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TO ALL KNOWN CREDITORS AND SUPPLIERS

7 November 2018

Ref: RHK/CGJK/JB/AS/SA/D05.13 Direct line: 0161 234 05 07 Please ask for Amanda Scuffham Email: <u>crawshawgroup@uk.ey.com</u>

Dear Sirs

## Gabbotts Farm (Retail) Limited (In Administration) ('the Company')

On 7 November 2018 the Company entered administration and Robert Hunter Kelly and I were appointed as Joint Administrators. The appointment was made by the court under the provisions of Paragraph 10 of Schedule B1 to the Insolvency Act 1986. Formal notice of our appointment is attached. As licensed insolvency practitioners, we are bound by the Insolvency Code of Ethics when carrying out all professional work relating to the administration.

The Company is continuing its business under our supervision whilst we conduct an investigation of its financial affairs. At present, I am unable to indicate whether there will eventually be a surplus available for creditors. However, in accordance with paragraph 49(5) of Schedule B1 to the Insolvency Act 1986, we shall be preparing proposals within eight weeks of our appointment. The proposals will be made available to all creditors and will give an indication of the likely dividend prospects.

At this time, we will also set out our proposals for remuneration and will seek approval for the basis. The statutory provisions relating to remuneration are set out in Chapter 4, Part 18 of the Insolvency (England and Wales) Rules 2016 (the Rules). Further information is given in the Association of Business Recovery Professionals' publication 'A Creditors' Guide to Administrators' Fees', a copy of which may be accessed from the web site of the Institute of Chartered Accountants at <a href="https://www.icaew.com/en/technical/insolvency/creditors-guides">https://www.icaew.com/en/technical/insolvency/creditors-guides</a>, or is available in hard copy upon written request to the Joint Administrators.

Please note that debts incurred by the Company before our appointment will rank as unsecured claims against the Company. Any sums due to the Company arising after our appointment must be paid in full and without set-off against any debts incurred by the Company prior to our appointment.

The directors are required to submit a statement of affairs to us and you will appreciate that the full financial position is not yet known. Please send me a detailed statement of any sums due to you from the Company.

Certain debts due from the Company may be preferential in accordance with section 386 of the Insolvency Act 1986. If you consider that you have a claim in this category, please advise me immediately. If you hold any security for your claim or you consider that you have title to any assets in the Company's possession, please forward details to me as soon as possible.



You may be entitled to VAT bad debt relief on debts arising from supplies more than six months old. This procedure does not involve the Administrators and claims should be made directly to HM Revenue & Customs.

Please note that with effect from the date of our appointment the Company will not be responsible for payment for any goods or services delivered to the Company except against orders which bear the signature of one of the Joint Administrators, or one of our representatives, whose specimen signatures and authority limits (where applicable) appear at the end of this letter. Goods and services so ordered will be paid for on normal credit terms.

If any orders placed with you by the Company prior to our appointment have not been completed, they should not be completed unless you receive written confirmation from either of us, or our authorised representative, that the goods or services are still required. Please let me have a statement of any orders placed by the Company prior to our appointment which have not yet been completed.

## **Opting out**

Under the provisions of Rule 1.39, creditors have the right to elect to opt out of receiving further documents relating to the administration.

If you do elect to opt out you will still receive the following documents:

- Any which the Insolvency Act requires to be delivered without expressly excluding opted-out creditors;
- Notice relating to a change in the administrators, or their contact details;
- · Notice of dividend or proposed dividend; or
- A notice which the court orders to be sent to all creditors, or all creditors the particular category to which you belong.

Any election to opt-out will not affect your entitlement to receive dividends, if any are paid.

Unless the Rules provide to the contrary, opting-out will not affect your rights to vote in a decision procedure or participate in a deemed consent procedure, although you would not receive notice of such procedures.

Any opted-out creditors will be treated as opted out in respect of any consecutive insolvency procedure which might follow the administration.

You may opt-out by delivering an authenticated (eg signed) and dated notice to me stating that you are electing to be an opted-out creditor in relation to this administration. You may at any time revoke this election by delivering to me an authenticated and dated notice stating that you no longer wish to be an opted-out creditor.



## Other matters

If there are any matters concerning the Company's affairs which you consider may require investigation and consequently should be brought to our attention, please forward the details to me in writing as soon as possible.

If you require any further information or explanation, please do not hesitate to contact my assistant, Amanda Scuffham on 0161 234 0507.

Yours faithfully for the Company

CGJ King Joint Administrator

Enc: Notice of Administrator's Appointment

The authorised signatories for orders are:

Robert Hunter Kelly who will sign

Charles Graham John King who will sign

Jo Bull who will sign (Authority up to £30,000)

Ned Swifte who will sign
(Authority up to £10,000)

R H Kelly is licensed in the United Kingdom to act as an insolvency practitioner by The Institute of Chartered Accountants of Scotland and C G J King is licensed in the United Kingdom to act as an insolvency practitioner by The Association of Chartered Accountants.

The affairs, business and property of the Company are being managed by the Joint Administrators, R H Kelly and C G J King, who act as agents of the Company only and without personal liability.

The Joint Administrators may act as data controllers of personal data as defined by the General Data Protection Regulation 2016/679, depending upon the specific processing activities undertaken. Ernst & Young LLP and/or the Company may act as a data processor on the instructions of the Joint Administrators. Personal data will be kept secure and processed only for matters relating to the Joint Administrator's appointment. The Office Holder Data Privacy Notice can be found at <a href="https://www.ey.com/uk/officeholderprivacy.">www.ey.com/uk/officeholderprivacy.</a>