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1 Company details

Company number 0 5 9 1 8 4 2 8

Company name in full Silk Brief Limited

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Please complete in typescript or in bold black capitals.

2 Liquidator's name

Full forename(s) Neil

Surname Bennett

3 Liquidator's address

Building name/number Leonard Curtis

Street 5th Floor

Grove House

Post town 248a Marylebone Road

County/Region London

Postcode N W 1 6 B B

Country

4 Liquidator's name ①

Full forename(s) Alex

Surname Cadwallader

① Other liquidator
Use this section to tell us about another liquidator.

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Contact name **Samuel Wood**

Company name **Leonard Curtis**

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County/Region

Postcode **N W 1 6 B B**

Country

DX

Telephone **020 7535 7000**



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LEONARD CURTIS
BUSINESS RESCUE & RECOVERY

Silk Brief Limited
(In Creditors' Voluntary Liquidation)

Company Number: 05918428

Former Registered Office: 4th Floor, 4 Tabernacle Street, London EC2A 4LU

Trading Address: 4 Stone Lane, Meldreth, South Cambridgeshire SG8 6NZ

Joint Liquidators' Second Progress Report
pursuant to Section 104A(1) of the Insolvency Act 1986 (as amended)
and Rule 18.3 of the Insolvency (England and Wales) Rules 2016

Report Period:
17 February 2021 to 16 February 2022

6 April 2022

Leonard Curtis
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TO ALL MEMBERS, CREDITORS AND THE REGISTRAR OF COMPANIES

1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 Neil Bennett and Alex Cadwallader were appointed Joint Liquidators of Silk Brief Limited (“the Company”) on 17 February 2020.
- 1.2 Neil Bennett is authorised to act as an insolvency practitioner in the UK by the Insolvency Practitioners Association and Alex Cadwallader is authorised to act as an insolvency practitioner in the UK by the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales.
- 1.3 There has been no change in office holder since the date of liquidation.
- 1.4 This report provides an update on the conduct of the liquidation for the period from 17 February 2021 to 16 February 2022, as required by Section 104A(1) of the Insolvency Act 1986 (as amended) (“the Act”) and Rule 18.3 of the Insolvency (England and Wales) Rules 2016 (“the Rules”). It contains details of the progress made, the expected outcome for creditors and other information that the Joint Liquidators are required to disclose and should be read in conjunction with the previous progress report dated 1 April 2021.

2 CONDUCT OF THE LIQUIDATION

- 2.1 The Company’s registered office was changed to 5th Floor, Grove House, 248a Marylebone Road, London NW1 6BB on 26 February 2020.

Assets Realised

- 2.2 No assets have been realised during the period of this report.

Assets Still to be Realised

- 2.3 No assets remain to be realised.

3 RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

- 3.1 A summary of the Joint Liquidators’ receipts and payments for the entire period of the liquidation, including the period from 17 February 2021 to 16 February 2022, is attached at Appendix A.
- 3.2 All figures are stated net of VAT.

4 OUTCOME FOR CREDITORS

Secured Creditors

- 4.1 There are no secured creditors.

Preferential Creditors

- 4.2 As at the date of liquidation, there were preferential creditors, with estimated claims totalling £437.

- 4.3 As previously reported these claims relate to outstanding pension contributions and we have been liaising with the former pension providers as to whether a claim can be made for outstanding contributions.
- 4.4 We have also been liaising with appointed agents, Clumber Consultancy Limited, who have been assisting us with reviewing the pension scheme and advising where appropriate. There have been ongoing issues which are likely to be finalised in the short-term following which the Company will be moved to closure.
- 4.5 No funds have been realised and as a result there will be no dividend to preferential creditors on any claims received in the liquidation

Prescribed Part

- 4.6 As there are no secured creditors holding a qualifying floating charge, there is no requirement to set aside a prescribed part of net property.

Ordinary Unsecured Creditors

- 4.7 As at the date of liquidation, there were 6 unsecured creditors, with estimated claims totalling £75,093.
- 4.8 No funds have been realised. As a result, there will be no dividend to ordinary unsecured creditors.
- 4.9 The Joint Liquidators have collated and acknowledged (where requested) the claims of the ordinary unsecured creditors, although, in view of the fact that there will be no distribution to this class of creditor, unsecured claims have not been formally agreed.

5 INVESTIGATIONS

As previously reported, following the initial assessment, no detailed investigations were considered to be required by the Joint Liquidators. Nothing further has been brought to the attention of the Joint Liquidators during the period of this report.

6 JOINT LIQUIDATORS' REMUNERATION, EXPENSES AND DISBURSEMENTS, AND CREDITORS' RIGHTS

Remuneration

- 6.1 No steps have been taken during the period to fix the basis of fees in respect of the Joint Liquidators' remuneration. Based on present information, the Company has insufficient assets to enable the payment of any Joint Liquidators' remuneration from the estate.

Expenses and Disbursements

- 6.2 A summary of the Joint Liquidators' expenses from 17 February 2020 to 16 February 2022 is attached at Appendix B. To assist creditors' understanding of this information, it has been separated into the following two categories:

- *Standard Expenses*: this category includes expenses payable by virtue of the nature of the liquidation process and / or payable in order to comply with legal or regulatory requirements.
- *Case Specific Expenses*: this category includes expenses likely to be payable by the Joint Liquidators in carrying out their duties in dealing with issues arising in this particular liquidation. Included within this category are costs that are directly referable to the liquidation but are not

paid to an independent third party (and which may include an element of allocated costs). These are known as ‘category 2 expenses’ and they may not be drawn without creditor approval.

With effect from 1 April 2021, the Joint Liquidators are also required to disclose to those responsible for approving our remuneration whether any payments we intend to make from an insolvency estate are to associates of Leonard Curtis. Payments to associates are subject to the same level of approval as the office holder’s fees and category 2 expenses.

- 6.3 No resolution was proposed to creditors with regard to either payments to associates or the Joint Liquidators’ category 2 expenses.
- 6.4 Attached at Appendix C is additional information in relation to the firm’s policy on staffing, the use of subcontractors, disbursements and details of current charge-out rates by staff grade. Please be aware that the firm’s charge out rates have been amended with effect from 1 March 2021.
- 6.5 Since our last report, the following professional advisors (“PA”) and / or subcontractors (“S”) have been instructed:

Name of Professional Advisor	PA / S	Service Provided	Basis of Fees
Clumber Consultancy Limited	S	Pension Review and Advice	Set Fee

The work undertaken by Clumber Consultancy Limited (“Clumber”) could have been carried out by the Joint Liquidators, however, Clumber have greater experience and expertise of dealing with pension scheme issues and carry out their services for fixed fees. It is likely that the cost of dealing with pension scheme matters would be greater if dealt with by the Joint Liquidators on a time cost basis and the above instructions were ultimately in the best interest of creditors.

Creditors’ Rights

- 6.6 Under Rule 18.9 of the Rules, within 21 days of receipt of this report, a secured creditor, or an unsecured creditor with either the concurrence of at least five per cent in value of the unsecured creditors (including the creditor in question), or with the permission of the court, may request in writing that the Joint Liquidators provide further information about their remuneration or expenses which have been itemised in this report.
- 6.7 Under Rule 18.34 of the Rules, any secured creditor, or any unsecured creditor with either the concurrence of at least 10 per cent in value of the unsecured creditors (including that creditor), or the permission of the court, may within eight weeks of receipt of the progress report that first reports the fee basis, the charging of the remuneration or the incurring of the expenses in question, make an application to court on the grounds that, in all the circumstances, the basis fixed for the Joint Liquidators’ remuneration is inappropriate and/or the remuneration charged or the expenses incurred by the Joint Liquidators, as set out in the progress report, are excessive.
- 6.8 Unless the court orders otherwise, the costs of the application shall be paid by the applicant and are not payable as an expense of the liquidation.

7 MATTERS STILL TO BE DEALT WITH

Matters still to be dealt with before conclusion of the liquidation include the following:

- The finalising of pension scheme issues as detailed at section 4; and
- The drafting and dispatch of the final account to close the liquidation.

8 OTHER MATTERS

- 8.1 For your information, Liquidation: A Guide for Creditors on Insolvency Practitioner Fees. Version 1 April 2021, which sets out the rights of creditors and other interested parties under the insolvency legislation, may be accessed from the following website via the link below:

<https://www.r3.org.uk/technical-library/england-wales/technical-guidance/fees/>

- 8.2 If you would prefer this to be sent to you in hard copy form, please contact Samuel Wood of this office on 020 7535 7000.

- 8.3 Creditors are also encouraged to visit the following website, which provides a step by step guide designed to help creditors navigate through an insolvency process:

<http://www.creditorinsolvencyguide.co.uk>

- 8.4 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>

Data Protection

- 8.5 When submitting details of your claim in the liquidation, you may disclose personal data to the Joint Liquidators. The processing of personal data is regulated in the UK by the General Data Protection Regulation EU 2016/679 as supplemented by the Data Protection Act 2018, together with other laws which relate to privacy and electronic communications. The Joint Liquidators act as Data Controllers in respect of personal data they obtain in relation to this liquidation and are therefore responsible for complying with Data Protection Law in respect of any personal data they process. The Joint Liquidators' privacy notice, which is attached to this report at Appendix D, explains how they process your personal data. Terms used in this clause bear the same meanings as are ascribed to them in Data Protection Law.

Yours faithfully



NEIL BENNETT
JOINT LIQUIDATOR

Neil Bennett is authorised to act as an insolvency practitioner in the UK by the Insolvency Practitioners Association under office holder number 9083 and Alex Cadwallader is authorised to act as an insolvency practitioner in the UK by the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales under office holder number 9501

APPENDIX A

SUMMARY OF JOINT LIQUIDATORS' RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FROM 17 FEBRUARY 2021
TO 16 FEBRUARY 2022

	Estimated to realise £	Previous periods £	This period £	Cumulative £
RECEIPTS				
None	-	-	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
PAYMENTS				
None		-	-	-
		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
BALANCE IN HAND		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

SUMMARY OF JOINT LIQUIDATORS’ EXPENSES FROM 17 FEBRUARY 2020 TO 16 FEBRUARY 2022

Standard Expenses

Type	Charged by	Description	Total Amount Incurred to Date £	Amount Incurred in This Period £	Amount Paid £	Amount Unpaid £
AML Checks	Business Tax Centre	Electronic client verification	5.00	-	-	5.00
Bond Fee	AUA Insolvency Risk Services Limited	Insurance bond	10.00	-	-	10.00
Document Hosting	Pelstar Computing Limited	Hosting of documents for creditors *	21.00	7.00	-	21.00
Software Licence Fee	Pelstar Computing Limited	Case management system licence fee *	87.00	-	-	87.00
Statutory Advertising	Courts Advertising Limited	Advertising	183.60	-	-	183.60
		Total standard expenses	299.60	7.00	-	299.60

* Payment to Associate requiring specific creditor / committee approval from 1 April 2021

Case Specific Expenses

Type	Charged by	Description	Total Amount Incurred to Date £	Amount Incurred in This Period £	Amount Paid £	Amount Unpaid £
Professional Fees	Clumber Consultancy Limited	Pension Advice	350.00	350.00	-	350.00
		Total case specific expenses	350.00	350.00	-	350.00

LEONARD CURTIS POLICY REGARDING FEES, EXPENSES AND DISBURSEMENTS

The following Leonard Curtis policy information is considered to be relevant to creditors:

Staff Allocation and Charge Out Rates

We take an objective and practical approach to each assignment which includes active director involvement from the outset. Other members of staff will be assigned on the basis of experience and specific skills to match the needs of the case. Time spent by secretarial and other support staff on specific case related matters, e.g. report despatching, is not charged.

Where it has been agreed by the appropriate body of creditors that the office holders’ remuneration will be calculated by reference to the time properly given by the office holders and their staff in attending to matters as set out in a fees estimate, then such remuneration will be calculated in units of 6 minutes at the standard hourly rates given below. In cases of exceptional complexity or risk, the insolvency practitioner reserves the right to request and obtain authority from the appropriate body of creditors that their remuneration on such time shall be charged at the higher complex rates given below.

The following hourly charge out rates apply to all assignments undertaken by Leonard Curtis:

	6 Jan 2014 onwards		1 Aug 2019 onwards		1 March 2021 onwards	
	Standard	Complex	Standard	Complex	Standard	Complex
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Director	450	562	525	656	550	688
Senior Manager	410	512	445	556	465	581
Manager 1	365	456	395	494	415	518
Manager 2	320	400	345	431	365	456
Administrator 1	260	325	280	350	295	369
Administrator 2	230	287	250	313	265	331
Administrator 3	210	262	230	288	245	306
Administrator 4	150	187	165	206	175	219
Support	0	0	0	0	0	0

In respect of assignments pre-dating 1 March 2022, office holders’ remuneration may include costs incurred by the firm’s in-house legal team, which may be used for non-contentious matters pertaining to the insolvency appointment.

Use of Associates

We are required to disclose to those responsible for approving our remuneration whether any payments we intend to make from an insolvency estate are to Associates of Leonard Curtis (LC). The term “Associate” is defined in s435 of the Insolvency Act 1986, but we are also required to consider the substance or likely perception of any association between the appointed insolvency practitioner, their firm (LC) or an individual within the firm and the recipient of a payment. Payments to Associates are subject to the same level of approval as the office holder’s fees and category 2 expenses (see table on the next page for further details).

Leonard Curtis Legal Limited (LC Legal) are part of the LCBSG group; as such they are an “Associate” of LC. Where LC Legal are instructed to assist an office-holder in a particular matter from 1 March 2022 onwards, details of their proposed costs will be provided to creditors and specific approval for payments to associates will be sought.

Additionally, whilst not meeting the legal definition of “Associate” we are aware that there is a perceived association between LC and Pelstar Limited. Pelstar Limited provides insolvency case management software and document hosting facilities to LC. LC employs an individual who is married to a director of Pelstar Limited. Pelstar Limited’s costs are set out in the expenses tables below.

Use of Professional Advisors

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Details of any professional advisor(s) used will be given in reports to creditors. Unless otherwise indicated the fee arrangement for each is based on hourly charge out rates, which are reviewed on a regular basis, together with the recovery of relevant disbursements.

The choice of professional advisors is based around a number of factors including, but not restricted to, their expertise in a particular field, the complexity or otherwise of the assignment and their geographic location.

Use of Subcontractors

Where we subcontract out work that could otherwise be carried out by the office holder or his/her staff, this will be drawn to the attention of creditors in any report which incorporates a request for approval of the basis upon which remuneration may be charged. An explanation of why the work has been subcontracted out will also be provided.

Categorisation of Expenses

We are required to provide creditors with an estimate of the expenses we expect to be incurred in respect of an assignment and report back to them on actual expenses incurred and paid in our periodic progress reports. There are two broad categories of expenses: standard expenses and case specific expenses. These are explained in more detail below:

- a) Standard Expenses – this category includes expenses which are payable in order to comply with legal or regulatory requirements and therefore will generally be incurred on every case. They will include:

Type	Description	Amount																								
AML checks via Smartsearch	Electronic client verification in compliance with the Money Laundering, Terrorist Financing and Transfer of Funds (Information on the Payer) Regulations 2017	£5.00 plus VAT per search Note that with effect from 1 April 2021, these costs are no longer recovered from the estate.																								
Bond / Bordereau fee via AUA Insolvency Services	Insurance bond to protect the insolvent entity against any losses suffered as a result of the fraud or dishonesty of the IP	£10.00 to £1,200.00 dependent on value of assets within case																								
Company searches via Companies House	Extraction of company information from Companies House	£1.00 per document unless document can be accessed via the free service																								
Document hosting via Pelstar Limited (see Use of Associates and Category 2 expenses)	Hosting of documents via a secure portal for access by creditors/shareholders. Costs are charged per upload plus VAT and are generally dependent upon the number of creditors. The costs are commensurate with those charged by other providers of comparable services.	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Type</th> <th>First 100</th> <th>Every addtl 10</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>ADM</td> <td>£14.00</td> <td>£1.40</td> </tr> <tr> <td>CVL</td> <td>£7.00</td> <td>£0.70</td> </tr> <tr> <td>MVL</td> <td>£7.00</td> <td>£0.70</td> </tr> <tr> <td>CPL</td> <td>£7.00</td> <td>£0.70</td> </tr> <tr> <td>CVA</td> <td>£10.00</td> <td>£1.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>BKY</td> <td>£10.00</td> <td>£1.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>IVA</td> <td>£10 p.a. or £25 for life of case</td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Type	First 100	Every addtl 10	ADM	£14.00	£1.40	CVL	£7.00	£0.70	MVL	£7.00	£0.70	CPL	£7.00	£0.70	CVA	£10.00	£1.00	BKY	£10.00	£1.00	IVA	£10 p.a. or £25 for life of case	
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Postage via Royal Mail or Postworks	Cost of posting documents which are directly attributable to a case to external recipients	Calculated in accordance with applicable supplier rates and dependent on the number of pages and whether the document is sent by international, first or second class post.																								

PRIVACY NOTICE FOR CREDITORS

Information we collect and hold about you

By requesting details of your claim in this insolvency, we may collect Personal Data from you, particularly if you are a consumer creditor, a sole trader or are lodging a claim in your personal capacity.

Personal Data is information relating to a living individual. Whenever Personal Data is processed, collected, recorded, stored or disposed of it must be done within the terms of the General Data Protection Regulation ("the GDPR"). Examples of Personal Data include but may not be limited to your name, address, telephone number and email contact details.

If you do not provide us with the information we require, this may adversely affect our ability to deal with your claim, but we would ask you not to submit more Personal Data than we request from you.

Legal justification for processing your Personal Data

The processing of your Personal Data by us is necessary to enable us to comply with legal obligations under the Insolvency Act 1986 and associated legislation which we are subject to as Insolvency Practitioners.

How we use your information

All information you supply to us is required to enable us to comply with our duties under the Insolvency Act 1986 and associated legislation. It will be used to enable us to assess the extent of the insolvent entity's liabilities, to allow you to vote on any decision procedures, to enable us to communicate with you, to process your claim and to pay any dividends which may be due to you from the insolvent estate.

Who we share your information with

We may be required to share some of your Personal Data with other creditors. The data which will be shared with other creditors will be limited to that specifically required to be disclosed under insolvency legislation.

We may share some of your information with our Data Processors. Data Processors include solicitors, accountants and employment law specialists who assist us with our duties where required. We will only share your information with our Data Processors if we require their specialist advice. All of our Data Processors are subject to written contracts with us to ensure that your Personal Data is processed only in accordance with the GDPR.

How long will we hold your Personal Data for?

We will need to hold your Personal Data for a period of time after the insolvency has been concluded. This is to enable us to deal with any queries which might arise. Our Records Management Policy requires us to destroy our physical files 6 years after closure of the case. Electronic data files will be removed from our Case Management System 6 years after conclusion of the case but may be held on our server for a longer period of time but with restricted access.

Your rights in respect of your Personal Data

You have the right to request access to your Personal Data and to require it to be corrected or erased. You also have the right to request a restriction in the way we process your Personal Data or to object to its processing. You should be aware however that we may not be able to comply with your request if this would affect our ability to comply with our legal obligations.

You have the right to Data Portability. This is a right to have the Personal Data we hold about you to be provided to you in a commonly used and machine-readable format so that you can transfer that Data to another organisation in a way that is not too onerous to upload the Data.

Your right to complain

You have the right to be confident that we are handling your Personal Data responsibly and in line with good practice. If you have a concern about the way we are handling your Personal Data you should contact our Privacy Manager in the first instance.

If you are unable to resolve your concerns with us, you have the right to complain to the Information Commissioners’ Office. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK6 5AF or on 0303 123 1113.

Contacting us

If you have any questions relating to the processing of your Personal Data, please write to our Privacy Manager at Leonard Curtis, 5th Floor, Grove House, 248A Marylebone Road, London NW1 6BB Alternatively our Privacy Manager can be contacted by telephone on 0207 535 7000 or by email: privacy@leonardcurtis.co.uk.

Data Controller: LEONARD CURTIS