

Liquidator's Progress Report

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Pursuant to Sections 92A and 104A and 192 of the Insolvency Act 1986

To the Registrar of Companies

Company Number

07705098

Name of Company

Best Loved Hotels (Europe) Ltd

I / We

Mark S Goldstein, Kingswood Court, 1 Hemlock Close, Kingswood, Surrey, KT20 6QW

the liquidator(s) of the company attach a copy of my/our Progress Report under section 192 of the Insolvency Act 1986

The Progress Report covers the period from 30/09/2014 to 29/09/2015

Signed

Date

07/10/2015

Mark Goldstein Associates Limited
Kingswood Court
1 Hemlock Close
Kingswood
Surrey, KT20 6QW

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**Best Loved Hotels (Europe) Ltd
(In Liquidation)
Liquidator's Abstract of Receipts & Payments**

Statement of Affairs	From 30/09/2014 To 29/09/2015	From 30/09/2013 To 29/09/2015	
ASSET REALISATIONS			
350 00	Furniture & Equipment	NIL	NIL
4,000 00	Motor Vehicles	NIL	NIL
	Book Debts	850 00	3,962 06
	Bank Charges Refunded	NIL	228 65
3,006 57	Cash at Bank	NIL	131 80
31,000 00	Goodwill	25,000 00	35,000 00
	Bank Interest Gross	9 00	11 17
		25,859 00	39,333 68
COST OF REALISATIONS			
	Preparation of S of A	NIL	4,166 67
	Office Holders Fees	1,975 00	9,862 00
	Office Holders Expenses	NIL	565 31
	Agents/Valuers Fees	6,320 00	6,320 00
	Agents/Valuers Fees	NIL	NIL
	Accounting Software fees	NIL	125 00
		(8,295 00)	(21,038 98)
PREFERENTIAL CREDITORS			
(5,523 79)	RPO Arrears & Holiday Pay	NIL	NIL
(2,143 06)	Employee Arrears/Hol Pay	NIL	NIL
		NIL	NIL
UNSECURED CREDITORS			
(63,204 17)	Trade & Expense Creditors	NIL	NIL
(7,390 17)	Employees	NIL	NIL
(34,816 71)	RPO Redundancy & PILON	NIL	NIL
(37,750 00)	Directors Loans	NIL	NIL
(91,728 34)	HM Revenue & Customs - PAYE & NI	NIL	NIL
(13,988 41)	HM Revenue & Customs - VAT	NIL	NIL
		NIL	NIL
DISTRIBUTIONS			
(1 00)	Ordinary Shareholders	NIL	NIL
		NIL	NIL
(218,189 08)		17,564.00	18,294 70

REPRESENTED BY

VAT Receivable	274 00
Bank 1 Current	18,020 70
	18,294.70



Mark S Goldstein
Liquidator

BEST LOVED HOTELS (EUROPE) LTD (IN CREDITORS' VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)-('the company')

**LIQUIDATOR'S PROGRESS REPORT PURSUANT TO
SECTION 104A OF THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986 AND
RULE 4.49C OF THE INSOLVENCY RULES 1986**

FOR THE PERIOD FROM 30 SEPTEMBER 2014 TO 29 SEPTEMBER 2015

6 OCTOBER 2015

SUMMARY INFORMATION

Type of insolvency procedure	Creditors' Voluntary Liquidation
Registered office	Kingswood Court 1 Hemlock Close Kingswood Surrey KT20 6QW
Registered number	07705098
Former trading address.	Curzon House 64 Clifton Street London EC2A 4HB
Liquidator's name and address.	Mark Goldstein Mark Goldstein Associates Ltd Kingswood Court 1 Hemlock Close Kingswood Surrey KT20 6QW
Date of liquidation	30 September 2013
Date of Liquidator's appointment	30 September 2013
Details of any changes in office holder	None
Contact details	01737 830763 karen.synott@mgacr.co.uk

1 INTRODUCTION

- 1 01 I was appointed Liquidator of the company on 30 September 2013. I now present my progress report for the second year of the liquidation, pursuant to Section 104A of the Insolvency Act 1986 ('the Act') and Rule 4.49C of the Insolvency Rules 1986 ('the Rules'). This report should be read in conjunction with my first report for the year ended 29 September 2014.
- 1 02 I attach at Appendix 1, a receipts and payments account for the period to 29 September 2015. Details of progress during the period are set out in sections 2 to 4 below.

2 ASSET REALISATIONS

- 2 01 I am pleased to report that the total of £35,000 in respect of the sale of the goodwill of the business and the motor vehicle has now been received.
- 2 02 I have also collected another £850.00 in respect of book debts and would advise that there is no likelihood of further realisations.

3 CREDITORS' CLAIMS

- 3 01 I will deal with these in order of priority prescribed by legislation.
- Secured creditor*
- 3 02 An examination of the company's mortgage register held by the Registrar of Companies, showed that the company has not granted any debentures.
- Unsecured preferential creditors*
- 3 03 At the outset it was anticipated that former employees would have preferential claims for pay arrears, up to a maximum of £800, and/or accrued holiday pay.
- 3 04 The claims of the former employees will not rank as the purchaser agreed to absorb the employees' contractual entitlements.
- 3 05 Accordingly there are no preferential claims.
- Section 176A of the Insolvency Act 1986*
- 3 06 Under Section 176A of the Insolvency Act 1986, where a company has granted a floating charge to a creditor after 15 September 2003, a prescribed part of the company's net property, which would otherwise be available to the floating charge creditor, is set aside for the benefit of unsecured non-preferential creditors. In this particular case the floating charge was created after that date and accordingly the provisions of Section 176A do apply.
- Unsecured non-preferential creditors*
- 3 07 Claims have been received from approximately 7 unsecured creditors totalling £215,339.87. I would advise that I have recently received an unsecured claim from the Liquidator of World Media Publishing Limited. The company purchased the assets and business of World Media Publishing Limited from the Liquidator in September 2011. The Company records reveal this claim is disputed. Thus, I am currently adjudicating on the claim but it is likely that this will delay the declaration of a dividend.
- 3 08 I would request that those creditors who have yet to claim submit a proof of debt by 30 November 2015.

Dividend Prospects

3 09 I hope to be in a position to declare a small dividend to unsecured creditors once the above issue has been resolved.

4 INVESTIGATIONS

4 01 The company's affairs have been investigated and I have complied with my obligations under Section 7(3) of the Company Directors Disqualification Act 1986

4 02 No matters were identified which could be pursued with a view to increasing the funds available to creditors

5 COSTS AND EXPENSES

Statement of Affairs fee

5 01 As stated in my previous communications pre appointment remuneration of £5,000 plus VAT has been paid

Liquidator's remuneration

5 02 My remuneration was previously authorised by creditors at a meeting held on 30 September 2013 to be drawn on a time cost basis My total time costs to 29 September 2015 amount to £10,628 19 of which £9,881.80 has been drawn to date A schedule of my time costs incurred to date is attached as Appendix 2

A description of the routine work undertaken in the liquidation to date is as follows

1 Administration and Planning

- Preparing the documentation and dealing with the formalities of appointment
- Statutory notifications and advertising
- Preparing documentation required
- Dealing with all routine correspondence
- Maintaining physical case files and electronic case details on IPS
- Review and storage
- Case bordereau
- Case planning and administration
- Convening and holding meetings of members and creditors

2 Cashiering

- Maintaining and managing the liquidator's cashbook and bank account.
- Ensuring statutory lodgements and tax lodgement obligations are met

3 Creditors

- Dealing with creditor correspondence and telephone conversations
- Preparing reports to creditors
- Maintaining creditor information on IPS
- Reviewing and adjudicating on proofs of debt received from creditors

4 Investigations

- Review and storage of books and records
- Prepare a return pursuant to the Company Directors Disqualification Act
- Conduct investigations into suspicious transactions
- Review books and records to identify any transactions or actions a liquidator may take against a third party in order to recover funds for the benefit of creditors.

5 Realisation of Assets

- Liaising with the company's bank regarding the closure of the account.
- Dealing with agents and the purchaser of the business regarding the realisation and recovery of assets
- Dealing with the collection of book debts identified post liquidation

A copy of 'A Creditors Guide to Liquidators' Fees' published by the Association of Business Recovery Professionals, together with an explanatory note which shows Mark Goldstein Associates Ltd's fee policy are available upon request from the address below

Liquidator's disbursements

- 5 03 In relation to disbursements, where my firm has incurred a cost that is directly referable to this matter and the payment was made to a third party, these costs have been reimbursed. The disbursements incurred during the period are shown on Appendix 2
- 5 04 No disbursements have or will be claimed which, while directly referable to this matter, did not involve a payment to a third party. Neither will any cost be reimbursed which included an element of shared or allocated cost (eg photocopying)

Creditors' right to request information

- 5 05 Any secured creditor, or an unsecured creditor with the support of at least 5% in value of unsecured creditors or with the leave of court, may (in writing) request me to provide additional information regarding remuneration or expenses already supplied within this report. In accordance with Rule 4 49E of the Rules, such a request or application for leave must be made within 21 days of receipt of this report

Creditors' right to challenge remuneration and/or expenses

- 5 06 Any secured creditor, or an unsecured creditor with the support of at least 10% in value of the unsecured creditors or with permission of the court, may apply to court for one or more orders under Rule 4 131(4) of the Rules. Such applications must be made within eight weeks of receipt of this report

6 **CONCLUSION**

- 6 01 Should you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact me

Mark Goldstein
Liquidator

**Best Loved Hotels (Europe) Ltd
(In Liquidation)**

Liquidator's Abstract Of Receipts And Payments

RECEIPTS	Statement From 30/09/2013		From 30/09/2014	Total
	of Affairs	To 29/09/2014	To 29/09/2015	
	(£)	(£)	(£)	(£)
Furniture & Equipment	350 00	0 00	0 00	0 00
Motor Vehicles	4,000 00	0 00	0 00	0 00
Book Debts		3,112 06	850 00	3,962 06
Bank Charges Refunded		228 65	0 00	228 65
Cash at Bank	3,006 57	131 80	0 00	131 80
Goodwill	31,000 00	10,000 00	25,000 00	35,000 00
Bank Interest Gross		2 17	9 00	11 17
		13,474 68	25,859 00	39,333 68
PAYMENTS				
Preparation of S of A		4,166 67	0 00	4,166 67
Office Holders Fees		7,887 00	1,975 00	9,862 00
Office Holders Expenses		565 31	0 00	565 31
Agents/Valuers Fees		0 00	6,320 00	6,320 00
Accounting Software fees		125 00	0 00	125 00
RPO Arrears & Holiday Pay	(5,523 79)	0 00	0 00	0 00
Employee Arrears/Hol Pay	(2,143 06)	0 00	0 00	0 00
Trade & Expense Creditors	(63,204 17)	0 00	0 00	0 00
Employees	(7,390 17)	0 00	0 00	0 00
RPO Redundancy & PILON	(34,816 71)	0 00	0 00	0 00
Directors Loans	(37,750 00)	0 00	0 00	0 00
HM Revenue & Customs - PAYE & NIC	(91,728 34)	0 00	0 00	0 00
HM Revenue & Customs - VAT	(13,988 41)	0 00	0 00	0 00
Ordinary Shareholders	(1 00)	0 00	0 00	0 00
		12,743 98	8,295 00	21,038 98
Net Receipts/(Payments)		730 70	17,564 00	18,294 70
MADE UP AS FOLLOWS				
Bank 1 Current		56 67	17,964 03	18,020 70
VAT Receivable / (Payable)		674 03	(400 03)	274 00
		730 70	17,564 00	18,294 70

Best Loved Hotels (Europe) Limited**Schedule of time costs and disbursements from 30.09.13 to 29.09.15**

Classification of work function	Office Holder	Snr Support Staff	Jnr Support Staff	Total Hours	Time Cost £
Statutory regulatory & planning	6 10	11 30	0 00	17 40	3,437 00
Dealing with realisation of assets	15 23		0 00	15 23	3,523 59
Communications with directors	1 40		0 00	1 40	322 00
Debtor collections	4 70	1 10	0 00	5 80	1,279 00
General correspondence	5 90		9 12	15 02	2,086 60
Total	33.33	12.40	9.12	54.85	£10,648.19

Category 1 disbursements analysis

Disbursement	
Company Search	£15 00
Printing Circulars	£51 78
Travel	£28 70
Statutory Advertising	£169 83
Specific Bond	£300 00
Total	£565.31

The average hourly charge out rates, excluding VAT, were

Office holder	£230
Senior support staff	£180
Junior Support Staff	£80