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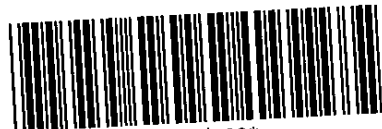
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Company name in full Absolute Resource Management Limited

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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

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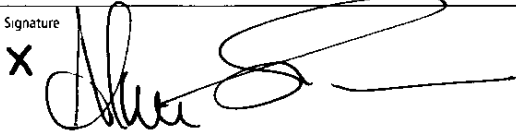
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7 Progress report

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

**Absolute Resource Management Limited
- In Liquidation**

10 October 2019

ABSOLUTE RESOURCE MANAGEMENT LIMITED - IN LIQUIDATION

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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 2018 to 18 August 2019 (**the Period**) and is to be read in conjunction with my previous progress reports which have been issued.
- 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 to you.

2 Progress of the Liquidation

- 2.1 This section of the report provides creditors with an update on the progress made in the liquidation during the Period.
- 2.2 At Appendix A 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.
- 2.3 Further information about the basis of remuneration agreed in this case and the Liquidator's fees estimate can be found in section 4 of this report, together with any relevant information about revisions to this estimate, where applicable.

Administration (including statutory compliance & reporting)

- 2.4 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.
- 2.5 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.
- 2.6 Some of the work undertaken by an insolvency practitioner is required by statute and 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.

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2.7 Below are details of the work I have undertaken during the reporting period: -

- (i) Preparing and issuing annual progress reports 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. Please refer to section 2.12 below;

2.8 Based on the current position of the case, the current work which remains to be completed is the following: -

- (i) On-going recovery action 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

2.9 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.

2.10 Realisations totalling £5,400 have been achieved during the Period. A further £70,000 was subsequently received after the Period end, further details on which are set out in section 2.12 below.

2.11 Overdrawn Director's Loan Account

- (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. I confirm that £5,400 has been received during the Period bringing total realisations to £15,300 as at 18 August 2019.

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- (ii) As previously reported, a repayment plan of £450 per month was agreed with the Director, commencing in November 2016. Further enquiries into the Director's financial position during the Period did not indicate that an increase in the monthly amount would be possible and so it remains at £450 and contributions are up to date.
- (iii) As creditors may also recall, the amount outstanding on the loan account as at the date of liquidation has been disputed. Assisted by my solicitors, I am seeking to resolve this position with the Director and the agreement of £450 per month remains in place during the interim. I hope to provide creditors with an update in my next progress report.

2.12 Settlement Agreement

- (i) In my last progress report, it was indicated that potential claims against third parties had been identified during the course of my investigations, enquiries in respect of which were on-going.
- (ii) I am pleased to report that, during the Period, negotiations in this regard have progressed 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.

Unrealised Assets

- 2.13 Based on the current position of the case, the remaining unrealised assets include the following: -
- (i) The outstanding balance of the Director's Loan Account per section 2.11 above;

Creditors (claims and distributions)

- 2.14 Further information on the anticipated outcome for creditors in this case can be found at section 3 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.
- 2.15 Claims from preferential creditors typically involve employee claims and payments made on behalf of the Company by the Redundancy Payments Service following dismissal.
- 2.16 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.

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2.17 I consider the following matters worth noting in my report to creditors at this stage:

- There is no secured creditor;
- There are no preferential creditors;
- There are 6 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 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

- 2.18 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 and 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.
- 2.19 My report on the conduct of the director 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. 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.
- 2.20 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.
- 2.21 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.
- 2.22 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 creditor.

3 Creditors

Secured Creditors

- 3.1 There is no secured creditor registered at Companies House.

Qualifying Floating Charge Holder (QFC)

- 3.2 The Company did not grant any floating charges to a secured 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).

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Preferential Creditors

- 3.3 No claims were anticipated and none have been received.

Unsecured Creditors

- 3.4 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.
- 3.5 A first dividend of 9.41 pence in the pound was distributed to the unsecured creditors on 22 January 2018.
- 3.6 It is my intention to make a second distribution to unsecured creditors shortly, details of which will follow under separate cover. Further distributions may become available dependent on the further realisations achieved in respect of the overdrawn Loan Account and once the final costs in the liquidation have been discharged.

4 Liquidator's Remuneration

- 4.1 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.
- 4.2 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.
- 4.3 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.
- 4.4 Creditors also agreed that category 2 disbursements incurred by the Liquidator be charged on the basis of AABRS Limited's published tariff.
- 4.5 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.
- 4.6 the Liquidator has drawn £16,000 plus VAT against the total set fee agreed of £16,000 plus VAT approved by creditors.
- 4.7 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 is are set out below:

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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	30%	£13,350.00	£Nil
Other Debtor - Cash at Bank	£Nil	£36,787.13	40%	£14,714.85	£Nil
Overdrawn Director's Loan Account	£5,400.00	£15,300.00	30%	£4,590.00	£Nil

- 4.8 A copy of 'A Creditors' Guide to Liquidators' Fees' is available on request or can be downloaded from www.aabrs.com/resources/creditors-guides.
- 4.9 Attached as Appendix B 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.

5 Creditors' Rights

- 5.1 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.
- 5.2 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.

6 Next Report

- 6.1 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 write to all creditors with my final account.
- 6.2 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

Appendix A

Absolute Resource Management Limited
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Liquidator's Summary of Receipts & Payments

Statement of Affairs £	From 19/08/2018 To 18/08/2019 £	From 19/08/2016 To 18/08/2019 £
ASSET REALISATIONS		
	40.87	84.10
Bank Interest Gross	NIL	14,168.70
960.30 Cash at Bank	NIL	3,500.00
3,500.00 Cash in Hand - Asset Sale	NIL	44,500.00
44,500.00 Other Debtor - Asset Sale	NIL	36,787.13
Other Debtor - Cash at Bank	5,400.00	15,300.00
Uncertain Overdrawn Director's Loan Account	<u>5,440.87</u>	<u>114,339.93</u>
COST OF REALISATIONS		
	NIL	140.00
Accountancy Fees	NIL	833.33
Agents/Valuers Fees	NIL	5.98
Corporation Tax	NIL	139.56
Legal Disbursements	9,730.00	12,330.00
Legal Fees	2,160.00	48,654.85
Liquidators Fees	NIL	77.00
R4.62 - Expenses of Creditors Meeting	NIL	460.00
Specific Bond	NIL	6,000.00
Statement of Affairs Fee	NIL	222.70
Statutory Advertising	NIL	200.00
Storage Costs	<u>(11,890.00)</u>	<u>(69,063.42)</u>
UNSECURED CREDITORS		
(1,125.00) Employees - Unsecured	NIL	NIL
(26,952.18) HM Revenue & Customs (Corporation)	NIL	2,770.29
(59,318.89) HM Revenue & Customs (PAYE)	NIL	5,655.02
(142,345.68) HM Revenue & Customs (VAT)	NIL	15,580.61
(1,144.96) Trade & Expense Creditors	<u>NIL</u>	<u>NIL</u>
	NIL	(24,005.92)
DISTRIBUTIONS		
(1.00) Ordinary Shares	<u>NIL</u>	<u>NIL</u>
	NIL	NIL
<u>(181,927.41)</u>	<u>(6,449.13)</u>	<u>21,270.59</u>
REPRESENTED BY		
Bank 1 Deposit		21,189.59
VAT Receivable		81.00
		<u>21,270.59</u>

ABSOLUTE RESOURCE MANAGEMENT LIMITED - IN LIQUIDATION**Appendix B****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 have used the services of the following sub-contractor:

Service	Provider	Basis of fee arrangement	Cost to date
Establish and realise any rating refund due to the Company	CAPA	Percentage of realisations	£Nil

- 1.4 CAPA, an independent firm of auditors, has been instructed to establish and realise any business rates refund due to the Company. As CAPA are willing to be remunerated on the basis of a percentage of realisations, it is cost effective to utilise their service.

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
E-Accounting Solutions Ltd (accountancy services)	Hourly rate

- 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 was approved, a copy of which is set out below:

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Expenses including category 1 disbursements		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

All costs are subject to VAT, where applicable.

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:

Expenses including category 1 disbursements	Paid in prior period	Paid in the Period	Incurred but not paid to date	Total anticipated cost
	£	£	£	£
Accountancy fees - E-Accounting Solutions Ltd (1)	140.00	0.00	0.00	140.00
Agents fees - William & Partners Ltd (2)	833.33	0.00	0.00	833.33
Legal disbursements – SBP Law	139.56	0.00	0.00	139.56
Legal fees – SBP Law (3)	2,600.00	9,730.00	6,400.00	20,830.00
Specific penalty bond (4)	460.00	0.00	0.00	460.00
R4.38 – statement of affairs fee	6,000.00	0.00	0.00	6,000.00
Statutory advertising	299.70	0.00	0.00	299.70
Category 2 disbursements				
Storage costs (5)	200.00	0.00	100.00	400.00

- (1) 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;
- (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.

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(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. £9,730 plus VAT was paid during the Period, £6,400 plus VAT has been incurred but not paid and I have made a provision of £2,000 plus VAT in respect of future costs.

In the event that legal action is required, the estimate of legal fees will be subject to upward increase and may also necessitate Counsel's advice. Any significant change in this regard will be reported to creditors as appropriate.

(4) 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.

(5) Two boxes of records have been received, incurring a charge of £100 plus VAT. The total estimate is revised up to £400 plus VAT on the basis that the case remains open for four years.

All costs are subject to VAT, where applicable.

- 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.