



Mint Partners Limited – in Creditors’ Voluntary Liquidation

**Joint Liquidators’ progress report to members and creditors for the year
ended 16 August 2016**

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1. Executive summary

Company	Mint Partners Limited									
Registered Number	04795286									
Registered Address	7 More London Riverside, London SE1 2RT									
Type of Insolvency	Creditors' Voluntary Liquidation									
Date of Appointment	17 August 2011									
Appointees	David Christian Chubb and Zelf Hussain									
Address	PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP 7 More London Riverside London SE1 2RT									
Dividend Prospects	<table border="0"> <tr> <td></td> <td>Current estimate P in £</td> <td>Previous estimate P in £</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Preferential</td> <td>Not applicable</td> <td>Not applicable</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Unsecured</td> <td>0.8</td> <td>0.8</td> </tr> </table> <p><i>Please note that the guidance on dividend prospects is indicative only. It should not be used as the sole or principal basis of any bad debt provision decision.</i></p>		Current estimate P in £	Previous estimate P in £	Preferential	Not applicable	Not applicable	Unsecured	0.8	0.8
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2. Joint Liquidators' report to members and creditors for the year ended 16 August 2016

Introduction

Pursuant to Rule 4.49C of the Insolvency Rules 1986 ("IR'86"), I am pleased to present the Joint Liquidators' ("Liquidators") fifth progress report to members and all known creditors on the conduct of the Liquidation of Mint Partners Limited (the "Company" or "MPL").

Background to the Liquidation

On 19 August 2010, David Christian Chubb and Peter Norman Spratt of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP were appointed Joint Administrators of the Company. The Administration was concluded on 17 August 2011, being the date the Company moved into Creditors' Voluntary Liquidation. Zelf Hussain replaced Peter Norman Spratt as Joint Liquidator with effect from 30 June 2015.

Remaining asset

MA Realisations Limited ("MARL")

The Company's remaining asset is its shareholding in MARL. MARL is a non-trading subsidiary of the Company and has an indirect interest in a property asset ("the Asset"). Due to confidentiality issues imposed under the terms of an agreement between certain parties concerning the Asset, it has continued to prove time consuming to establish whether the Asset has any value. However, MARL's directors are of the opinion that there is value in its interest in the Asset.

MARL has no funds in its own right with which to pursue its interest in the Asset and neither does the Company. MEQ Realisations Ltd – in Liquidation ("MEQ") has submitted a claim of £848k in the Company's estate which has been admitted for dividend purposes, and which represents 42% of the total value of claims received to date in this estate.

In view of MEQ's significant interest in the outcome of the Company's Liquidation, MEQ provided a loan to MARL (via the Company) in order that MARL's directors might fully explore whether value can be realised

for its interest in the Asset. This exercise is ongoing and the Liquidators will continue to monitor the position.

Receipts and payments account

An account of the receipts and payments in the Liquidation to 16 August 2016 is set out in Section 3.

Expenses statement

A statement of the expenses incurred by the Liquidators between 17 August 2015 and 16 August 2016 is included in Section 4. This includes an estimate of our future expenses.

There remain accrued and unpaid expenses from the preceding Administration, which will be met from any surplus funds held by the Liquidators, in accordance with Paragraph 99 of Schedule B1 to the Insolvency Act 1986.

Claims agreement process

As at 16 August 2016, the Liquidators had admitted 17 claims from unsecured creditors totalling £1.8m. There remain two further claims to be adjudicated with a value of £322k. From the information contained in the directors' statement of affairs, the Liquidators are aware of at least five creditors who are owed approximately £22k, but have yet to submit claims despite being reminded to do so.

Any creditor who has not yet submitted a claim and wishes to do so should submit it in writing to Mint Partners Ltd (in Liquidation), 7 More London Riverside, London SE1 2RT. Proof of debt forms are available from that address.

Creditors who do not submit claims will be excluded from any dividend.

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Outcome for unsecured creditors

The Liquidators currently estimate that the dividend payable by virtue of the prescribed part to unsecured creditors is likely to be in the region of 0.8p in the £.

The prescribed part applies to situations where there are floating charge realisations, net of costs. In this case, an amount of funds will be set aside for distribution to unsecured creditors. The prescribed part is calculated as follows:

- 50% of net property up to £10,000
- 20% of net property in excess of £10,000
- Subject to a maximum amount of £600,000

The prescribed part dividend is currently estimated to be £15,750. An increased dividend may be payable if any realisations are made from the Company's interest in MARL, however realisations from this asset remain highly uncertain. As such, the Liquidators cannot provide any further information at present on the timing and amount of the eventual dividend.

Liquidators' remuneration

In accordance with Rule 4.127 IR'86, the remuneration basis agreed in the Administration will continue in the Liquidation, and is on a time cost basis.

The Liquidators have incurred time costs of £19,033 plus VAT in the period 17 August 2015 to 16 August 2016. This represents 52.15 hours at an average hourly rate of £364.97. A full analysis of these time costs is included in Section 5. No remuneration has been drawn to date.

Total time costs incurred for the Liquidation to 16 August 2016 are £229,059.89.

Creditors' rights

Creditors have the right to ask for more information regarding the Liquidators' remuneration or disbursements within 21 days of receiving this report as set out in Rule 4.49E IR86. Any request must be in writing.

In addition, should any creditor consider the Liquidators' remuneration and disbursements to be excessive or inappropriate, they have the right to challenge the amounts in accordance with Rule 4.131 IR'86, within eight weeks of receiving this report. This information can also be found in the guide to fees at:

<http://www.icaew.com/en/technical/insolvency/creditors-guides>

Additional information

If any creditor requires further explanations on any aspect of the Liquidators' progress report, then please telephone Amy Chismon on + 44 (0) 20 7212 6815 who will be pleased to deal with such enquiries.

The Liquidators' next report to creditors will be circulated at the earlier of the conclusion of the Liquidation or in approximately 12 months.



David Chubb
Joint Liquidator
Mint Partners Limited

DC Chubb and Z Hussain have been appointed as Joint Liquidators of Mint Partners Limited. DC Chubb and Z Hussain are licensed in the United Kingdom to act as insolvency practitioners by the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales.

The Joint Liquidators are bound by the Insolvency Code of Ethics which can be found at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/insolvency-practitioner-code-of-ethics>.

The Joint Liquidators are Data Controllers of personal data as defined by the Data Protection Act 1998. PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP will act as Data Processor on their instructions. Personal data will be kept secure and processed only for matters relating to the Liquidation.

3. Summary of the Joint Liquidators' receipts and payments for the period 17 August 2015 to 16 August 2016

	Notes	As at 16-Aug-15 £	Movement in year £	Cumulative to 16-Aug-16 £
Receipts				
Funds received from the Joint Administrators		90,696	-	90,696
Sale of trademarks		8,000	-	8,000
Other		123	-	123
Loans and advances		60,000	-	60,000
Contribution towards costs (received from BGC Brokers LLP)		17,074	-	17,074
Bank interest		-	113	113
VAT receipts - Administration & Liquidation	1	12,116	-	12,116
Output VAT		8,127	-	8,127
		<u>196,136</u>	<u>113</u>	<u>196,249</u>
Payments				
Legal fees - Administration		29,381	-	29,381
Legal fees - Liquidation		24,260	-	24,260
Statutory advertising		147	-	147
Loan to MARL		48,249	4,749	52,998
Bank charges		426	73	499
VAT payments - Liquidation		7,867	-	7,867
Irrecoverable input VAT	2	9,912	-	9,912
Recoverable input VAT	2	841	-	841
		<u>121,083</u>	<u>4,822</u>	<u>125,905</u>
		<u>75,053</u>	<u>(4,709)</u>	<u>70,344</u>
Cash in hand				

Notes:

- VAT receipts include recoveries from the Administration
- Only 16% of input VAT is recoverable. £5,500 VAT relates to payments made on behalf of MARL
- Funds held in interest bearing bank account.

4. Statement of expenses

The following table provides details of the Liquidation expenses. Expenses are amounts properly payable by the Liquidators from the estate and includes the Liquidators' remuneration but excludes distributions to creditors.

The table should be read in conjunction with the receipts and payments account in Section 3, which shows expenses actually paid during the period and the total paid to date.

	Expenses incurred to 16.08.15	Expenses incurred 17.08.15 to 16.08.16	Cumulative	Estimated future	Anticipated total
	£	£	£	£	£
Expenses incurred during the Administration					
Joint Administrators' time costs	125,017	-	125,017	-	125,017
Joint Administrators' disbursements	1,285	-	1,285	-	1,285
Legal fees - Administration	29,381	-	29,381	-	29,381
	155,683	-	155,683	-	155,683
Expenses incurred during the Liquidation					
Joint Liquidators' time costs	210,027	19,036	229,063	70,000	299,063
Joint Liquidators' disbursements	336	395	731	1,000	1,731
Legal and other professional costs	35,855	-	35,855	-	35,855
Statutory advertising	147	-	147	-	147
Loan to MARL	48,249	4,749	52,998	7,002	60,000
Bank charges	426	73	499	-	499
Other payments	-	-	-	1,000	1,000
Irrecoverable input VAT	9,912	-	9,912	-	9,912
	304,952	24,253	329,205	79,002	408,207
	460,635	24,253	484,888	79,002	563,890
Provision for the prescribed part					15,710

Notes

The statement does not include unpaid/ estimated future irrecoverable input VAT.

5. The Joint Liquidators' remuneration and disbursements

Liquidators' charging policy

The time charged to the Liquidation is by reference to the time properly given by the Liquidators and their staff in attending to matters arising. It is the Liquidators' policy to delegate the routine administration of the Liquidation to junior staff in order to maximise the cost effectiveness of the work performed. These staff have been supervised by senior staff and the Liquidators. Any matter of particular complexity or significance that has required responsibility of an exceptional kind has also been dealt with by senior staff and the Liquidators.

Hourly rates

Set out below are the maximum charge out rates per hour for the Liquidators' staff actually or likely to be involved on this assignment. Time is charge by reference to actual work carried out on the assignment in three minute units. The minimum time chargeable is therefore three minutes (i.e. 0.05 hours). There has been no allocation of any general costs or overhead costs.

In common with all professional firms, the scale rates used by the Liquidators may periodically rise (for example to cover annual inflationary cost increases) over the period of the Liquidation. PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, or any successor firm, reserves the right to change the rates and grade structure. As stated below, amendments to these rates apply with effect from 1 July 2016.

Grade	Maximum rate per hour Up to 30 June 2016 (£)	Maximum rate per hour From 1 July 2016 (£)
Partner	825	840
Director	725	740
Senior Manager	550	560
Manager	470	480
Senior Associate (qualified)	390	400
Senior Associate (unqualified)	290	295
Associate	245	250

Specialist departments within PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, such as tax, VAT, property and pensions, sometimes charge a small number of hours should the Liquidators require their expert advice. Such specialists' rates do vary but the figures below provide an indication of the maximum rate per hour.

Grade	Maximum rate per hour Up to 30 June 2016 (£)	Maximum rate per hour From 1 July 2016 (£)
Partner	1,190	1,250
Director	1,115	1,175
Senior Manager	1,110	1,170
Manager	665	700
Senior Associate (qualified)	490	515
Senior Associate (unqualified)	290	295
Associate	240	255

5. The Joint Liquidators' remuneration and disbursements

Liquidators' disbursements

The Liquidators' firm's expenses policy allows for all properly incurred expenses to be recharged to the case. Disbursements charged to the assignment are split between Category 1 and Category 2 disbursements.

Category 1 disbursements

These are disbursements which are reimbursed at cost.

The Liquidators have incurred Category 1 disbursements of £309.45 in the period covered by this report.

Category 2 disbursements

These are disbursements for services provided by the Liquidators' own firm. The following were incurred in the period covered by this report.

Photocopying - At 12 pence per sheet copied, only charged for circulars to creditors and other bulk copying.	£85.86
Mileage - At a maximum of 55 pence per mile (up to 2,000cc) or 75 pence per mile (over 2,000cc).	Nil

Other matters

The Liquidators have not made any payments to associates in the period covered by this report, nor has any work been subcontracted out.

The Liquidators have not instructed any legal or other professional firms during the period covered by this report.

The Liquidators have no business or personal relationships with the parties who approve their fees or who provide services to the Liquidation where the relationship could give rise to a conflict of interest.

5. The Joint Liquidators' remuneration and disbursements

Analysis of Liquidators' time costs for the period 17 August 2015 to 16 August 2016

Classification of work type	Hours					Total hours	Total cost (£)	Average hourly rate (£/h)
	Partner	Senior Manager	Manager	Senior Associate	Associate			
Strategy and planning	-	0.65	0.40	1.45	0.50	3.00	1,092.75	364.25
Statutory and compliance	1.00	1.50	0.10	19.40	4.85	26.85	8,496.25	316.43
Other assets	-	1.40	1.60	5.40	-	8.40	3,129.50	372.56
Unsecured creditors	-	-	2.90	0.30	-	3.20	1,479.00	462.19
Tax and VAT	-	2.00	-	2.10	-	4.10	3,202.00	780.98
Accounting and treasury	-	-	1.20	2.20	3.20	6.60	1,633.50	247.50
Sub-total	1.00	5.55	6.20	30.85	8.55	52.15	19,033.00	364.97
	Brought forward from 16 August 2015					628.20	210,026.89	334.33
	Overall timecosts at 16 August 2016					680.35	229,059.89	336.68

Details of work done in the period

Area of work	Work undertaken	Why the work was necessary	What, if any, financial creditors OR whether it was required by statute
Strategy and planning	Allocating tasks between team members and following up on progress Team meetings to review progress of case, agree priorities and discuss key issues	Ongoing maintenance of the Liquidation	Overriding duty to realise the assets to the best advantage and distribute the proceeds, net of costs, among creditors and shareholders according to their rights
Statutory and compliance	Preparing and circulating the Joint Liquidators' fourth progress report to MPL's members, creditors and the Registrar of Companies Preparing details of the following for the Joint Liquidators' fourth progress report; receipts and payments account; expenses incurred but not yet paid and detailed time cost analyses	Regulatory requirement	Required by statute

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	Regulatory requirement	Required by statute
Dealing with the various on-going statutory, other regulatory and internal compliance procedures in the Liquidation e.g. providing regular updates on case progress to the Joint Liquidators Dealing with general correspondence addressed to the Joint Liquidators		
Other assets	Liaising with the directors of MARL to obtain updates on their progress and to understand their strategy Assisting MARL to prepare its statutory annual accounts	Overriding duty to realise the assets to the best advantage and distribute the proceeds, net of costs, among creditors and shareholders according to their rights
Creditors	Responding to creditors' enquiries regarding claims positions and reports, by email, post and phone Maintaining database of claims and creditors in preparation of potential dividend	Statutory duty to keep proper books and records to demonstrate transactions, assets and liabilities and copy correspondence
Tax and VAT compliance	Preparing, reviewing and submitting VAT returns and general VAT compliance matters Responding to HMRC's enquiries regarding the corporation tax returns and the financial affairs of the Company	In compliance with duties as proper officers for tax
Accounting and treasury	Processing of payments, receipts, journals and updating nominal ledger Reconciling post-appointment bank accounts to internal systems Dealing with general accounting enquiries	Statutory duty to keep proper books and records to demonstrate transactions, assets and liabilities and copy correspondence

5. The Joint Liquidators' remuneration and disbursements

Our future work

The following work will be required before the Liquidation can be closed.

Area of work	Work to be undertaken	Estimated cost (£)	Whether or not the work will provide a financial benefit to creditors
Strategy and planning	Allocating tasks between team members and following up on progress	1,500	Overriding duty to realise the assets to the best advantage and distribute the proceeds, net of costs, among creditors and shareholders according to their rights
	Team meetings to review progress of case, agree priorities, discuss key issues and plan for closure	1,500	
Statutory and compliance	Dealing with the various on-going statutory, other regulatory and internal compliance procedures in the Liquidation e.g. providing regular updates on case progress to the Joint Liquidators	4,000	Required by statute
	Preparation and circulation of Liquidators' fifth annual progress report to creditors	6,000	
	Preparation and circulation of Liquidators' sixth annual progress report to creditors	6,000	
	Preparation and circulation of Liquidators' final progress report to creditors	6,000	
	Closure requirements including holding of final meetings, cancelling bond insurance and review of books and records	2,000	
Other assets	Liaising with the directors of MARL to obtain updates on their progress and understand their strategy	13,500	Overriding duty to realise the assets to the best advantage and distribute the proceeds, net of costs, among creditors and shareholders according to their rights
	Assisting MARL prepare its statutory annual accounts	1,000	
Creditors	Responding to creditors' enquiries regarding claims positions and reports, by email, post and phone	2,000	Statutory duty to keep proper books and records to demonstrate transactions, assets and liabilities and copy correspondence
	Maintaining database of claims and creditors in preparation of potential dividend	1,500	
	Adjudicate any additional claims received	1,000	

5. The Joint Liquidators' remuneration and disbursements

	Preparation and distribution of first and final dividend to unsecured creditors	10,000	
Tax and VAT compliance	Preparation and submission to HMRC of post appointment VAT returns	4,500	In compliance with duties as proper officers for tax
	Obtain clearance from HMRC in order to close the Liquidation	2,000	
Accounting and treasury	Processing of payments, receipts, journals and updating nominal ledger	1,000	Statutory duty to keep proper books and records to
	Reconciling post-appointment bank accounts to internal systems	2,000	demonstrate transactions, assets and liabilities and copy correspondence
	Final reconciliation and closure of bank accounts	1,500	
	Total	70,000	

