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#### 1 Company details

Company number 

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Company name in full L.K. Bennett Limited

In Creditors Voluntary Liquidation

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Please complete in typescript or in  
bold black capitals.

#### 2 Liquidator's name

Full forename(s) Daniel Christopher

Surname Hurd

#### 3 Liquidator's address

Building name/number No 1 Colmore Square

Street

Post town Birmingham

County/Region

Postcode B 4 [ ] 6 [ ] H [ ] Q [ ] [ ]

Country

#### 4 Liquidator's name ①

Full forename(s) Craig Anthony

Surname Lewis

① **Other liquidator**

Use this section to tell us about  
another liquidator.

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## Notice of progress report in voluntary winding up

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### Period of progress report

From date	<sup>d</sup> 2	<sup>d</sup> 3	<sup>m</sup> 0	<sup>m</sup> 2	<sup>y</sup> 2	<sup>y</sup> 0	<sup>y</sup> 2	<sup>y</sup> 4
To date	<sup>d</sup> 2	<sup>d</sup> 2	<sup>m</sup> 0	<sup>m</sup> 2	<sup>y</sup> 2	<sup>y</sup> 0	<sup>y</sup> 2	<sup>y</sup> 5

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### Progress report

The progress report is attached

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### Sign and date

Liquidator's signature

Signature

X

J. C. H. W. J.

X

Signature date

<sup>d</sup> 1	<sup>d</sup> 5	<sup>m</sup> 0	<sup>m</sup> 4	<sup>y</sup> 2	<sup>y</sup> 0	<sup>y</sup> 2	<sup>y</sup> 5
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### Presenter information

You do not have to give any contact information, but if you do it will help Companies House if there is a query on the form. The contact information you give will be visible to searchers of the public record.

Contact name **Daniel Christopher Hurd**

Company name **Ernst & Young LLP**

Address **No 1 Colmore Square**

Post town **Birmingham**

County/Region

Postcode **B 4 6 H Q**

Country

DX

Telephone



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- You have attached the required documents.
- You have signed the form.



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## TO ALL KNOWN MEMBERS AND CREDITORS

15 April 2025

Ref: LKB02/DH/CL/KP/MW/AH  
Please contact: Ayse Hassan  
Email: [lkbcreditors@uk.ey.com](mailto:lkbcreditors@uk.ey.com)

Dear Sir or Madam

## **L.K. Bennett Limited (in Creditors Voluntary Liquidation) (“the Company”)**

Craig Anthony Lewis and I were appointed as Joint Liquidators of the Company on 23 February 2023 following our previous appointment as Joint Administrators on 7 March 2019. I now write to provide you with our report on the progress of the liquidation for the period from 23 February 2024 to 22 February 2025 (“the Period”). This report should be read in conjunction with our previous report dated 22 April 2024, and the former Joint Administrators’ final report dated 6 February 2023 which are both available to view at [https://www.ey.com/en\\_uk/administrations/ey-lk-bennett-administration](https://www.ey.com/en_uk/administrations/ey-lk-bennett-administration).

At Appendix A of this report we provide information about the Company and the Joint Liquidators. A copy of our receipts and payments account for the Period is at Appendix B.

### **Progress during the period of the report**

#### **Asset Realisations in the Period**

#### **Business Rates Refunds**

During the period business rate refunds totaling £15,148 were received.

#### **Bank Interest**

Bank interest totaling £30,029 has been received in the Period. This includes £11,466 of interest generated from an investment that matured on 8 April 2024. Appropriate taxes on the bank interest will require payment and the Joint Liquidators will file the necessary tax returns when they are due.

### **Work concluded in the Period**

#### **Property Litigation**

We previously reported that we were pursuing the recovery of sums due to the Company from the landlord of a leasehold property and a sub-tenant at another leased property. After further careful consideration of the possible additional time and legal costs that could be incurred pursuing these claims versus the potential recoveries, the Joint Liquidators have taken the decision that it is no longer commercially viable to continue to pursue these claims.

#### **Unsecured Claims**

The Company previously traded from 43 leasehold premises. As landlord and business rate claims can be more complex the Joint Liquidators have written to all landlords and Business Rating Authorities



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during the Period. They were invited to prove their claims in the Liquidation to allow sufficient time to adjudicate these claims. The adjudication process is ongoing, and further details are provided below in the unsecured creditor section of this report.

## **Distributions to Creditors**

### **Secured Creditors**

Secured creditors were paid in full in the former Administration.

### **Preferential Creditors**

Preferential creditors were paid in full in the former Administration.

### **Non-preferential unsecured creditors**

As communicated in the former Joint Administrators' reports, the Company's books and records indicate that non-preferential claims could total approximately £33.71m. We have received claims from non-preferential unsecured creditors of the Company totaling £35.0m to date. The Joint Liquidators have begun adjudicating these claims and creditors that have not yet submitted claims are invited to do so by completing the proof of debt form at Appendix E and emailing it to [lkbcreditors@uk.ey.com](mailto:lkbcreditors@uk.ey.com).

The Joint Liquidators estimate that there will be sufficient funds to enable a distribution to the unsecured creditors in excess of the Prescribed Part. The Prescribed Part is a proportion of floating charge assets set aside for unsecured creditors pursuant to section 176A of the Insolvency Act 1986. The Prescribed Part applies to floating charges created on or after 15 September 2003. It is for this reason the Company moved from Administration to Creditors Voluntary Liquidation.

The Joint Liquidators estimate the value of the Prescribed Part to be £600,000 before the costs of dealing with the Prescribed Part. In addition to the Prescribed Part value we currently estimate that a further c.£337,000 will be available to the unsecured creditors, an improved position of £67,000 since our last report.

A Notice of Intended Dividend ("the Notice") pursuant to Rules 14.29 and 14.30 of the Insolvency (England and Wales) Rules 2016 will shortly be issued to all creditors who have yet to prove their claims. The Notice will also be advertised in the London Gazette. The Notice will give a 'last day for proving' date and the Joint Liquidators must declare a dividend to unsecured creditors within two months of this date.

### **Joint Liquidators' Remuneration**

The statutory provisions relating to remuneration are set out in Part 18 of the Insolvency (England and Wales) Rules 2016. 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 in England and Wales at <https://www.icaew.com/en/technical/insolvency/creditors-guides> or is available in hard copy upon written request to me.

In certain circumstances, creditors are entitled to request further information about our remuneration or expenses, or to apply to court if they consider the costs to be excessive (Rules 18.9 and 18.34 of the Insolvency (England and Wales) Rules 2016). Further information is provided in "A Creditors' Guide to Administrators' Fees" referred to above.



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In accordance with Rule 18.20(4) of the Insolvency (England and Wales) Rules 206, where an Administrator becomes a Liquidator, the basis of remuneration fixed under Rule 18.18 for the Administrator is treated as having been fixed for the subsequent Liquidator.

### **The basis of the Joint Liquidators' Remuneration**

The basis of our remuneration was approved, by the secured and preferential creditors on 14 June 2019 and 20 June 2019 respectively, on a time-cost basis at an estimated £3,201,109 (exclusive of VAT).

As previously reported during the Administration, the original fee estimate ("Original Fee Estimate") had been exceeded and on 23 June 2022 a revised fee estimate ("Revised Fee Estimate") totaling £4,998,198 was circulated to secured and preferential creditors. We sought approval for an increase in the Joint Administrators' remuneration ("the Fee Increase") on the following basis:

- £400,000 of additional fees, above the £3,201,109 already approved, as a contribution towards some of the additional time costs already incurred in the Administration.
- A £60,000 additional fixed fee as a contribution towards ongoing time costs and to the costs of making distributions to the unsecured creditors.
- A percentage of the value of future asset realisations (a "% of asset realisations basis"); being 50% of the value of all future asset realisations received after 17 March 2022 into the Administration and/or subsequent Liquidation estate.

The secured and preferential creditors both approved the Revised Fee Estimate and the Fee Increase by way of signed resolutions.

### **Joint Liquidators Time Costs and Remuneration**

During the Period, we incurred time costs of £125,543.50 bringing the aggregate total time costs incurred during the Administration and Liquidation to £6,002,613.94 as at 22 February 2025. To confirm, whilst these time costs exceed the Revised Fee Estimate of £4,998,198, we do not intend to seek additional remuneration above the levels detailed above and approved by the secured and preferential creditors in the Fee Increase.

We have drawn remuneration of £75,000 in the Period, bringing total remuneration drawn in the Liquidation to £225,000. Of the £225,000 total remuneration drawn in the Liquidation, £88,162 has been drawn on a time costs basis and £136,838 has been drawn on a % of asset realisations basis, as set out in the basis of the Joint Liquidators' remuneration section above. On an aggregate basis during the Administration and the Liquidation, remuneration totaling £3,797,947 has been drawn to date.

An analysis of the time spent, and a comparison with the Revised Fee Estimate dated 23 June 2022 is attached as Appendix C to this report. Further details on the description of the work done during the Period can also be found at Appendix C.

### **Joint Liquidators' Statement of Expenses Incurred**

During the period covered by this report, the Liquidators have incurred expenses totaling £3,932 plus VAT. There is a breakdown of expenses incurred in the period and to date at Appendix D to this report.

Certain expenses have exceeded the initial estimate included within the Joint Administrators' Proposals dated 1 May 2019, reasons for which can be found at Appendix D.



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Should you have any remaining questions about the contents of this report or the Liquidation, please do not hesitate to contact Ayse Hassan at this office.

Yours faithfully  
For the Company

*D. C. Hurd.*

D C Hurd  
Joint Liquidator

**Appendix A – Statutory and Company Information**

**Appendix B – Joint Liquidators' Receipts and Payments account for the Period and cumulatively**

**Appendix C – Summary of Joint Liquidators' Time Costs**

**Appendix D – Summary of Joint Liquidators' Statement of Expenses incurred in the Period and cumulatively**

**Appendix E – Creditors Proof of Debt Form**

On 23 February 2023 Daniel Christopher Hurd and Craig Anthony Lewis were appointed Joint Liquidators of the Company. Daniel Christopher Hurd and Craig Anthony Lewis are licensed in the United Kingdom to act as Insolvency Practitioners by The Institute of Chartered Accountants in England. As Insolvency Practitioners, they are bound by the Insolvency Code of Ethics in carrying out all professional work relating to the appointment.

The Joint Liquidators may act as data controllers of personal data as defined by the UK General Data Protection Regulation (as incorporated in the Data Protection Act 2018), 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 Liquidators. Personal data will be kept secure and processed only for matters relating to the Joint Liquidator's appointment. The Office Holder Data Privacy Notice can be found at [www.ey.com/uk/officeholderprivacy](https://www.ey.com/uk/officeholderprivacy).

**L.K. Bennett Limited (in Creditors Voluntary Liquidation) ('the Company')**  
**Statutory Information about the Company and the Joint Liquidators**

Registered office address of the Company: c/o Ernst & Young LLP  
No. 1 Colmore Square  
Birmingham  
B4 6HQ

Registered Number: 02699136

Date of appointment of the Joint Liquidators: 23 February 2023

Details of any changes of Liquidator: None

Full names of the Joint Liquidators: Daniel Christopher Hurd,  
Craig Anthony Lewis

Office Holder numbers: 20030, 8582

Joint Liquidators' addresses: Daniel Christopher Hurd  
Ernst & Young LLP  
No. 1 Colmore Square  
Birmingham  
B4 6HQ

Craig Anthony Lewis  
Ernst & Young LLP  
1 More London Place  
London  
SE1 2AF

Telephone number: 0121 262 4520

Name of alternative person to contact with  
enquiries about the case: Ayse Hassan

## Appendix B

### L.K. Bennett Limited (in Creditors Voluntary Liquidation) ('the Company')

### Joint liquidators' receipts and payments account for the period from 23 February 2024 to 22 February 2025 and cumulatively

	From 23-Feb- 23 To 22-Feb- 24 £	From 23-Feb-24 To 22-Feb-25 £	Cumulatively To 22-Feb-25 £
<b>RECEIPTS</b>			
Litigation proceeds	107,835.64	0.00	107,835.64
Surplus from Joint Administrator	918,471.50	0.00	918,471.50
Distribution from French Liquidator	303,371.35	0.00	303,371.35
Business Rates Refund	0.00	15,147.91	15,147.91
Bank Interest	14,850.35	30,029.09	44,879.44
Unclaimed pref dividends transferred from Adminiistration	2,140.05	0.00	2,140.05
	<b>1,346,668.89</b>	<b>45,177.00</b>	<b>1,391,845.89</b>
<b>PAYMENTS</b>			
Legal Fees	56,232.03	0.00	56,232.03
Public Notices	94.00	0.00	94.00
Balance of funds due to Byland	18,864.15	0.00	18,864.15
Storage Charges	432.49	295.12	727.61
Corporation Tax	506.16	3,621.45	4,127.61
Liquidators Fee	150,000.00	75,000.00	225,000.00
Insurance	3,696.00	0.00	3,696.00
Bank charges	3.30	6.60	9.90
	<b>229,828.13</b>	<b>78,923.17</b>	<b>308,751.30</b>
<b>NET Receipts/Payments</b>	<b>1,116,840.76</b>	<b>(33,746.17)</b>	<b>1,083,094.59</b>
<b>MADE UP AS FOLLOWS</b>			
Flt VAT Control Account			-76.36
Flt VAT Receivable			56,481.89
RBS-GBP-32816684-IB FLOAT			1,026,689.06
			<b>1,083,094.59</b>

#### **Notes**

- Receipts and payments are stated net of VAT.

## L.K. Bennett Limited (in Creditors Voluntary Liquidation) ('the Company')

## Joint liquidators' time costs for the period from 23 February 2024 to 22 February 2025

Liquidation time costs incurred in the Period 23 February 2024 - 22 February 2025										
	Partner	Director	Assistant Director	Manager	Executive	Assistant Executive	Analyst	Total Hours	Total Cost £	Average Rate £
Administration & Planning	0.7	27.0	1.9	13.3	26.4	18.8	0.8	88.9	63,956.00	719
Bank & Statutory Reporting	2.0	-	1.7	20.0	-	9.0	-	32.7	22,915.00	701
Creditors	-	5.3	0.2	6.9	3.9	7.7	-	24.0	16,372.00	682
Debtors	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Employees	0.2	-	0.2	-	0.5	-	-	0.9	713.00	792
Immediate Tasks	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Job Acceptance & Strategy	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Legal Issues	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Assets	-	-	0.3	-	-	-	-	0.3	300.00	1,000
Other Matters	-	-	-	-	0.8	-	-	0.8	432.00	540
Property	-	-	1.9	-	-	-	-	1.9	1,805.00	950
Statutory Duties	-	-	-	7.0	-	-	2.8	9.8	6,102.00	623
VAT & Taxation	0.3	2.2	1.0	4.9	4.6	4.8	7.8	25.6	12,948.50	506
<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>3.2</b>	<b>34.5</b>	<b>7.2</b>	<b>52.1</b>	<b>36.2</b>	<b>40.3</b>	<b>11.4</b>	<b>184.9</b>		
<b>Time Costs (£)</b>	<b>4,589.50</b>	<b>35,326.00</b>	<b>6,451.00</b>	<b>37,559.50</b>	<b>19,489.00</b>	<b>18,208.00</b>	<b>3,920.50</b>		<b>125,543.50</b>	
<b>Average Hourly Rate (£)</b>	<b>1,434</b>	<b>1,024</b>	<b>896</b>	<b>721</b>	<b>538</b>	<b>452</b>	<b>344</b>		<b>679</b>	

**L.K. Bennett Limited (in Creditors Voluntary Liquidation) ('the Company')**

**Former Joint Administrators' time costs for the period 7 March 2019 to 22 February 2023; Joint liquidators' time costs for the period from 23 February 2024 to 22 February 2025, and a comparison with the Revised Fee Estimate dated 23 June 2022**

	Per Revised Fee Estimated dated 23 June 2022			Administration time costs 7 March 2019 - 22 February 2023			Liquidation time costs incurred in the Period 23 February 2024 - 22 February 2025			Liquidation time costs 23 February 2023 to 22 February 2025			Aggregate time costs to date (Administration and Liquidation)		
	Total hours	Total costs (£)	Average hourly rate (£)	Total hours	Total costs (£)	Average hourly rate (£)	Total hours	Total costs (£)	Average hourly rate (£)	Total hours	Total costs (£)	Average hourly rate (£)	Total hours	Total costs (£)	Average hourly rate (£)
<b>Administration &amp; Planning</b>	2,037.5	789,642.09	388	2,390.6	1,015,316.87	425	88.9	63,956.00	719	361.9	243,292.00	672	2,752.5	1,258,608.87	457
<b>Bank &amp; Statutory Reporting</b>	637.7	395,555.42	620	708.3	442,591.00	625	32.7	22,915.00	701	44.0	32,384.50	736	751.6	473,988.50	631
<b>Creditors</b>	697.5	232,788.59	334	657.0	236,058.90	359	24.0	16,372.00	682	45.6	31,170.50	684	700.6	266,309.40	380
<b>Debtors</b>	301.8	115,554.00	383	301.8	115,554.34	383	-	-	-	-	-	-	303.8	116,474.34	383
<b>Employees</b>	531.6	217,581.00	409	535.1	220,111.43	411	0.9	713.00	792	1.1	811.00	737	536.2	220,922.43	412
<b>Immediate Tasks</b>	433.8	200,284.00	462	468.8	209,384.07	447	-	-	-	0.5	217.50	435	469.3	209,601.57	447
<b>Investigations</b>	66.7	27,726.00	416	66.7	27,726.00	416	-	-	-	-	-	-	66.7	27,726.00	416
<b>Job acceptance &amp; Strategy</b>	20.5	20,687.91	1,009	20.5	20,687.91	1,009	-	-	-	-	-	-	21.2	21,674.91	1,022
<b>Legal Issues</b>	66.7	45,416.41	681	51.0	35,085.16	688	-	-	-	16.0	12,309.50	769	67.0	47,394.66	707
<b>Other Assets</b>	710.7	480,515.00	676	748.7	511,454.32	683	0.3	300.00	1,000	12.2	11,307.00	927	760.9	522,761.32	687
<b>Other Matters</b>	206.3	144,156.00	699	221.3	156,170.66	706	0.8	432.00	540	9.2	7,990.50	869	230.5	164,161.16	712
<b>Prescribed Part Distribution</b>	-	-	-	76.5	35,742.50	467	-	-	-	-	-	-	76.5	35,742.50	467
<b>Property</b>	1,193.7	525,901.91	441	1,264.3	604,122.39	478	1.9	1,805.00	950	44.7	29,475.00	659	1,309.0	633,597.39	484
<b>Public Relations</b>	4.8	3,328.33	693	4.8	3,328.33	693	-	-	-	-	-	-	4.8	3,328.33	693
<b>Retention of Title</b>	106.1	41,470.71	391	106.1	41,470.71	391	-	-	-	-	-	-	106.1	41,470.71	391
<b>Sale of business</b>	803.3	469,727.92	585	803.3	469,727.92	585	-	-	-	-	-	-	803.3	469,727.92	585
<b>Statutory Duties</b>	388.2	161,017.97	415	427.1	212,575.23	498	9.8	6,102.00	623	33.8	21,747.00	643	460.9	234,322.23	508
<b>Trading</b>	1,380.7	651,491.00	472	1,381.4	652,040.70	472	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,381.4	652,040.70	472
<b>VAT &amp; Taxation</b>	782.4	475,374.05	608	861.7	536,806.50	623	25.6	12,948.50	506	101.4	65,954.50	650	963.1	602,761.00	626
<b>Total</b>	<b>10,370.0</b>	<b>4,998,198.31</b>	<b>482</b>	<b>11,095.0</b>	<b>5,545,954.94</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>184.9</b>	<b>125,543.50</b>	<b>679</b>	<b>670.4</b>	<b>456,659.00</b>	<b>681</b>	<b>11,765.4</b>	<b>6,002,613.94</b>	<b>510</b>

Outlined in the table below is supporting narrative explanation as to the work undertaken during the Period. This information is detailed on a category by category basis, aligned to the reporting of time costs in the table above, including commentary where the Fee Estimate has exceeded:

Category of work	Description of work to be completed
Accounting & Administration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>Time costs in this category have exceeded our original estimate. The work undertaken is required to progress the Liquidation and does not necessarily result in a direct financial benefit to creditors. However, a number of the tasks are statutory requirements.</i></li> <li>- <i>Time has been incurred and is forecast to be incurred on the following tasks:</i></li> <li>- <i>The overall management of the case.</i></li> <li>- <i>Treasury and accounting functions (payments, remittances, journals, bank reconciliations, account closures and processing distributions).</i></li> <li>- <i>Statutory compliance diaries and 6-month case reviews.</i></li> <li>- <i>Time cost reporting.</i></li> <li>- <i>Settlement of all Liquidation costs including legal, professional and the Joint Liquidators' fees.</i></li> </ul>
Bank & Statutory Reporting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>Time costs in this category have exceeded our original estimate. The work undertaken does not result in a direct financial benefit to creditors, however, providing annual progress reports to all creditors and members is a statutory requirement.</i></li> </ul>
Creditors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>Time costs in this category have exceeded our original estimate. This work will result in a financial benefit to creditors as we will be distributing a dividend to unsecured non-preferential creditors.</i></li> <li>- <i>Time has been and will continue to be incurred on the following:</i></li> <li>- <i>Continue to receive and record creditor claims.</i></li> <li>- <i>Respond to additional creditor queries, including those from landlords.</i></li> <li>- <i>Adjudicating on claims from preferential and non-preferential unsecured creditors.</i></li> <li>- <i>Writing to all Landlord and Business Rating Authorities inviting them to submit claims.</i></li> </ul>
Employee Matters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>Time costs in this category have exceeded our original estimates. Whilst this is not directly linked to a financial benefit to creditors, certain tasks have allowed the Company to continue trading and therefore, facilitated realisations from the Company's assets which will provide a financial benefit to creditors.</i></li> <li>- <i>Time has been incurred on the following tasks:</i></li> <li>- <i>Dealing with employees, including receipt and recording and processing employee claims.</i></li> </ul>
Other Assets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>Time costs in this category have exceeded our original estimate. The work undertaken has resulted in financial benefit to creditors.</i></li> <li>- <i>Claiming Business Rates refunds</i></li> </ul>
Other Matters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>Time costs in this category have exceeded our original estimate.</i></li> <li>- <i>Team calls to catch up on the progress of the Liquidation.</i></li> </ul>
Property	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>Time costs in this category have exceeded our original estimate. The work undertaken has resulted in a direct financial benefit for creditors from Business Rates refunds received in the Period.</i></li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>Work completed to bring property litigation matters to a conclusion.</i></li> </ul>
Statutory Duties	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>Time costs in this category have exceeded our original estimate. The work undertaken has not resulted in a direct financial benefit to creditors, however it is a statutory requirement.</i></li> <li>- <i>Time costs have been incurred in filing statutory notices of the Joint Liquidators' appointment.</i></li> <li>- <i>Reporting the progress of the Liquidation to creditors and Companies House.</i></li> </ul>
VAT & Taxation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>Time costs in this category have exceeded our original estimates. The work undertaken is a statutory requirement and will result in a direct financial benefit to creditors.</i></li> <li>- <i>The Joint Liquidators have a statutory obligation to submit corporation tax returns. Time has been spent in the preparation and submission of these returns.</i></li> <li>- <i>We have incurred more time than originally anticipated dealing with VAT and Corporation tax related matters. The main additional areas of work are:</i></li> <li>- <i>Calculating the VAT liability for online sales to non-UK jurisdictions with minimal pre-appointment information or registration numbers. We are legally obliged to report the Company's sales and account for the related VAT liability. Without direct access to the different VAT authorities this has proven to be particularly time consuming and has involved specialist advice from EY VAT teams where necessary.</i></li> <li>- <i>While the complications with international VAT authorities and the requirement for international corporation tax returns has resulted in time costs being higher than originally forecast, the time properly spent in dealing with the different tax regimes minimises the risk that Company received fines or penalties from other jurisdictions which would reduce the overall financial outcome.</i></li> </ul>

**L.K. Bennett Limited (in Creditors Voluntary Liquidation) ('the Company')**  
**Joint Liquidators' Statement of Expenses**

Type of Expense	Per Original Fee Estimate 1 May 2019 (£)	Paid in the Administration (£)	Paid in the Period (£)	Total Paid in the Liquidation (£)	Estimated Future (£)	Total Estimated in the Liquidation (£)
<b>Payments made from the estate which are not disbursements (Note 1)</b>						
Insurance	50,000.00	3,696.00	-	3,696.00	3,000.00	6,696.00
Legal fees	520,000.00	864,904.00	-	56,232.03	-	56,232.03
Statutory costs	2,000.00	87.00	-	94.00	150.00	244.00
Storage	5,000.00	9,401.00	295.12	727.61	6,000.00	6,727.61
Bank charges	-	2,588.00	6.60	9.90	500.00	509.90
Corporation Tax	-	2,974.00	3,621.45	3,621.45	2,000.00	5,621.45
	577,000.00	883,650.00	3,923.17	64,380.99	11,650.00	76,030.99
<b>Category 1 disbursements (Note 2)</b>						
Internal bulk copying, printing and postage	2,750.00	3,202.00	214.55	257.99	5,000.00	5,257.99
Specific penalty bond	1,280.00	1,280.00	-	775.00	-	775.00
	4,030.00	4,482.00	214.55	1,032.99	5,000.00	6,032.99
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>581,030.00</b>	<b>888,132.00</b>	<b>4,137.72</b>	<b>65,413.98</b>	<b>16,650.00</b>	<b>82,063.98</b>

**Notes**

- 1 Statement of Insolvency Practice 9 (SIP 9) defines expenses as amounts properly payable from the insolvency estate which are not otherwise categorised as office holders' remuneration or distributions to creditors. Some of the entries above are reallocation of costs between different expense codes already incurred in prior periods.
- 2 SIP 9 defines disbursements as a type of expense which is met by, and reimbursed to, an office holder in connection with an insolvency appointment. Disbursements fall into two categories: Category 1 and Category 2.
  - Category 1 disbursements are payments to independent third parties where there is specific expenditure directly referable to the appointment
  - Category 2 disbursements are expenses which are directly referable to the appointment but not a payment to an independent third party. They may include shared and allocated costs.
- 3 Certain expenses have either exceeded, or are expected to exceed, the original estimate dated 1 May 2019. Reasons for these expenses exceeding the initial estimate are detailed below:
  - Legal Fees – Costs have exceeded our original estimate as it was not anticipated that the former administration would be extended beyond the initial 12-month period. Two extension applications were made to court during the Administration. These costs include expenses such as Counsel's advice and court costs.
  - Insurance – Public Liability insurance is in place for the Company's 12 remaining leasehold premises. This is recommended as the landlords of these properties have not accepted a surrender of the leases.
  - Storage – This is currently a prudent estimate of the retention and destruction costs of books and records.
  - Corporation Tax - Appropriate taxes on bank interest requires payment and the Joint Liquidators have filed the necessary tax returns when they are due.
  - Bank Charges – Bank Charges on payments from the Liquidation estate.
  - Postage and Printing – Estimated costs for future distributions to creditors.

Please refer to the Previous Reports for reasons expenses exceeded, or were first identified as being expected to exceed, the original fee estimate dated 1 May 2019

**L.K. Bennett Limited (in Creditors Voluntary Liquidation) ('the Company')**

**Proof of debt form**

**Liquidation Proof of Debt**  
**Rule 14.4, Insolvency (England and Wales) Rules 2016**

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**L.K Bennett Limited – In Creditors Voluntary Liquidation (previously in administration)**

Date of resolution to wind up: 23 February 2023 (administration 7 March 2019 – effective date for claims)

***Please refer to the notes at the end of this form.***

Name of creditor

Address

Total amount of claim, including VAT, as at [DATE OF RESOLUTION]

Less: any payments made to you after [DATE OF RESOLUTION] in respect of the claim

Less: any trade or other discounts (except early payment discounts) under Rule 14.20

Less: any adjustments for set off in accordance with Rule 14.24

Net claim after deductions

Amount of any outstanding uncapitalised interest included in claim

Amount of any VAT included in claim

Is the whole or any part of your claim preferential, within the meaning of section 386, schedule 6, of the Insolvency Act 1986? If so, into which category of debt does it fall?

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Particulars of how and when the debt was incurred.

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Is your claim secured? If so, please provide the following information:

- the nature of the security
- the date on which it was given
- the value which you put on the security

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If you claim or have claimed reservation of title in respect of goods to which the debt refers, please give details here.

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Please provide details of any document by reference to which the debt can be substantiated

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Signed  
Signature on behalf of creditor

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Name

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Address

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Authority to sign on behalf of creditor

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Date

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## **Notes to Liquidation Proof of Debt Form:**

1. Please attach a detailed statement of your account as at the date of the resolution to wind up.
2. VAT bad debt relief may usually be claimed six months after the date of supply.
3. The liquidator may call for any document or other evidence to be produced if it is considered necessary for the purpose of substantiating the whole or any part of the claim made.
4. The Joint Liquidators may act as data controllers of personal data as defined by the UK General Data Protection Regulation (as incorporated in the Data Protection Act 2018), 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 Liquidators. Personal data will be kept secure and processed only for matters relating to the Joint Liquidator's appointment. The Office Holder Data Privacy Notice can be found at [www.ey.com/uk/officeholderprivacy](http://www.ey.com/uk/officeholderprivacy).