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Company number	0	6	4	4	1	7	2	7
Company name in full	Absolute Resource Management Limited							

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Please complete in typescript or in bold black capitals.

2 Liquidator's name

Full forename(s)	Alan
Surname	Simon

3 Liquidator's address

Building name/number	Langley House
Street	Park Road
Post town	London
County/Region	
Postcode	N 2 8 E Y
Country	

4 Liquidator's name ①

Full forename(s)	
Surname	

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5 Liquidator's address ②

Building name/number	
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6 Period of progress report

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To date	^d 1	^d 8	^m 0	^m 8	^y 2	^y 0	^y 2	^y 0	

7 Progress report

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8 Sign and date

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**Liquidator's Annual
Progress Report to
Creditors & Members**

**Absolute Resource Management Limited
- In Liquidation**

06 October 2020

ABSOLUTE RESOURCE MANAGEMENT LIMITED - IN LIQUIDATION

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ABSOLUTE RESOURCE MANAGEMENT LIMITED - IN LIQUIDATION**1 Introduction and Statutory Information**

- 1.1 I, Alan Simon of AABRS Limited, Langley House, Park Road, London, N2 8EY, was appointed as Liquidator of Absolute Resource Management Limited (the **Company**) on 19 August 2016.
- 1.2 This progress report covers the period from 19 August 2019 to 18 August 2020 (**the Period**) and is to be read in conjunction with my previously issued previous progress reports.
- 1.3 The principal trading address of the Company was Unit 21, Wrest Park Enterprise Centre, Building 52, Wrest Park Silsoe, Bedford, MK45 4HS. The Company's principal activity was the provision of hardware maintenance services to both medium and larger corporations.
- 1.4 The registered office of the Company has been changed to Langley House, Park Road, East Finchley, London, N2 8EY and its registered number is 06441727.
- 1.5 Information about the way that we will use, and store personal data on insolvency appointments can be found at <https://www.aabrs.com/privacy-policy>. If you are unable to download this, please contact us and a hard copy will be provided.

2 Receipts and Payments

- 2.1 At Appendix B is my Receipts and Payments Account for the Period together with a cumulative Receipts and Payments Account for the period from the date of my appointment as Liquidator to the end of the Period.
- 2.2 In Section 3 below, you will find an update on the progress made during the Period in realising the Company's assets and dealing with its affairs.

3 Progress of the Liquidation

- 3.1 This section of the report provides creditors with an update on the progress made in the liquidation during the Period.
- 3.2 At Appendix B is my Receipts and Payments Account for the Period together with a cumulative Receipts and Payments Account for the period from the date of my appointment as Liquidator to the end of the Period.
- 3.3 Further information about the basis of remuneration agreed in this case and the Liquidator's fees estimate can be found in section 5 of this report, together with any relevant information about revisions to this estimate, where applicable.

Administration (including statutory compliance & reporting)

- 3.4 An office holder must comply with certain statutory obligations under the Insolvency Act 1986 and other related legislation. Details about the work I anticipated would need to be done in this area was outlined to creditors in my initial fees information.
- 3.5 Where the costs of statutory compliance work or reporting to creditors exceeds the initial estimate, it will usually be because the duration of the case has taken longer than anticipated, possibly due to protracted asset realisations, which have in turn placed a further statutory reporting requirement on the Liquidator.

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- 3.6 Some of the work undertaken by an insolvency practitioner may not necessarily provide a financial benefit to creditors but is required on every case by statute. Examples of this work include investigations required by Statement of Insolvency Practice 2 and the Company Directors Disqualification Act 1986 or dealing with the claims of the former employees via the National Insurance Fund.
- 3.7 Below are details of the work I have undertaken during the reporting period:-
- (i) Preparing and issuing an annual progress report to members and creditors;
 - (ii) Lodging a periodic return with the Registrar of Companies for the liquidation;
 - (iii) Complying with statutory duties in respect of the Liquidator's specific penalty bond;
 - (iv) Updating case files on my firm's insolvency software;
 - (v) Storing the Company's books and records;
 - (vi) Periodic case progression reviews;
 - (vii) Maintaining the liquidation estate cashbook and bank account;
 - (viii) Dealing with all post-appointment VAT and corporation tax compliance;
 - (ix) Further consideration of the potential rights of action identified during my initial investigations and continuing to liaise with my solicitors, SBP Law, regarding the same;
 - (x) Distributing a second dividend to the unsecured creditors;
 - (xi) Corresponding with third parties who are interested in purchasing the director's debt and approaching SBP Law for advice regarding reassignment of the same.
- 3.8 Based on the current position of the case, the work which remains to be completed is the following:-
- (i) Continuing to liaise with SBP Law in relation to the settlement agreed in respect of the director's loan account;
 - (ii) Payment of a further distribution(s) to the unsecured creditors;
 - (iii) Issuance of the Liquidator's final account to creditors once all matters have been concluded.

Realisation of Assets

- 3.9 It is considered that the work the Liquidator and his staff have undertaken to date will bring a financial benefit to creditors. This may be a distribution to secured creditors of the Company only (from which a Prescribed Part fund may be derived for the benefit of unsecured creditors) or may, depending on realisations and the extent of any 3rd party security, result in a distribution to the preferential and unsecured creditors of the Company.

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- (i) The director's statement of affairs indicated that the director's loan account was overdrawn by £115,782 as disclosed on the financial statements for the year ended 30 November 2015, estimated recoveries in respect of which were uncertain.
- (ii) As previously reported, a repayment plan of £450 per month was agreed with the director, commencing in November 2016 and contributions are up to date.
- (iii) I confirm that £5,400 has been received during the Period bringing total realisations to £20,700 as at 18 August 2020.
- (iv) During the Period, I commenced correspondence with third parties who were interested in purchasing the director's debt and I approached SBP Law for advice regarding reassignment of the same.
- (v) An offer of £15,000 in full and final settlement of the director's liability has now been agreed and this matter will shortly be concluded. I hope to provide creditors with an update in my next progress report.

3.11 Settlement Agreement

- (i) It was previously reported that potential claims against third parties had been identified during the course of my investigations, enquiries in respect of which were on-going.
- (ii) Following negotiations and with the assistance and advice of my solicitors, a settlement of £70,000 was agreed.
- (iii) This was comprised in a Settlement Agreement dated 14 May 2019, which provided a "long stop" settlement date of 12 September 2019. In the event, £10,000 was received on 03 October 2019 and the balance of £60,000 was remitted to the estate on 10 October 2019. It was not considered cost effective to pursue the late payment interest element of the Agreement.

Unrealised Assets

3.12 Based on the current position of the case, the remaining unrealised asset is the following:-

- (i) The settlement agreed in respect of the director's loan account balance.

Creditors (claims and distributions)

3.13 Further information on the anticipated outcome for creditors in this case can be found at section 4 of this report. A Liquidator is not only required to deal with correspondence and claims from unsecured creditors (which may include retention of title claims), but also those of any secured and preferential creditors of the Company. This may involve separate reporting to any secured creditor and dealing with distributions from asset realisations caught under their security, most typically a debenture.

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- 3.14 Claims from preferential creditors typically involve employee claims and payments made on behalf of the Company by the Redundancy Payments Service following dismissal.
- 3.15 The above work will not necessarily bring any financial benefit to creditors generally, however a Liquidator is required by statute to undertake this work. Similarly, if a distribution is to be paid to any class of creditor, work will be required to agree those claims and process the dividend payments to each relevant class of creditor. The more creditors a company has, the more time and cost will be involved by the Liquidator in dealing with those claims.
- 3.16 I consider the following matters worth noting in my report to creditors at this stage:
- There is no secured creditor;
 - There are no preferential claims;
 - There are three unsecured creditor claims anticipated in this case with a value per the director's statement of affairs of £230,886.71;
 - I have received claims totalling £274,805.61 from two creditors. A Notice of Intended Dividend was advertised on 18 October 2017, following which I rejected one claim of £1,125 and agreed HM Revenue & Customs claims in the lesser total amount of £255,085.64;
 - One creditor is yet to prove for a debt of £1,144.96 as per the director's statement of affairs and was excluded from the first dividend.

Investigations

- 3.17 You may recall from my first progress report to creditors that some of the work the Liquidator is required to undertake is to comply with legislation such as the Company Directors' Disqualification Act 1986 (**CDDA 1986**) and Statement of Insolvency Practice 2 – Investigations by Office Holders in Administration and Insolvent Liquidations. This work may not necessarily bring any financial benefit to creditors, unless these investigations reveal potential asset recoveries that the Liquidator can pursue for the benefit of creditors.
- 3.18 My report on the conduct of the Directors of the Company to the Department for Business Innovation & Skills under the CDDA 1986 was submitted during the first year of the liquidation and is confidential.
- 3.19 However, I am able to confirm that Ms Carol Georgina Perry has been disqualified from acting as a director for four years commencing on 24 July 2018 for her conduct while acting for the Company.
- 3.20 Furthermore, I am able to confirm that Mr Keith Angus Perry has been disqualified from acting as a director for eleven years commencing on 05 June 2019.
- 3.21 My investigations into other aspects of the Company's affairs did lead me to identify matters requiring further inquiry, culminating in the Settlement Agreement referred to above.

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3.22 Since my last progress report, I would advise that no further asset realisations have come to light that may be pursued by me for the benefit of creditors.

Matters still to be dealt with

3.23 Based on the current position of the case, the matters yet to be dealt with are as follows:-

- (i) Continuing to liaise with SBP Law in relation to the settlement agreed in respect of the director's loan account;
- (ii) Payment of a further distribution(s) to the unsecured creditors;
- (iii) Issuance of the Liquidator's final account to creditors once all matters have been concluded.

4 Creditors**Secured Creditors**

4.1 There is no secured creditor registered at Companies House.

Qualifying Floating Charge Holder (QFC)

4.2 The Company did not grant a floating charge to any creditor. Accordingly, there is no requirement to create a fund out of a company's net floating charge property for unsecured creditors (known as the Prescribed Part).

Preferential Creditors

4.3 No claims were anticipated and none have been received.

Unsecured Creditors

4.4 I have agreed claims totalling £255,085.64 from HM Revenue & Customs. I have yet to receive claims from 1 creditor whose debt is estimated to total £1,144.96 as per Director's Statement of Affairs.

4.5 A first dividend of 9.41 pence in the pound was distributed to the unsecured creditors on 22 January 2018.

4.6 A second dividend of 15.68 pence in the pound was distributed to the unsecured creditors on 25 November 2019.

4.7 It is my intention to make a third distribution to unsecured creditors shortly, details of which will follow under separate cover. Further distributions may become available dependent on realisations achieved in respect of the overdrawn Loan Account and subject to discharge of the final costs in the liquidation.

5 Liquidator's Remuneration

5.1 Creditors approved that the Liquidator be remunerated on the basis of a fixed fee of £16,000 plus VAT to be drawn as and when funds permit.

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- 5.2 In addition, the Liquidator is entitled to draw a realisation fee amounting to 30% of the total recoveries made in respect of all assets (excluding cash at bank and in hand) disclosed on the director's statement of affairs.
- 5.3 Furthermore, the Liquidator is entitled to draw a realisation fee amounting to 40% of the total recoveries made in respect of any property not anticipated on the director's statement of affairs or any rights of action bestowed on him by the relevant sections of the Insolvency Act 1986.
- 5.4 Creditors also agreed that category 2 disbursements incurred by the Liquidator be charged on the basis of AABRS Limited's published tariff.
- 5.5 My fees information was originally provided to creditors when the basis of my remuneration was approved and was based on information available to me at that time.
- 5.6 The Liquidator has drawn £16,000 plus VAT against the total set fee agreed of £16,000 plus VAT approved by creditors.
- 5.7 In addition, the Liquidator has made the following realisations upon which the creditors have approved a percentage be taken as remuneration. Details of the realisations to date and associated remuneration drawn on account of those realisations are set out below:

Asset category	Value of assets realised in the Period	Total value of assets realised since appointment	% agreed	Total fees invoiced to date	Fees not yet drawn
Other debtor – asset sale	£nil	£44,500.00	30%	£13,350.00	£nil
Settlement agreement	£70,000.00	£70,000.00	40%	£28,000.00	£nil
Other Debtor – Cash at Bank	£nil	£36,787.13	40%	£14,714.85	£nil
Overdrawn director's loan account	£5,400.00	£20,700	30%	£4,590.00	£1,620.00

At the date of this report, I would confirm that my fees estimate for the liquidation remains unchanged.

- 5.8 A copy of 'A Creditors' Guide to Liquidators' Fees' is available on request or can be downloaded from www.aabrs.com/resources/creditors-guides.
- 5.9 Attached as Appendix A is additional information in relation to the Liquidator's fees, expenses and disbursements, including where relevant, information on the use of subcontractors and professional advisers.

6 Creditors' Rights

- 6.1 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 Liquidator provide further information about his remuneration or expenses which have been itemised in this progress report.

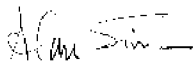
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- 6.2 Any secured creditor, or an unsecured creditor (with the concurrence of at least 10% in value of the unsecured creditors) may, within 8 weeks of receipt of this progress report, make an application to court on the grounds that, in all the circumstances, the basis fixed for the Liquidator's remuneration is inappropriate and/or the remuneration charged or the expenses incurred by the Liquidator, as set out in this progress report, are excessive.

7 Next Report

- 7.1 I am required to provide a further report on the progress of the liquidation within two months of the next anniversary of the liquidation, unless I have concluded matters prior to this, in which case I will make my final account available to all creditors.
- 7.2 If you have any queries in relation to the contents of this report, I can be contacted by telephone on 020 8444 2000 or by email at info@aabrs.com.

Yours faithfully,



Alan Simon
Liquidator

ABSOLUTE RESOURCE MANAGEMENT LIMITED - IN LIQUIDATION**Appendix A****Additional Information in Relation to the Liquidator's Fees, Expenses & Disbursements****1 Staff Allocation and the Use of Sub-Contractors**

- 1.1 The general approach to resourcing our assignments is to allocate staff with the skills and experience to meet the specific requirements of the case.
- 1.2 The constitution of the case team will usually consist of a Director, a Manager, and an Administrator or Assistant. The exact constitution of the case team will depend on the anticipated size and complexity of the assignment and the experience requirements of the assignment.
- 1.3 On this case, we used the services of the following sub-contractors:

Service (s)	Provider	Basis of fee arrangement	Cost to date
Auditing	CAPA	Percentage of realisations	£nil
Accountancy & bookkeeping	E-Accounting Solutions Ltd	Hourly rate	£140

- 1.4 Where an insolvent company has paid all outstanding business rates incurred at its trading premises, a refund may become available on liquidation. In order to obtain the same, it is necessary to collate various information regarding the company's occupancy and liaise with the relevant local council. This work was contracted to CAPA who is an unconnected third party and has significant experience in this area. It was considered there would be a direct benefit to creditors by way of a reduced cost when compared to the time taken by my staff to complete the work.
- 1.5 Accountancy and bookkeeping services have been used to assist with investigations in analysing bank statements and preparing cessation accounts. These have been used to assist me in ascertaining whether there are potential further recoveries to be made to the insolvent estate. This work was contracted to E-Accounting Solutions Limited who is an unconnected third party. This is specialised work and I consider there will be a direct benefit to creditors by way of a reduced cost when compared to the time taken by my staff to complete the work.

2 Professional Advisors

- 2.1 On this assignment we have used the professional advisors listed below. We have also indicated alongside, the basis of our fee arrangement with them, which is subject to review on a regular basis.

Name of Professional Advisor	Basis of Fee Arrangement
SBP Law (legal advice)	Hourly rate and disbursements
William & Partners Ltd (valuation and disposal advice)	Fixed fee

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- 2.2 Our choice was based on our perception of their experience and ability to perform this type of work, the complexity and nature of the assignment and the basis of our fee arrangement with them.

3 Liquidator's Expenses & Disbursements

- 3.1 The estimate of expenses (including disbursements) which were anticipated at the outset of the liquidation was provided to creditors when the basis of my fees were approved, a copy of which is set out below:

Expenses	Estimated cost £
Agents' costs for adjudication of sale of business assets	500.00
Statutory advertising	300.00
Specific penalty bond	460.00
Category 2 disbursements	Estimated cost £
Postage – 1 st Class (circulars only, per copy & depending on size) – 50p – £1.00	9.00
Postage – 2 nd Class (circulars only, per copy & depending on size) – 40p – 75p	15.00
Photocopying (circulars only, per page) – 15p	16.50
Faxes (incoming & outgoing, per page) – 25p	1.00
Room Hire (per hour, minimum charge £25.00) – £25	50.00
Storage (per box per year) – £50	250.00

Current position of Liquidator's expenses

- 3.2 An analysis of the expenses paid to the date of this report, together with those incurred but not paid at the date of this report is provided below:

Expense	Paid in prior period £	Paid in the Period £	Incurred but not paid to date £	Total anticipated cost £
Specific penalty bond (1)	460.00	0.00	0.00	460.00
R4.62 – expenses of creditors meeting	77.00	0.00	0.00	77.00
R4.38 – statement of affairs fee	6,000.00	0.00	0.00	6,000.00
Agents fees - William & Partners Ltd (2)	833.33	0.00	0.00	833.33
Legal fees – SBP Law (3)	12,330.00	8,800.00	3,500.00	26,130.00
Legal disbursements – SBP Law	139.56	60.00	0.00	199.56
Accountancy fees - E-Accounting Solutions Ltd (4)	140.00	0.00	0.00	140.00
Statutory advertising	299.70	0.00	0.00	299.70
Category 2 disbursements				
Storage costs (5)	200.00	100.00	100.00	500.00

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- (1) The bond premium is a fixed charge dependent on the level of security required and is subject to increase where the level of realisations into the estate exceed £250,000.
- (2) The original estimate made a provision of £500 plus VAT for agents' costs. In the event, £833.33 plus VAT was incurred in obtaining an adjudication of the sale that took place prior to my appointment. This increase in cost was as a result of the agent identifying a number of queries following his initial review and corresponding with the relevant parties to obtain clarification of the same.
- (3) My initial estimate did not make a provision for solicitors' costs. However, it was necessary to seek legal advice on matters that were identified during my initial investigations under Statement of Insolvency Practice 2 and SBP Law were instructed accordingly.
- (4) My initial estimate did not make a provision for accountancy fees. However, it was necessary to prepare cessation accounts in order to clarify the position with regard to the overdrawn director's loan account and the Company's debt to HM Revenue & Customs.
- (5) Two boxes of records have been received, incurring a charge of £100 plus VAT. The total estimate is revised up to £500 plus VAT on the basis that the case remains open for five years.

3.3 Category 1 disbursements do not require approval by creditors. The type of disbursements that may be charged as a Category 1 disbursement to a case generally comprise of external supplies of incidental services specifically identifiable to the case, such as postage, case advertising, invoiced travel and external printing, room hire and document storage. Also chargeable will be any properly reimbursed expenses incurred by personnel in connection with the case. These disbursements are included in the tables of expenses above.

3.4 Category 2 disbursements do require approval from creditors. These are costs which are directly referable to the appointment in question but are not payments which are made to an independent third party and may include shared or allocated costs that can be allocated to the appointment on a proper and reasonable basis such as internal room hire, document storage or business mileage. Details of Category 2 disbursements charged by this firm (where appropriate) were provided at the time the Liquidator's fees were approved by creditors. Any Category 2 disbursements incurred are specifically highlighted in the tables of expenses above.

Appendix B

Absolute Resource Management Limited
(In Liquidation)
Liquidator's Summary of Receipts & Payments

Statement of Affairs £	From 19/08/2019 To 18/08/2020 £	From 19/08/2016 To 18/08/2020 £	
	ASSET REALISATIONS		
3,500.00	Cash in Hand - Asset Sale	NIL	3,500.00
44,500.00	Other Debtor - Asset Sale	NIL	44,500.00
	Settlement Agreement	70,000.00	70,000.00
960.30	Cash at Bank	NIL	14,168.70
	Other Debtor - Cash at Bank	NIL	36,787.13
Uncertain	Overdrawn Director's Loan Account	5,400.00	20,700.00
	Bank Interest Gross	40.16	124.26
		75,440.16	189,780.09
	COST OF REALISATIONS		
	Specific Bond	NIL	460.00
	R4.62 - Expenses of Creditors Meeting	NIL	77.00
	Statement of Affairs Fee	NIL	6,000.00
	Liquidators Fees	28,000.00	76,654.85
	Agents/Valuers Fees	NIL	833.33
	Legal Fees	8,800.00	21,130.00
	Legal Disbursements	60.00	199.56
	Corporation Tax	NIL	5.98
	Accountancy Fees	NIL	140.00
	Storage Costs	100.00	300.00
	Statutory Advertising	NIL	222.70
		(36,960.00)	(106,023.42)
	UNSECURED CREDITORS		
(1,144.96)	Trade & Expense Creditors	NIL	NIL
(1,125.00)	Employees - Unsecured	NIL	NIL
(59,318.89)	HM Revenue & Customs (PAYE)	9,422.71	15,077.73
(142,345.68)	HM Revenue & Customs (VAT)	25,961.27	41,541.88
(26,952.18)	HM Revenue & Customs (Corporation)	4,616.02	7,386.31
		(40,000.00)	(64,005.92)
	DISTRIBUTIONS		
(1.00)	Ordinary Shares	NIL	NIL
		NIL	NIL
(181,927.41)		(1,519.84)	19,750.75
	REPRESENTED BY		
	Bank 1 Deposit		19,750.75
			19,750.75