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### IN THE MATTER OF

### ARMSTRONG AND MILLENNIUM CONSULTING LIMITED - IN LIQUIDATION

### AND

### **THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986**

# THE LIQUIDATOR'S FIRST ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 104A OF THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 16 JUNE 2020



Aspect Plus Limited 40a Station Road Upminster Essex RM14 2TR

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#### (a) Introduction

The Company was placed into Liquidation by a Special Resolution of the members followed by the Deemed Consent process of creditors convened under the Insolvency Act 1986 and Insolvency Rules 2016, on 17 June 2019. This report provides an update on the progress in the Liquidation for the year ended 16 June 2020.

### Rule 18.3: Progress Report

### (b) Statutory Information

Company Name:

Armstrong and Millennium Consulting Limited

Registered Office:

40a Station Road, Upminster, Essex, RM14 2TR

Former Registered Office:

Suite 4 Kendrew House, 8-9 Kendrew Street, Darlington,

Durham, DL36JR

Company Number:

08183512

### (c) Liquidator's name and address

Liquidator's Name:

Darren Edwards

Liquidator's Firm:

Aspect Plus Limited

Liquidator Address:

40a Station Road, Upminster, Essex, RM14 2TR

Appointment Date:

19 March 2019

#### (d) Basis of Liquidator's remuneration

I can advise that a fixed fee of £4,000.00 plus VAT and disbursements was agreed and paid, by the Director prior to appointment.

This fee relates to the assistance given to the Director of the Company in circulating notice of written resolutions to shareholders and the deemed consent decision to creditors together with the preparation of the Statement of Affairs and Director's Report.

This fee represents a fair and reasonable reflection of the work that was carried out prior to appointment.

#### Basis of remuneration

As no assets have been realised, I will not be seeking approval of my fees at this stage unless there are any assets realised with which to discharge them.

Staff allocation and the use of subcontractors

The general approach to this firm's resourcing our assignments is to allocate staff with the skills and experience to meet the specific requirements of the case. The constitution of the case team will usually consist of a Partner, Manager, Senior Administrator and an Administrator. The exact constitution of the case team will depend on the anticipated size and complexity of the assignment and additional staff may be allocated to meet the demands of the case. We have not utilised the services of any subcontractors in this case.



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### (e) Liquidator's remuneration

My time costs for the period of this report being 17 June 2019 to 16 June 2020 total £4,110.00. This represents 20.70 hours at an average rate of £198.60 per hour. I attach at Appendix 2 a Time Analysis which provides details of the activity during the year, analysed by staff grade.

No remuneration has been drawn on account of these time costs.

To view an explanatory note concerning Liquidator's remuneration issued by the Joint Insolvency Committee, please contact this office to arrange for a hard copy to be sent to you. Alternatively, you may view the guide to Liquidators' guide to fees online by copying the link below to your web browser:

I can advise that R3, the Association of Business Recovery Professionals have a website for creditors, which provides information to assist those creditors who are unfamiliar with the insolvency process. Please copy the following link in your web browser to access information: -

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

Included in the work undertaken by me and my staff in the period of this report are the following: -

- Dealing with unsecured creditors' enquiries both by correspondence and by telephone and noting their claims;
- Carrying out all necessary investigations, including the examination of the Company's statutory books and books of accounts and records to enable me to prepare and submit a Liquidator's report on the conduct of the Director pursuant to the requirements of the company Directors Disqualification Act 1986;
- Correspondence with the Company's bankers, HSBC Bank Plc regarding cash held in the Company's account, to include investigations and possible antecedent transactions relating to the period prior to my appointment
- Corresponding with HM Revenue & Customs ("HMRC") regarding pre and post appointment VAT and Corporation Tax;
- Preparation of this annual progress report to creditors; and
- General statutory and administrative tasks, which includes tasks such as case filing, cashiering, case reviews, bank reconciliations and general written correspondence.

### (f) Liquidator's expenses

My category 1 disbursements for the period 17 June 2019 to 16 June 2020 total £392.44 and are detailed at Appendix 2. These represent the actual payments made on behalf of the assignment.

I can advise that the Category 1 disbursement in the sum of £262.44 plus VAT has been incurred in respect of statutory advertising. This represents the costs for the publishing of statutory advertising in the London Gazette in respect of the members resolution to wind up the Company, the notice of the appointment of the Liquidator and to creditors to submit their claims in the Liquidation. This cost has been incurred and paid.

I can also advise that this firm utilise an IT system in which to maintain records and information regarding the Liquidation. A one-off fee of £110.00 per case is charged by the IT provider for the use of the software. This cost has been incurred but not paid.



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In addition, I am required to obtain specific bond insurance, based on the level of realisations expected to be realised, as required by the Insolvency Practitioners Regulations 2005. This cost has been incurred in the sum of £20.00 but not paid.

This firm uses a commercial archiving company for storage facilities for the Company's records and papers. This is recharged at the rate of £5 per box per annum for storage and on a time costs basis at £37.50 per hour for contents listing together with a small charge to cover the administration costs of archiving and retrieval of documents. I am also required to keep my working papers for 6 years from the conclusion of the Liquidation.

No Category 2 disbursements have been charged.

### (g) Other professional costs

No other professionals have been instructed in the Liquidation.

### (h) Details of progress for the period under review

According to the Statement of Affairs lodged within these proceedings, the Company had no assets.

A Receipts and Payments Account is attached at Appendix 1, which is further explained below. It should be noted that all figures in the Receipts and Payment Account are shown net of VAT.

#### Receipts

#### Cash at Bank

It was not anticipated that there would be any realisation in this regard, but I can confirm that following my correspondence with the Company's former bankers HSBC, cash at bank was received in the sum of £579.38.

No other receipts have been made in the period covered by this report.

#### **Payments**

#### Statutory Advertising

This represents the costs for the publishing of statutory advertising in the London Gazette in respect of the notice of the appointment of the Liquidator and to creditors to submit their claims in the Liquidation.

#### **Bank Charges**

Bank charges of £41.60 have been incurred in the operation of the Liquidation bank account in the period covered by this report.

### (i) Details of any assets that remain to be realised and outstanding matters

Investigations into payments made from the Company's bank account have not been concluded and information recently received is subject to further analysis. Following a review of the same, I will be in a poisiton to determine whether any potential recoveries are possible. Therefore, recoveries at present remain uncertain.



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Subject to the above and prior to finalising the Liquidation, the final tax position is to be confirmed and statutory matters concluded.

### (j) Investigations

In accordance with the Company Directors Disqualification Act 1986 a report/return on the conduct of the Directors of the Company has been submitted to the Department for Business Innovation & Skills. As this is a confidential report, the Liquidator is not able to disclose the contents.

Shortly after appointment, an initial assessment was made of whether there could be any matters that might lead to recoveries for the estate and what further investigations may be appropriate. This assessment took into account information provided by creditors either at the initial meeting or as a response to my request to complete an investigation questionnaire.

At present, my investigations into payments made from the Company's bank account have not been concluded, and therefore, my investigations are still ongoing.

### (k) Creditors' rights to request information and their right to challenge the Liquidator's remuneration and expenses

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 provides further information about his remuneration or expenses which have been itemised in this progress report.

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 the basis fixed for the Liquidator's remuneration, the remuneration charged or the expenses incurred by the Liquidator as set out in this progress report are excessive.

#### (I) Any other relevant information:

#### **Prescribed Part**

As Liquidator, I have a duty to advise whether the prescribed part applies in respect of the amount of funds available for unsecured creditors. This provision only applies where the Company has granted a floating charge to a secured creditor on or after 15 September 2003. I'can advise that the Company has not granted any charges and therefore there is no prescribed part in this instance.

### Secured creditors

There are no secured creditors.

### **Preferential creditors**

The Liquidator has not received any preferential claims.

#### **Unsecured creditors**

Unsecured creditors' claims in the sum of £20,000 have been received and noted. However, based on current information it is unlikely that there will be a dividend payable to the unsecured creditors.



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### (m) Next report

I am required to provide a further report on the progress of the Liquidation within two months of the end of the next anniversary of the Liquidation, unless I have concluded matters prior to this date and issued my final account.

#### **COMPLAINTS**

Every endeavour will be made to try to resolve any issues that may arise, however, if any matter is not dealt with to your satisfaction your complaint should be made to the Insolvency Service whose website address for complaints is <a href="http://www.bis.gov.uk/insolvency/contact-us/IP-Complaints-Gateway">http://www.bis.gov.uk/insolvency/contact-us/IP-Complaints-Gateway</a>. Alternatively you may contact the Insolvency Service in writing, by email or by telephone as follows: -

By Email <u>insolvency.enquiryline@insolvency.gov.uk</u>

By Post The Insolvency Service, IP Complaints, 3rd Floor, 1 City Walk, Leeds

LS11 9DA;

By telephone 0300 678 0015 (calls are charged at up to 10p pre minute from a land line

and 3p - 40p per minute from a mobile, in the UK)

I trust you will find this report adequate for your purposes but should you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact in the first instance Robert Cogan (rob@aspectplus.co.uk) at this office.

#### **Darren Edwards**

Liquidator of Armstrong & Millennium Consulting Limited

Date: 9 August 2020



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Appendix 1

# Armstrong & Millennium Consulting Limited - In Creditors Voluntary Liquidation Limited Liquidator's Abstract of Receipts & Payments From 17 June 2019 To 16 June 2020

Statement		17/06/2019
Of		to
Affairs		16/06/2020
£		£
	Asset Realisations	
NIL	Cash at Bank	579.38
NIL		579.38
	Cost of Realisations	
	Statutory Advertising	262.44
	Bank Charges	41.50
		303.94
	CASH IN HAND	275.44

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Appendix 2

Liquidator's Remuneration Schedule Armstrong and Millennium Consulting Limited Between 17 June 2019 and 16 June 2020

Classification of work function	Partner/ Director	Manager	Other Senior Professionals	Assistants & Support Staff	Total Hours	Time Cost	Average Hourly Rate
Administration & Planning	0.60	1.30	7.30	5.80	15.00	2,892.00	192.80
Investigations	0.60	0.00	0.20	4.90	5.70	1,219.00	213.86
Realisation of	0.00	0.00	0.00	. 0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Assets							
Trading	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Creditors	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Case Specific Matters	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total hours	1.20	1.30	7.50	10.70	20.70		
Time costs	480.00	390.00	1,730.00	1,511.00		4,111.00	
Average hourly rate	400.00	300.00	230.67	141.21			198.60

Description	Total Incurred £	Total Recovered £
Statutory Advertising	262.44	262.44
Statutory Advertising	110.00	110.00
Statutory Advertising	20.00	20.00
Totals	392.44	392.44

**Summary of Fees** 

Time spent in administering the Assignment	Hours	20.70
Total value of time spent to 16 June 2020	£	4,111.00
Total Liquidator's fees charged to 16 June 2020	£	0.00

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Appendix 3

### ASPECT PLUS LIMITED REMUNERATION AND DISBURSEMENT POLICY 2016



#### Charge-out rates

Work undertaken by staff is recorded in 6 minute units in an electronic time recording system. Time properly incurred on cases is charged at the hourly rate of the grade of staff undertaking the work that applies at the time the work is done. Details of charge-out rates effective from 1 January 2019, together with those previously charged are as follows:

Grade	From 1 January 2019	
Partners	£400	
Managers	£300	
Senior Administrators	£240	
Administrators	£190	
Junior Administrators	£100	

#### Staff allocation and the use of subcontractors

The general approach to this firm's resourcing our assignments is to allocate staff with the skills and experience to meet the specific requirements of the case. The constitution of the case team will usually consist of a Partner, Manager, Senior Administrator and an Administrator. The exact constitution of the case team will depend on the anticipated size and complexity of the assignment and additional staff may be allocated to meet the demands of the case.

Occasionally Aspect Plus will use the services of a subcontractor where it is deemed appropriate for the case. The most common use of subcontracts will be:

- where there are employee claims to be dealt with, and a firm of ERA specialists will be engaged;
   and
- where there are complex pension issues to be resolved, and a firm of pension specialists will be engaged.

### **Disbursements**

Category 1 disbursements are payments to independent third parties where there is specific expenditure directly referable to the case. Specific approval from creditors to draw these expenses incurred is not required, and the amount recharged to the case is the exact amount incurred.



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Examples of category 1 disbursements include postage costs, advertising, specific bond insurance, company search fees, travel and properly reimbursed expenses incurred by personnel in connection with the case. Also included will be services specific to the case where these cannot practically be provided by Aspect Plus Limited, such as printing and room hire.

Category 2 disbursements are expenses that are referable to the insolvency case, but are not paid to an independent third party and include elements of shared or allocated costs incurred by Aspect Plus Limited. Aspect Plus Limited does not recover category 2 expenses, with the occasional exception of mileage costs that are charged at the rate prescribed by HM Revenue & Customs.

### **Expenses**

The expenses arising in relation to this engagement are as follows:

Expense type	Description	Estimated Expense	Incurred to date	Paid to date
Bonding	Specific bond insurance as required by the Insolvency Practitioner Regulations	£20.00	£20.00	£20.00
Advertising costs	Cost to place adverts in London Gazette, as required by statute	£262.44	£262.44	£262.44
IT costs	The cost of Insolv case management software	£110.00	£110.00	£110.00

#### **Further information**

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https://insolvency-practitioners.org.uk/uploads/documents/67fb24500548056e54569a485d8d5b0f.pdf



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Appendix 4

Detailed list of work undertaken for Armstrong And Millennium Consulting Limited in Creditors' Voluntary Liquidation for the review period 17/06/2019 to 16/06/2020

Below is detailed information about the tasks undertaken by the Liquidator.

General	Includes
Description	
Statutory and General Administration	
Statutory/advertising	Filing of documents to meet statutory requirements including annual receipts and payments accounts Advertising in accordance with statutory requirements  Bonding the case for the value of the assets
Document maintenance/file review/checklist	Filing of documents Periodic file reviews documenting strategy Periodic reviews of the application of ethical, anti-money laundering and anti-bribery safeguards Maintenance of statutory and case progression task lists/diaries Updating checklists
Bank account administration	Preparing correspondence opening and closing accounts Requesting bank statements Bank account reconciliations Maintenance of the estate cash book Banking remittances and issuing cheques/BACS payments
Planning / Review	Discussions regarding strategies to be pursued
Books and records /- storage	Dealing with records in storage Sending job files to storage
Pension scheme	Identifying whether there is a pension scheme
Investigations	
SIP 2 Review	Correspondence to request information on the company's dealings, making further enquiries of third parties Reviewing questionnaires submitted by creditors and directors Preparation of deficiency statement Review of specific transactions and liaising with directors regarding certain transactions
Statutory reporting on conduct of director(s)	Preparing statutory investigation reports Liaising with Insolvency Service Submission of report with the Insolvency Service
Realisation of Assets	
Debtors	Correspondence with debtors Dealing with disputes, including communicating with directors/former staff
Other assets: motor vehicles, intangibles, intellectual property, VAT/corporation tax refunds, Insurance claims	Liaising with bank to receive cash at bank
Creditors and Distributions	Receipting and filing POD when not related to a dividend
Dealing with proofs of debt	Corresponding with RPO regarding POD when not related to a dividend



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Processing proofs of debt

Preparation of correspondence to potential creditors inviting submission of POD Receipt of POD