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Joint Administrators' progress report from 7 February 2024 to 6 August 2024

Phosphorus Holdco Plc (in administration)
High Court of Justice, Chancery Division,
Companies Court
Case no. 7184 of 2014

28 August 2024

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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
Company	Phosphorus Holdco Plc
Excluded Work	All other work undertaken by the Joint Administrators in managing the Administration and the Company's affairs that is not in the "Included Work"
Joint Administrators / we / us / our	David James Kelly and Douglas Nigel Rackham
Firm	PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP
Included Work	The Joint Administrators' time costs specifically in relation to investigatory work and pursuit of claims against third parties (as defined in the Remuneration Report dated 22 August 2017)
IR16	Insolvency (England and Wales) Rules 2016
IA86	Insolvency Act 1986
P4U	Phones 4U Limited (in administration)
P4U Finance	Phones4u Finance plc (in administration)
Group	The Company together with Phones 4U Limited, Phones 4 U Group Limited, Phones4u Finance plc, MobileServ Limited, Phosphorus Acquisition Limited, and Policy Administration Services Limited (see www.pwc.co.uk/phones4u for details of insolvency procedures affecting these Companies)
PIK Notes	£208m aggregate principal amount of Senior PIK Toggle Notes due 2019
PIK Noteholders	Holders of the above PIK Notes
Sch.B1 IA86	Schedule B1 to the Insolvency Act 1986
SIP	Statement of Insolvency Practice (issued by regulatory authorities, setting out principles and key compliance standards with which insolvency practitioners are required to comply)
SIP 9	Statement of Insolvency Practice 9: Payments to insolvency office holders and their associates from an estate
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
Unsecured creditors	Creditors who are neither Secured nor Preferential
VAT	Value Added Tax

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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 <https://www.pwc.co.uk/phones4u>. Unless stated otherwise, all amounts in this report and appendices are stated net of VAT.

David James Kelly and Douglas Nigel Rackham 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: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/insolvency-practitioner-code-of-ethics>

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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 29 February 2024. You can still view our earlier reports on our website at www.pwc.co.uk/phones4u. Please get in touch with Sarah Robson on 0113 289 4000 if you need the password to access the reports. As a reminder, we were appointed Joint Administrators of certain companies in the Group, as summarised below:

Company	Date of appointment
Phones 4U Limited*	15 September 2014
Phones 4 U Group Limited*	15 September 2014
Phones4u Finance plc*	15 September 2014
MobileServ Limited*	15 September 2014
Phosphorus Acquisition Limited*	15 September 2014
Policy Administration Services Limited*	16 September 2014
Phosphorus Holdco Plc	8 October 2014

This progress report covers only Phosphorus Holdco Plc. On 13 August 2024, a separate report was issued to the creditors of the six companies contained within a common security structure (all indicated by * above).

We refer you to our proposals dated 6 November 2014 for an explanation of why the various companies were put into administration and how the purpose of each administration is expected to be achieved. Our earlier reports explained the progress in this case to 6 February 2024 and they continue to be available on our website at www.pwc.co.uk/phones4u. The content of the previous reports is not repeated here unless considered beneficial or necessary for the purposes of this update.

How much creditors may receive

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

Class of creditor	Paid (p in £)	Previous estimate (p in £)
Secured creditors	N/A	N/A
Preferential creditors	N/A	N/A
Unsecured creditors	0.19	0.19

As previously reported, there are no Secured or Preferential creditors in the administration of the Company and amounts become available for Unsecured creditors only if there are sufficient funds remaining after the expenses of the administration have been discharged. We have previously advised that an unsecured dividend was declared and paid on 5 March 2020 totalling £554,496. This resulted in a dividend of 0.19p in the £ on admitted claims totalling £280m.

As discussed later in this report, any further dividend will be dependent on whether there are future realisations from intercompany debts which in turn will be dependent on the outcome of litigation in P4U.

What you need to do

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

Overview of what we've done to date

As explained in our earlier reports, the only material asset in the administration related to the potential claims against third parties. In order to pursue these claims, we had sought and secured litigation funding from the market. These funds were used to formulate the claims, seek advice from counsel, and issue pre-action correspondence to the potential defendants.

As previously advised, as a result of our investigations and a formal mediation process between the Company and certain third parties, a settlement totalling £4.5m had been reached in respect of all claims asserted by the Company.

Other work was mainly liaising with the PIK Noteholders by way of calls, meetings and notices.

When we last reported, the key outstanding matters in the administration were as follows:

- Monitor and await the conclusion of other matters elsewhere in the Group that may give rise to additional realisations, principally the outcome of the litigation;
- Potentially make a further distribution to creditors, depending on the outcome of the matters elsewhere in the Group;
- Draft and issue the Joint Administrators' six-monthly progress reports to creditors;
- Draft and issue the Joint Administrators' final report in the administration to all known creditors at the appropriate time; and
- Draft and issue the notice of dissolution to be sent to the Registrar of Companies.

Please see the subsequent section for the work performed during the period.

Progress since we last reported

Other Group matters

In our previous report, we advised that P4U received the judgement in November 2023 which dismissed all of P4U's claims. We also advised that P4U's application for permission to appeal this judgement was refused in a written ruling and that P4U subsequently submitted an application for permission to appeal directly to the Court of Appeal.

During the period of this report, the Court of Appeal granted P4U permission to appeal on six grounds concerning the competition law claims. P4U filed its skeleton argument for the appeal on 10 April 2024 and the respondents filed their skeleton arguments on 28 June 2024. The Court of Appeal hearing has been listed to start on 19 May 2025, with a time estimate of five days. Due to the commercially sensitive nature of the litigation, we have not provided any further details.

We continue to believe that the Company should remain in administration in order to benefit from any future litigation realisations in the estate of P4U (as mentioned above), by virtue of its intercompany claim with P4U Finance and by virtue of it being the de facto parent company in the Group. Hence, there may potentially be a further dividend to the Unsecured creditors of the Company depending on the outcome of the aforementioned litigation and appeals process.

Other than potential future realisations from the litigation in P4U, there are no further known assets to realise in this Company that would give rise to any additional dividends for creditors.

Accounting and treasury

In the period, we have carried out bank reconciliations in line with our accounting duties.

No other receipts or payments have occurred during the period covered by this report, as shown in our receipts and payments account at Appendix A.

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.

Statutory and compliance

During the period of this report, we have complied with our statutory obligations by preparing and filing the progress report for the period to 6 February 2024.

This was filed at Companies House and uploaded to the case website on 5 March 2024.

During the period we have also conducted our periodic case review in line with our statutory obligations.

Our receipts and payments account

We set out in Appendix A an account of our receipts and payments in the administration from 7 February 2024 to 6 August 2024, as well as from our appointment until the latest reporting period.

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.

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.

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 guide to fees at:

<https://www.icaew.com/-/media/corporate/files/regulations/insolvency/creditors-guides/2021/administration-creditor-fee-guide-1-april-2021.ashx>

The link to previous guides can be found below, given that the case pre-dates the requirement for a fee estimate as the appointment date was 8 October 2014.

<https://www.icaew.com/regulation/insolvency/understanding-business-restructuring-and-insolvency/creditors-guides>

You can also get a copy free of charge by telephoning Sarah Robson on 0113 289 4000.

What we still need to do

- Monitor and await the conclusion of other matters elsewhere in the Group that may give rise to additional realisations, principally the outcome of the litigation;
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Ending the administration

The primary and continued reasoning for seeking to extend the administration is the timeline of the litigation in P4U, reflecting our belief in the potential continuing value to the creditors of each of the other administrations in the Group. Given the affairs of the Company and the Group are inextricably linked in this regard, we consider it appropriate for the administrations of the Company and those within the Group to continue for the same period.

Subject to the resolution of the litigation in P4U Limited and its attendant impact on potential realisations in the estates of each of the other Group companies, the administrations are separate insolvency processes and therefore may end at different times and in different ways depending on the circumstances in each case. This administration will be brought to an end once its purpose has been achieved, our work has been completed and statutory obligations fulfilled.

Next steps

We expect to send our next report to creditors at the end of the administration or in about six months, whichever is the earliest.

If you have any questions, please get in touch with Sarah Robson on 0113 289 4000.

Yours faithfully
For and on behalf of the Company



David Kelly
Joint Administrator

Appendix A: Receipts and payments

Statement of Affairs		Cumulative to 6 February 2024	7 February 2024 to 6 August 2024	Cumulative to 6 August 2024
(£)	Notes	(£)	(£)	(£)
Receipts				
14,424.00	Cash in hand	14,423.24	-	14,423.24
2,894.00	Intercompany debtors	-	-	-
	Legal fees & expenses	6,236.83	-	6,236.83
	Litigation funding costs	-	-	-
	Investment settlement agreement	4,550,000.00	-	4,550,000.00
	Bank interest gross	6,092.73	-	6,092.73
17,318.00	Total receipts	4,576,752.80	-	4,576,752.80
Payments				
	Joint Administrators' fees (time cost basis)	1,116,137.00	-	1,116,137.00
	Joint Administrators' expenses	18,042.51	-	18,042.51
	Joint Administrators' fees (set fee basis)	269,486.00	-	269,486.00
	Bank charges	15.00	-	15.00
	Legal Fees - Brown Rudnick	1,323,036.50	-	1,323,036.50
	Legal Disbursements - Brown Rudnick	134,740.86	-	134,740.86
	Legal Fees and Expenses - Allen & Overy LLP	37,241.22	-	37,241.22
	Litigation funding costs - Scoggin	523,250.00	-	523,250.00
	Professional Fees - CDER Limited	5,040.00	-	5,040.00
	Professional Fees - Citibank Limited	15,000.00	-	15,000.00
	Irrecoverable VAT	580,265.59	-	580,265.59
	Distribution to Unsecured creditors	554,496.30	-	554,496.30
	Total payments	4,576,750.98	-	4,576,750.98
	Net realisations	1.82	-	1.82
	Funds held in a non-interest bearing current account	1.82	-	1.82

Notes to the R&P

1. Amounts shown exclude VAT.

2. The Company has a claim of £22.7m in P4U Finance. The Directors' Statement of Affairs estimated that there would be a return of £2,984 arising from a dividend from P4U Finance, however there are currently insufficient assets in P4U Finance to enable a dividend.
3. As explained further in Appendix C, our fees are based on a combination of bases. The receipts and payments account shows the amounts paid in total to date.
4. On 5 March 2020 we paid a dividend to Unsecured creditors at the rate of 0.19 pence in the £.
5. Included within our office holders' expenses is £174.14 paid in total, in relation to 'Category 2' disbursements in accordance with the policy explained in Appendix B.
6. 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.

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 Unsecured creditors) also has the responsibility for agreeing the basis 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 to be charged at cost.

No disbursements have been incurred during the period of this report.

Category	Provided by	Basis of cost	Costs incurred in the period £
2	PwC	Photocopying - up to 20 pence per side copied, only charged for circulars to creditors and other bulk copying.	-
2	PwC	Mileage - At a maximum of: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Petrol/diesel/hybrid - 64 pence per mile (up to 2,000cc) or 80 pence per mile (over 2,000cc)Full electric - 72 pence per mileBicycle - 12 pence per mile	-
1	PwC	All other disbursements reimbursed at cost	-
Total incurred in the period			-
Total incurred brought forward			20,915.73
Total incurred to date			20,915.73

The expense policy set out above has been approved by the general body of creditors, however as referred to in previous reports, our expenses are capped therefore any future Category 2 expenses will not be drawn.

The table below provides details of all the expenses incurred in the administration:

	Expenses incurred brought forward £	Incurred in the period £	Total expenses incurred to 6 August 2024 £	Total expenses paid to 6 August 2024 £	Estimated future expenses £	Estimated total expenses £
Joint Administrators' expenses	20,915.73	-	20,915.73	18,042.51	497.70	21,413.43
Legal fees and expenses - Allen & Overy LLP	54,453.77	-	54,453.77	37,241.22	-	54,453.77
Legal fees - Brown Rudnick LLP	1,323,036.50	-	1,323,036.50	1,323,036.50	-	1,323,036.50
Legal expenses - Brown Rudnick LLP	134,740.86	-	134,740.86	134,740.86	-	134,740.86
Litigation funding costs - Scoggin	523,250.00	-	523,250.00	523,250.00	-	523,250.00
Professional fees - CEDR Limited	5,040.00	-	5,040.00	5,040.00	-	5,040.00
Professional fees - CitiBank	15,000.00	-	15,000.00	15,000.00	-	15,000.00
Bank charges	15.00	-	15.00	15.00	-	15.00
Irrecoverable VAT	580,265.59	-	580,265.59	580,265.59	-	580,265.59
Total	2,656,717.45	-	2,656,717.45	2,636,631.68	497.70	2,657,215.15

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.

As previously reported, the legal fees and expenses, totalling £17.2k, incurred in previous periods by Allen & Overy LLP relate to work they carried out in respect of the extension of the administration. These costs are not reflected in the R&P because they were paid by P4U on behalf of the Company due to a lack of funds in the estate; this has been agreed with P4U's Secured creditor. Should any funds become available in the estate, pending the outcome of the litigation, the Company will reimburse P4U for the costs paid on its behalf.

Appendix C: Remuneration update

As advised previously, our fees for Included Work were approved on a time cost basis by creditors on 11 September 2017, specifically for our time incurred in relation to the investigatory work (not unrelated matters arising in the administration).

In conjunction with our report to creditors dated 28 August 2019, we issued a request for creditors to fix the basis of our fees with regards to Excluded Work.

On 27 September 2019, our fees in relation to Excluded Work were duly approved by creditors as a set fee of £287,529 plus VAT including expenses.

According to the litigation funding settlement, and as agreed by the Company's creditors, our total remuneration and expenses is capped at £1,403,666 plus VAT. Therefore the total of our time incurred cannot be recovered from the Company's administration estate. However, given that the administration has been kept open principally to allow time for resolution of the P4U litigation, the P4U bondholders have agreed that our future time costs incurred, over and above the capped amount, may be recovered from the Group.

The capped fee includes the Joint Administrators' expenses (as referred to in Appendix B). Please refer to Appendix A for the breakdown of our fees and expenses which we have drawn since appointment, demonstrating that the total agreed Joint Administrators' fees and expenses have been drawn.

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

Our hours and average rates for the period 7 February 2024 to 6 August 2024

Aspect of assignment	Partner	Director	Senior Manager	Manager	Senior Associate	Associate	Support	Total hours	Time cost £	Average hourly rate £
1 Strategy & Planning	-	-	-	-	0.20	1.15	-	1.35	562.25	416.48
2 Sale of business	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
3 Book debt realisations	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
4 Property	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5 Other assets	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
6 Retention of title	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
7 Trading	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
8 Accounting and treasury	-	-	-	-	0.15	0.75	-	0.90	377.25	419.17
9 Statutory and compliance	-	-	3.85	0.40	3.50	7.10	-	14.85	8,460.75	569.75
10 Employees & pensions	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
11 Investigations	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
12 Creditors	-	-	-	-	0.70	-	-	0.70	378.00	540.00
13 Creditors committee	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
14 Tax	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15 VAT	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16 Books and records	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
17 Closure procedures	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	3.85	0.40	4.55	9.00	-	17.80	9,778.25	549.34
Time identifiable and attributable to:										
MNO Receivables	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Investigations	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total time	-	-	3.85	0.40	4.55	9.00	-	17.80	9,778.25	549.34

Our hours and average rates for the period 8 October 2014 to 6 August 2024

Aspect of assignment	Partner	Director	Senior Manager	Manager	Senior Associate	Associate	Support	Total hours	Total time cost £	Average hourly rate £
1 Strategy & Planning	41.60	0.30	21.70	14.55	25.45	58.80	-	162.40	83,298.65	512.92
2 Sale of business	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
3 Book debt realisations	0.60	-	-	-	0.60	-	-	1.20	786.00	655.00
4 Property	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5 Other assets	8.80	0.25	-	-	4.00	0.50	2.00	15.55	10,252.50	659.32
6 Retention of title	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
7 Trading	-	-	-	-	0.10	-	-	0.10	31.50	315.00
8 Accounting and treasury	7.80	-	0.40	7.40	25.15	28.46	-	69.21	26,445.85	382.11
9 Statutory and compliance	32.20	5.15	167.65	195.08	314.61	208.70	3.20	926.59	397,296.60	428.77
10 Employees & pensions	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
11 Investigations	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
12 Creditors	16.90	6.40	68.35	17.45	86.40	59.95	0.50	255.95	115,661.05	451.89
13 Creditors committee	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
14 Tax	-	4.00	3.50	4.70	8.95	28.65	-	49.80	18,047.70	362.40
15 VAT	-	-	13.70	0.20	7.00	3.75	-	24.65	18,195.45	738.15
16 Books and records	0.50	-	-	0.10	0.15	2.30	-	3.05	1,045.50	342.79
17 Closure procedures	-	-	1.70	0.20	-	-	-	1.90	1,114.00	586.32
Total	108.40	16.10	277.00	239.68	472.41	391.11	5.70	1,510.40	672,174.80	445.03
Time identifiable and attributable to:										
MNO Receivables	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Investigations	206.50	276.00	591.20	289.72	599.70	1,099.05	-	3,062.17	1,116,383.50	364.57
Total	206.50	276.00	591.20	289.72	599.70	1,099.05	-	3,062.17	1,116,383.50	364.57
Total time	314.90	292.10	868.20	529.40	1,072.11	1,490.16	5.70	4,572.57	1,788,558.30	391.15

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 for 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 2023 £	From 1 July 2024 £
Partner	995	1,050
Appointment taking director	960	1,000
Director (not appointee)	915	950
Assistant director	900	920
Senior manager	860	875
Manager	730	750
Senior associate	540	575
Associate	395	400
Support staff	160	160

Offshore professionals	395 - 540	400 -575
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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	Up to 30 June 2024 £	From 1 July 2024 £
Partner	1,905	1,965
Director	1,745	1,815
Senior manager	1,410	1,485
Manager	1,025	1,080
Senior associate/consultant	725	765
Associate/assistant consultant	470	515
Support staff	220	235
Offshore professionals	-	-

In common with many professional firms, our scale rates may rise eg to cover annual inflationary cost increases.

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:

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"> Conducting and reviewing periodic bank reconciliations. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To ensure the proper management of the administration bank account. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To ensure the proper management of the administration bank account.
Creditors		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Corresponding with creditors over email. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Direct benefit to creditors through the provision of information. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Statutory and regulatory responsibilities.
Statutory and compliance		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preparing and issuing the six monthly progress reports to creditors; Complying with statutory filing requirements; and Maintaining case records. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To ensure the orderly management and progression of the case. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To comply with mandatory statutory and other obligations placed on the Joint Administrators.
Strategy and Planning		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review the administration strategy and amending as appropriate; Updating checklists and diary management system; Monitoring and awaiting the conclusion of other matters elsewhere in the Group that may give rise to additional realisations, principally the outcome of the litigation; Regular team case progression and strategy meetings to ensure the proper management of the case; and Conducting case reviews every six months. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To ensure the orderly management and progression of the case. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To ensure the orderly management and progression of the case.

Our future work

We still need to do the following work to achieve the purpose of administration.

Work undertaken	Estimated cost £	What, if any, financial benefit the work will provide to creditors OR whether it was required by statute
Accounting and treasury		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conduct and review periodic bank reconciliations; and Maintain accounting records, including receipts from third parties. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6,813.50 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To ensure the proper management of the administration bank account.
Creditors		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Correspond with creditors over email and telephone; and Make any future distribution to Unsecured creditors. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 11,215.00 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To provide information and return of funds to creditors.
Statutory and compliance		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prepare and issue the six monthly progress reports to creditors; Comply with statutory filing requirements; Make a further application to Court for an extension if necessary; and Maintain case records. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 32,033.25 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Statutory and regulatory requirements.
Strategy and Planning		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review the administration strategy and amend as appropriate; Update checklists and diary management system; Monitor and await the conclusion of other matters elsewhere in the Group that may give rise to additional realisations, principally the outcome of the litigation; Regular team case progression and strategy meetings to ensure the proper management of the case; and Conduct case reviews every six months. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9,508.25 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To ensure the orderly management and progression of the case.
Closure		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deal with closure formalities; Draft and issue final account to creditors, Court and the Registrar; and Close down internal systems and release the specific bond. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 15,000.00 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To ensure that the Company's affairs are wound down in an orderly manner.

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

We have not used any subcontractors on this case in the period of this report.

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 advice (general)	Allen & Overy LLP	Lawyers instructed in respect of the wider Group with knowledge which would add value to the administration.	Time and expenses
Professional fees	Citibank	To assist with the distribution of funds to the Bondholders.	Fixed fee
Professional fees	CEDR Limited	Provision of services to assist with investigation matters.	Fixed fee
Legal advice (investigations)	Brown Rudnick LLP	To assist with the investigation of claims brought by the Company.	Time and expenses

We require all third party professionals to submit time costs analyses and narrative / a schedule of realisations achieved in support of invoices rendered. We receive detailed time breakdowns and narratives in order to review professional firms' costs prior to payment. Our review involves the following steps:

- Did the Joint Administrators issue the instructions listed in the invoice;
- Was the work performed as instructed;
- Was the work undertaken in line with the Joint Administrators' expectations, in respect of quality and the amount of time taken;
- Are the rates which have been applied reasonable; and

Overall, were the fees charged satisfactory and reasonable relative to the work performed.

Appendix D: Other information

Court details for the administration:	High Court of Justice, Chancery Division, Companies Court 7184 of 2014
Company's registered name:	Phosphorus Holdco Plc
Registered number:	07479181
Registered address:	Level 8, Central Square, 29 Wellington Street, Leeds, LS1 4DL
Date of the Joint Administrators' appointment:	8 October 2014
Joint Administrators' names, addresses and contact details:	<p>David James Kelly of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, 7 More London, Riverside, London, SE1 2RT (appointed on 26 May 2016) Douglas Nigel Rackham of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, 7 More London, Riverside, London, SE1 2RT (appointed on 19 December 2019)</p> <p><i>Former Joint Administrators</i></p> <p>Paul David Copley of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, 7 More London, Riverside, London, SE1 2RT (from 8 October 2014 to 27 May 2016) Robert Jonathan Hunt of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, Cornwall Court, 19 Cornwall Street, Birmingham, B3 2DT (from 8 October 2014 to 8 November 2016) Ian David Green of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, 7 More London, Riverside, London, SE1 2RT (from 8 October 2014 to 19 December 2019)</p> <p>Email address: sarah.robson@pwc.com</p>
Objective being pursued:	Objective (b) achieving a better result for the Company's creditors as a whole than would be likely if the Company was wound up (without first being in administration)
Appointor's / applicant's name and address:	Court order following an application by the directors of the Company, based at Osprey House, Ore Close, Lyvedale Business Park, Newcastle-under-Lyme, Staffordshire, ST5 9QD
Split of the Joint Administrators' responsibilities	In relation to Paragraph 100(2) Sch.B1 IA86, during the period for which the administration order is in force any act required or authorised under any enactment to be done by either or all of the Administrators may be done by any one or more of the persons for the time being holding that office
Extensions to the initial period of appointment:	Initial extension granted to 15 March 2019; Subsequent extension granted to 15 March 2020; Three year extension granted to 15 March 2023; and Three year extension granted to 15 March 2026.
