In accordance with Rule 18.7 of the Insolvency (England & Wales) Rules 2016 and Sections 92A, 104A and 192 of the Insolvency Act 1986.

# LIQ03 Notice of progress report in voluntary winding up





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Company name in full	Swiss Rock Limited	bold black capitals.			
2	Liquidator's name				
Full forename(s)	Paul				
Surname	Cooper	-			
3	Liquidator's address				
Building name/number	26 - 28 Bedford Row				
Street		-			
Post town	London				
County/Region					
Postcode	WC1R4HE				
Country					
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Full forename(s)	Paul	Other liquidator     Use this section to tell us about			
Surname	Appleton	another liquidator.			
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6	Period of progress report
From date	0 2 0 7 7 7
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7	Progress report
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Signature date	3 0 7 7 8

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#### IN THE MATTER OF

#### **SWISS ROCK LIMITED - IN LIQUIDATION**

#### <u>AND</u>

### THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986

THE JOINT LIQUIDATORS' SECOND ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT
PURSUANT TO SECTION 104A OF THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
AND

PART 18 OF THE INSOLVENCY (ENGLAND AND WALES) RULES 2016 FOR THE YEAR ENDED 1 SEPTEMBER 2018

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#### (a) Introduction

The Company was placed into liquidation by a Special Resolution of the members on 2 September 2016. This report provides an update on the progress in the liquidation, pursuant to Section 104A of the Insolvency Act 1986 for the year ended 1 September 2018.

#### Rule 18.3: Progress Report

#### (b) Statutory information

Company name:

Swiss Rock Limited

Registered office:

26 - 28 Bedford Row, London, WC1R 4HE

Company number:

08871074

Trading address:

20-22 Bedford Row, London, WC1R 4JS

#### (c) Joint Liquidator's name and address:

Paul Cooper, Office Holder Number: 15452, and Paul Appleton, Office Holder Number 8333, of David Rubin & Partners, may be contacted in writing at 26 - 28 Bedford Row, London, WC1R 4HE.

#### (d) Any changes in the Office Holder

Paul Appleton and I were appointed Joint Liquidators of the Company on 2 September 2016. There has not been a change in the Office Holder since the original appointment date.

## (e) Details of progress during the period and summary account of Receipts and Payments under review and cumulatively:

Creditors will recall from our previous report that as disclosed in the Estimated Statement of Affairs ("ESOA"), there were only two assets that potentially had a realisable value, specifically two outstanding loan accounts, both of which had uncertain estimated to realise values.

The first loan account related to a sister company, Base Technology Systems Limited ("BTSL"), which had a book value of £262,223, connected by a common Director, Joseph Chappell. As mentioned previously, we have been provided with insufficient information in respect of the nature and purpose of the loan and BTSL's ability to repay it. Further cooperation from the Director is being sought to establish the position and reach a conclusion.

The second outstanding loan account had a book value of £623,000, which the Company's records disclosed as being due to it from Paul Sutton. As detailed in our previous report, we have tried to obtain contact details for Mr Sutton, but his whereabouts remain unknown, hindering our ability to contact him to determine the veracity of the loan and Mr Sutton's ability to repay it. Our attempts to trace Mr Sutton are continuing.

Creditors will also recall that as part of our initial investigations, we undertook an exercise to review the Company's bank statements and financial records to ascertain whether there may be any areas of potential recovery to consider. The Company maintained Sterling bank accounts with Barclays Bank plc, Metro Bank and Santander. Following correspondence with the respective banks it was established that there were no funds to be realised from any of the

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bank accounts. The accounts with Barclays Bank plc and Santander had nominal overdrawn balances, which were written off as part of the closure process, and the account with Metro Bank had a nil balance.

However, we advised that our initial review of the Company's bank statements and financial records revealed certain unexplained transactions, which required further investigations. The lack of any meaningful account records has severely hampered our investigations.

A Receipts and Payments Account is attached at Appendix A, which is further explained below. Also, attached at Appendix A is a cumulative Receipts and Payments Account for the period from 2 September 2016 to 1 September 2018.

#### 1. Receipts

There have been no realisations during the year under review.

#### 2. Payments

#### 2.1 Joint Liquidators' Remuneration

The Joint Liquidators' remuneration was £3,000 plus VAT. However, the amount drawn during the year under review is £2,600. The balance of £400 has yet to be drawn.

#### 2.2 Expenses Incurred but yet to be recharged

In accordance with the Insolvency Rules, we are required to advise creditors of expenses incurred, which have yet to be discharged. At the date of this report, the following expenses have not been satisfied:

- Archiving £312;
- Specific Bond £64; and
- Statutory Advertising £84.

#### (f) Joint Liquidators' Remuneration and Expenses

#### 1. Basis of remuneration

At the first meeting of creditors a resolution was passed approving that the basis of our remuneration as Joint Liquidators be fixed by reference to the time properly spent by our staff and ourselves in attending to matters arising in the winding-up.

In accordance with the provisions of Statement of Insolvency Practice 9 ("SIP 9"), a schedule of our firm's charge-out rates was issued to creditors at the time the basis of the Joint Liquidators' remuneration was approved. There has not been any material increase in the rates during this appointment. Our current hourly chargeout rates exclusive of VAT, which are charged in units of 6 minutes, are as follows:-

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Senior / Managing Partners	450
Partners/Office holders	300 - 395
Managers / Senior Managers	250 - 295

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Senior Administrators	180 - 220
Administrators	130 - 160
Cashiers and Assistants	120 - 160
Supports	110 - 120

Chargeout rates are normally reviewed annually in November, when rates are adjusted to reflect such matters as inflation, increases in direct wage costs, and changes to indirect costs such as Professional Indemnity Insurance.

#### 2. Staff allocation and the use of subcontractors

Our general approach to resourcing our assignments is to allocate staff with the skills and experience to meet the specific requirements of the case. The constitution of the case team will usually consist of a Partner, Manager, Senior Administrator and two Administrators. The exact constitution of the case team will depend on the anticipated size and complexity of the assignment and additional staff may be allocated to meet the demands of the case.

We have not utilised the services of any subcontractors in this case.

#### 3. Joint Liquidators' remuneration

Our time costs for the year under review are £4,951. This represents 29 hours and 24 minutes at an average rate of £168 per hour. We attach, as Appendix B, a Time Analysis, which provides details of the activity during the year, analysed by staff grade.

We have also reviewed our cumulative time costs for the period from 2 September 2016 to 1 September 2018 and would report that our total time costs are £44,878 for 209 hours and 6 minutes, which equates to an average cost of £214 per hour. A breakdown of our time charges is also set out in Appendix B.

We initially provided creditors a fee estimate £24,317 for the liquidation. Although the time costs incurred to-date have exceeded the initial budget provided, we will not be seeking creditor approval in order to discharge our outstanding time costs in excess of this sum because there are there are insufficient funds to meet our full time costs.

To view an explanatory note concerning Liquidators' remuneration issued by the Joint Insolvency Committee, please visit the Publications folder on our website at <a href="https://www.drpartners.com/cases">www.drpartners.com/cases</a>, using the following log-on details:

USERNAME: s531@drco.co.uk PASSWORD: 135Sgm\*!

Alternatively, please contact this office to arrange for a copy to be sent to you.

Included in the work undertaken by us and our staff is, inter alia, the following:-

- i) Seeking legal advice in respect of HMRC's Winding Up Petition and obtaining legal representation to attend the Court Hearing.
- ii) Dealing with creditors' enquiries both by correspondence and by telephone and noting their claims.

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- iii) Applying for the Liquidators' bond, as required by the Insolvency Practitioners Regulations 2005.
- iv) Carrying out all necessary investigations, including the examination of the company's statutory records and books of accounts and records in order to enable me to prepare and submit a Liquidators' report on the conduct of the Directors pursuant to the requirements of the Company Directors Disqualification Act 1986.
- v) Preparation and circulation of my annual progress reports and Receipts and Payments Account to creditors pursuant to S104A of the Insolvency Act 1986 and submission of same to the Registrar of Companies.
- vi) Dealing with all matters relating to book debts, including correspondence and telephone attendances with the debtors.
- vii) Correspondence with the Company's banks, Barclays Bank plc, Metro Bank and Santander, to provide copy bank statements and close the bank accounts held.
- viii) Extensive correspondence with HMRC in respect of its claim in the liquidation for outstanding VAT and Corporation Tax, and the investigations it is conducting in that regard, resulting in physical meetings being held to review certain records.
- ix) Liaising with the Directors and the Company's accountants, to obtain the digital records and seek further explanations about certain transactions following a review of the Company's bank statements and financial records.
- x) Dealing with post-liquidation tax formalities.
- xi) Undertaking case and bond reviews on a quarterly basis.
- xii) Other sundry and administrative duties in the management of the case.

#### 4. Liquidator's expenses

Expenses incurred in the liquidation are explained at (e) above in my comments on the Receipts and Payments Accounts

#### 5. Creditors' rights - Rule 18.9 and Rule 18.34

- i) Within 21 days of the receipt of this report, a Secured Creditor, or an Unsecured Creditor (with the concurrence of at least 5% in value of the Unsecured Creditors) may request in writing that the Joint Liquidators provide further information about their remuneration or expenses which have been itemised in this progress report.
- ii) Any Secured Creditor, or an Unsecured Creditor (with the concurrence of at least 10% in value of the Unsecured Creditors) may within 8 weeks of receipt of this progress report make an application to court on the grounds that the basis fixed for the Joint Liquidators' remuneration, the remuneration charged or the expenses incurred by the Joint Liquidator as set out in this progress report are excessive.

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#### (g) Creditors and Distributions

#### (i) (a) Secured Creditors

The Company has no Secured Creditors.

#### (b) Prescribed Part

Section 176A of the Insolvency Act 1986 provides for a prescribed part of the Company's net property to be retained from distribution to the floating charge holder, where the debenture was created on or after 15 September 2003 and made available for the satisfaction of unsecured debts.

This regulation does not apply as there are no Secured Creditors.

#### (ii) Preferential Creditors

The Company has no Preferential Creditors.

#### (iii) Unsecured creditors

The claims of two Unsecured Creditors totalling £2,222,912 have been received compared to five creditors totalling £633,306 disclosed on the Directors' Estimated Statement of Affairs. Based on current information, it is unlikely that there will be a dividend payable to the unsecured non-preferential creditors.

#### (h) Details of what remains to be done

Apart the outstanding loan account referred to at (e) above, there are no further assets to be realised.

The case will be closed following the completion of the investigations, which are currently being conducted by a number of Government Departments.

#### (i) Other information of relevance to creditors:

#### Investigations

- 1. In accordance with the Company Directors Disqualification Act 1986 we have submitted a report on the conduct of the Directors of the Company to the Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy (BEIS). As this is a confidential report, we are not able to disclose the contents.
- 2. Shortly after our appointment, we made an initial assessment of whether there could be any matters that might lead to recoveries for the estate and what further investigations may be appropriate. This assessment took into account information provided by creditors either at the initial meeting or as a response to my request to complete an investigation questionnaire.

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#### (J) Next report

We are required to provide a further report on the progress of the liquidation within two months of the end of the next anniversary of the liquidation, unless we have concluded matters prior to that, in which case we will write to all creditors with our Final Account, which will conclude our administration of the Liquidation.

We trust you will find this report adequate for your purposes but should you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact in the first instance either our Senior Manager, Glyn Middleton, or his colleague, Rachel Lunan at this office.

PAUL COOPER - JOINT LIQUIDATOR

DATE: 30 OCTOBER 2018

#### LIQUIDATORS' RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

#### FROM 2 SEPTEMBER 2016 TO 1 SEPTEMBER 2018

	Estimated to realise	Realised to Date £	<u>Y/E</u> <u>01-Sep-18</u> £
Balance brought forward			3,286.20
Receipts			
Loan Account - Base Technology Systems Limited Loan Account - Paul Sutton Cash Held on Appointment =	Uncertain Uncertain -	14,500.00 14,500.00	3,286.20
Payments  Statement of Affairs Fee Legal Fees Statutory Advertising Office Holders Fees		10,000.00 960.00 253.80 2,600.00 13,813.80	2,600.00 2,600.00
Receipts less Payments		686.20	686.20
Represented by:- Balance at Bank		686.20	686.20

#### SWISS ROCK LIMITED - IN CREDITORS' VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION

#### LIQUIDATORS' TIME COSTS FOR THE PERIOD 2 SEPTEMBER 2017 TO 1 SEPTEMBER 2018 SIP 9 TIME SUMMARY Hours Average **Fotal** Classification of hourly rate Manager / Admin / work function Total Cost Partners Senior Senior Cashiers £ hours Admin Manager 00 00 19 30 03 06 22 36 3,452 00 00 00 152 74 Statutory compliance, admin and planning 01 48 04 12 $00 \ 00$ 06 00 1,323 00 220 50 Investigations 00 00 00 00 00 18 00 00 00 18 66 00 220 00 Realisations of assets 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 30 00 00 00 30 110 00 220 00 Creditors Total hours and costs 00 00 01 48 24 30 03 06 29 24 4,951 00 168 40

LIQUIDATORS' CUMULATIVE TIME COSTS FOR THE PERIOD FROM 2 SEPTEMBER 2016 TO 1 SEPTEMBER 2018							
SIP 9 TIME SUMMARY							
	Hours					Average	
Classification of work function	Partners	Manager / Senior Manager	Admin / Senior Admin	Cashiers	Total hours	Total Cost £	hourly rate
Statutory compliance, admin and planning			,	1	1		· ·
Statutory filings, circulars, notices, etc	00 00	00 00	09 30	00 00	09 30	1,541 00	162 21
Case planning, strategy & control	02 30	01 30	08 42	00 00	12 42	2,813 00	221 50
Taxation PAYE, C/Tax & VAT	04 30	00 00	07 12	00.00	11 42	2,866 50	245 00
Accounting & Cashiering	00.00	00 00	01 12	08 36	09 48	1,424 00	145 31
Case reviews & Diary maintenance	00.00	00 00	17 30	00 00	17 30	2,512 00	143 54
Statutory reporting and compliance	00 00	02.06	10 24	00 00	12 30	2,208 50	176 68
Investigations							
CDDA preparation & reporting	00 00	07 48	05 36	00 00	13 24	3,521 00	262 76
SIP2 assessment and financial review	00 00	00 00	28:30	00 00	28 30	4,779 00	167 68
Investigating antecedent transactions	03 30	01 48	59 06	00 00	64 24	13,364 50	207 52
Realisation of assets							
Intangible assets	00 00	00 00	00 12	00 00	00 12	32 00	160 00
Book debts collection	00 00	00 00	03 00	00:00	03 00	579 00	193 00
Tangable assets	05.30	00 30	00 24	00 00	06 24	2,384 00	372 50
Creditors							
Unsec'd Creditors correspondence & claims	14 00	03 24	02 06	00 00	19 30	6,854 00	351 49
Total hours and costs	30 00	17 06	153 24	08 36	209 06	44,878 50	214 63

The above headings include inter alia

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#### Administration and Planning

case planning
appointment notification
maintenance of records
statutory reporting and compliance
tax and VAT

#### Realisation of Assets

identifying and securing assets debt collection property, business and asset sales

#### Investigations

SIP2 review reports pursuant to Company Directors Disqualification Act 1986 investigating antecedent transactions

#### Creditors

communications with creditors creditors claims (including secured creditors, employees and preferential creditors)