing and allocating incoming post Maintaining the case website 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To ensure correct and efficient processing of creditor information Ensuring effective management of the case 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Statutory requirement
Tax and VAT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Correspondence with HMRC in relation to the above VAT asset 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To discharge our statutory duty as administrators 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Statutory requirement

- Preparing, reviewing and submitting Corporation Tax returns
- Following up on internal queries regarding Terminal Loss Relief claim
- Reviewing correspondence and liaising with HMRC as required
- Preparing and submitting the VAT426 form

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 is necessary	What, if any, financial benefit the work provided to creditors OR whether it was required by statute	Anticipated costs (£)
Accounting and treasury	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Processing receipts, payments and journals • Carrying out periodic bank reconciliations and managing investment of funds • Closing the administration bank account 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensures proper and secure stewardship of funds 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Statutory requirement. 	6,500
Assets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Liaising with the solicitors, bankruptcy trustees and the Secured Creditor in respect of recovering the director's loans account • Completing the recovery of the directors' loan account and associated tax related work to recover the s455 tax if the loans are repaid. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recovering value for the administration estate 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maximising realisations for the creditors 	11,000
Closure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Obtaining fee clearances from third parties • Completing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensures all matters are properly dealt with 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indirect benefit to creditors as ensures all expenses 	5,000

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> closure checklists • Closing down internal systems 		covered before final distribution to Secured creditors	
Creditors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Issuing correspondence to creditors and their representatives as necessary • Maintaining a record of creditors' details and claims • Receiving and following up creditor enquiries via telephone, email and post • Liaising with Secured creditors in respect of their claims and amounts distributable • Paying a distribution to Secured creditors 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keeping creditors informed of the progress of the administration • To ensure correct and efficient processing of creditor claims • To discharge our duty as administrators 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Statutory requirement • Financial benefit to Secured creditors 	2,500
Employees and Pensions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dealing with any pensions or employee queries, if required • Issuing final statutory pensions notices 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To discharge our duty as administrator in respect of pensions and employees 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Statutory requirement 	1,000
Statutory and compliance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Issuing further progress reports to creditors, members and the Registrar, as required • Issuing final account to creditors, members and the Registrar • Six monthly case reviews • Filing all case related documents and correspondence • Updating case checklists and diary management system for statutory purposes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To ensure correct and efficient processing of creditor claims • Ensuring effective management of the case 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Statutory requirement 	60,000
Strategy and planning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monitoring costs against budget • Maintaining 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To ensure the efficient management of 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Statutory requirement and to minimise the 	5,000

	estimated outcome statement	the case	costs of the administration	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Agreeing strategy with the Secured creditors for the closure of the administration Holding regular team meetings regarding the progression of the administration 			
Tax and VAT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Drafting and submitting periodic VAT 426 returns Drafting and submitting annual tax returns Drafting and submitting the final tax return and obtaining corporation tax clearance Agreeing any further claims for recovery of tax assets and submitting those to HMRC such as the s.455 tax. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To discharge our statutory duty as administrators 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Statutory requirement Recovery of tax increases return to Secured creditors 	15,000
Grand Total				106,000

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

There have been no subcontractors in the current 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"> appointment related matters sale of business contract matters related to assignment of leases on properties 	Shoosmiths LLP	Industry knowledge	Time costs
Legal services, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> recovery of directors' loans account 	BDB Pitmans	Industry knowledge	Time costs

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- application to Court to extend the administration

Legal Counsel services in relation to:	Max Cole of Ely Place Chambers (instructed by BDB Pitmans on our behalf)	Expertise and competitive fees	Fixed fee
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• recovery of directors' loans account			
Property agents in relation to:	Lambert Smith Hampton Group LLP	Industry knowledge	Fixed fee and percentage of realisations
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• property valuation• marketing the property and arranging viewings• reviewing offers received• liaising with solicitors and interested parties• issuing heads of terms to relevant parties			

Appendix D: Pre-administration costs

The following table summarises costs incurred before our appointment with a view to the Company going into administration, as previously reported.

Nature of costs	Amount (£)
Fees charged by the administrators	77,703.25
Expenses incurred by the administrators	19,607.40
Fees charged by other persons qualified to act as an insolvency practitioner	-
Expenses incurred by other persons qualified to act as an insolvency practitioner	-
Total	97,310.65

Of the £77,703.25 incurred by us, £27,809 was paid prior to our appointment.

As explained previously, we did not intend to seek approval for our own unpaid costs to be paid as an expense of the administration. However, we did seek approval for the payment of legal fees.

As a result, the legal fees and disbursements of £19,607.40 incurred before our appointment were approved for payment by the Secured creditors on 18 July 2019. This payment will be made when the legal advisers have provided us with the finalised invoices.

Appendix E: Other information

Court details for the administration:	High Court of Justice Business and Property Courts of England and Wales Insolvency & Companies List (ChD) Case number 7347 of 2018
Company's registered name:	Nigel Fredericks Limited
Trading name:	Nigel Fredericks Limited
Registered number:	00375784
Registered address:	Central Square, 29 Wellington Street, Leeds, West Yorkshire, LS1 4DL
Date of the joint administrators' appointment:	7 September 2018
Joint administrators' names, addresses and contact details:	Rachael Maria Wilkinson of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, 3 Forbury Place, 23 Forbury Road, Reading, RG1 3JH Zelf Hussain of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, 7 More London Riverside, London, SE1 2RT Email for contact: katharine.herridge@pwc.com
Extension(s) to the initial period of appointment:	Twelve-month extension by creditors' approval to 6 September 2020. Twelve-month extension granted by the Court to 6 September 2021. Thirty-one month extension granted by the Court to 6 April 2024
