

TO ALL KNOWN CREDITORS

6 June 2024

Ref: SJE/AW/TP/NH/AH
Email: MEHadministration@uk.ey.com

Dear Sir / Madam

Muji Europe Holdings Limited (in Administration) (“the Company”)

As you will be aware, the above-named Company entered Administration on 8 April 2024 and Alexander P Williams and I were appointed to act as Joint Administrators.

Approval of Proposals

On 29 April 2024, our Statement of Proposals (‘the Proposals’) dated 12 April 2024, which can be viewed and downloaded at the web address below, was approved by creditors by deemed consent.

https://www.ey.com/en_uk/muji-europe-holdings-limited

Remuneration and payment of pre-administration costs

In accordance with Rule 18.18, we must seek a decision from creditors on the basis of our remuneration and payment of pre-administration costs and category 2 expenses. In this regard, we would refer you to our fee estimate and details of expenses sent to creditors on 12 April 2024. We enclose with this letter a summary of our receipts and payments to 5 June 2024.

We intend to seek a decision on this matter by correspondence. Accordingly, I enclose formal notice of the decision procedure and a voting form and notice of claim form. Please would you complete both the voting form and the notice of claim form and return them to me, either by post to Muji Europe Holdings Limited (In Administration), c/o Ernst & Young LLP, 1 More London Place, London, SE1 2AF or by email to MEHadministration@uk.ey.com, to arrive no later than 23:59 hours on 20 June 2024.

Receipts and Payments Account

A summary of the Joint Administrators’ Receipts and Payments for the period from 8 April 2024 to 5 June 2024 (“the Period”) is enclosed with this letter.

As detailed in our Proposals, Barclays Bank Plc (“Barclays”) held security over the Company’s assets under a fixed and floating charge dated 5 February 2007 (“the Charge”) but at the date of appointment nothing was owed to them. Since our Proposals were issued, Barclays have confirmed that the Charge has been released and therefore the Joint Administrators, acting on behalf of the Company as Chargee, have filed the necessary statutory notice, Form MR04, at Companies House confirming that the Charge has been satisfied. As a result of this, our Receipts and Payments account has been recategorised to remove reference to fixed charge realisations.

Summaries of the most significant movements in the Period are provided below:

Cash at bank

The Company banked with Barclays Bank Plc (“Barclays”) and MUFG Bank Limited (“MUFG”) prior to the Administration.

Shortly after the Administration, Barclays and MUFG transferred the closing bank balances, plus accrued interest where applicable, to the Joint Administrators’ bank account. Detailed below are the amounts received:

Barclays

The closing balance of £38,586.44 plus bank interest of £201.53 has been received in the Period.

MUFG

The closing balance of £52,394.71 has been received in the Period.

Bank Interest

During the Period, the sum of £1,994.89 has been received from the Joint Administrators’ lawyers, Simmons and Simmons LLP, relating to the bank interest earned on the proceeds held from the sale of the Company’s business and assets. All sale proceeds have now been transferred from Simmons and Simmons LLP to the Joint Administrators’ bank account.

Further bank interest has accrued on the Joint Administrators’ bank accounts on the balance of funds in hand, totaling £32,076.50 in the Period.

Creditors’ committee

The Insolvency (England and Wales) Rules 2016 require that whenever a decision is sought from creditors, they must also be invited to establish a creditors’ committee if, as in this case, a committee is not already in existence. Accordingly, the attached notice and voting form include a resolution on whether a committee should be formed. In order for a committee to be formed, at least 3 creditors must be willing to serve on the committee and they must give their consent in writing.

If you vote in favour of establishing a committee, please also complete the nomination section of the voting form and, unless you are nominating yourself, include the appropriate written consent(s) to act with your completed voting form. If there are fewer than 3 valid nominations, a committee will not be established. If there are at least 3 and no more than 5 valid nominations, a committee will be formed with the nominated creditors. In the event that there are more than 5 valid nominations, I shall put the nominations to a vote by the general body of creditors.

If you have any queries on the contents of this letter, please do not hesitate to email MEHadministration@uk.ey.com.

Yours faithfully
for the Company



Simon J Edel
Joint Administrator

Enc: Receipts and payments account
Notice of decision procedure with voting form
Claim form for voting purposes

Simon J Edel and Alexander P Williams are licensed in the United Kingdom to act as Insolvency Practitioners by The Insolvency Practitioners Association in England and Wales. As Insolvency Practitioners, they are bound by the Insolvency Code of Ethics in carrying out all professional work relating to the appointment.

The affairs, business and property of the Company are being managed by the Joint Administrators, Simon J Edel and Alexander P Williams, 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 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 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 www.ey.com/uk/officeholderprivacy.

Muji Europe Holdings Limited
(In Administration)
Joint Administrators' Summary of Receipts & Payments - Cumulative
From 08 April 2024 To 5 June 2024

Statement of Affairs £	£	£
FLOATING CHARGE REALISATIONS		
Sale of Business & Assets		
12,684,530.00 Shares	12,684,530.00	
4,534.00 Moveable Assets	4,534.00	
Fixed Assets	1.00	
Goodwill	1.00	
Owned IP	1.00	
Business Claims	1.00	
Business Information	1.00	
Commercial Records	1.00	
Contracts	1.00	
Customer Data	1.00	
Employee Data	1.00	
Leasehold Property	1.00	
12.00 Other	1.00	
35,701.00 Rent Deposit	35,701.00	
Social Media Accounts	1.00	
5,667,750.00 Stock	5,667,750.00	
1.00 Trade Debtors	1.00	
87,227.00 Cash at Bank	90,981.15	
Bank Interest Gross	32,076.50	
	18,515,585.65	
COSTS OF REALISATION		
Statutory Advertising	(104.30)	
Bank Charges	(48.30)	
	(152.60)	
18,479,755.00	18,515,433.05	

REPRESENTED BY

Vat Receivable	20.86
BOS-GBP-Current-10446165@4.75%	3,685,658.30
Lloyds-GBP-Current-49687168@4.75%	3,685,658.30
RBS-GBP-Current-32899482@1.90%	3,787,894.06
NatWest-GBP-Current-49144448@1.90%	3,678,000.00
BARC-GBP-Current-03422402@4.25%	3,678,201.53
	18,515,433.05
Simon Edel	
Joint Administrator	

Notice to creditors of decision procedure

Rules 3.39(4), 15.8 and 18.18 of the Insolvency (England and Wales) Rules 2016

Name of court:	The High Court of Justice Business and Property Courts of England & Wales Insolvency and Companies List (ChD)
Case number:	001928 of 2024
Registered name of the Company	Muji Europe Holdings Limited (in Administration)
Other trading name(s) or style(s) of the Company:	None
Any other registered name in the 12 months prior to Administration:	N/A
Registered number:	05997094
Registered office address:	c/o Ernst & Young LLP 1 More London Place London SE1 2AF Formerly: Bedford House 21a John Street London WC1N 2BF
Principal trading address (if different from above):	Bedford House 21a John Street London WC1N 2BF
Date on which the company entered Administration:	8 April 2024
Date of appointment of Joint Administrators:	8 April 2024

Details of the Joint Administrators

Simon Jamie Edel
Ernst & Young LLP
1 More London Place
London
SE1 2AF

Alexander Paul Williams
Ernst & Young LLP
1 More London Place
London
SE1 2AF

Office holder number:

9810 / 22270

Email:

MEHadministration@uk.ey.com

Name of alternative person to contact about the Administration: Ayse Hassan

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Joint Administrators of the above-named Company are seeking a decision from creditors by correspondence on the following matters:

1. That the Joint Administrators' remuneration be fixed on the basis of time properly given by them and their staff in dealing with matters arising in the Administration as set out in the fee estimate dated 12 April 2024
2. That, in accordance with the provisions of Rule 3.52 of the Insolvency (England and Wales) Rules 2016, the payment of unpaid pre-administration costs as disclosed in the Joint Administrators' statement of expenses and Proposals to creditors can be met as an expense of the Administration.
3. That the category 2 expenses disclosed in the Joint Administrators' statement of expenses and Proposals are permitted to be drawn by the Joint Administrators.

Rule 3.39(4) of the Insolvency (England and Wales) Rules 2016 provides that at any time when an administrator seeks a decision from creditors and a creditors' committee has not already been formed, creditors must be invited to decide whether to establish a creditors' committee if sufficient creditors are willing to be members of the committee. A formal invitation and nomination form is attached.

Creditors wishing to vote on the basis of remuneration, including any creditors who have opted out of receiving notices but nonetheless wish to vote, must complete and return the attached voting form and claim form, and return them to me by post to 1 More London Place, London, SE1 2AF or email to MEHadministration@uk.ey.com to be received no later than 23:59 hours on 20 June 2024 (**the decision date**). Votes in respect of claim forms received after this time will be disregarded.

Creditors whose debts may be treated as small debts in accordance with Rule 14.31(1) of the Insolvency (England and Wales) Rules 2016 must still deliver a claim form if they wish to vote.

A creditor may apply to court to appeal a decision on eligibility to vote in the decision procedure. Any appeal must be made no later than 21 days after the decision date.

Creditors who meet the thresholds set out in section 246ZE of the Insolvency Act 1986 (namely 10% in value of creditors, 10% in number of creditors or 10 creditors) may, within five business days from the date of delivery of this notice, require a physical meeting to be held to consider the proposed resolution(s).

Signed



Simon J Edel
Joint Administrator

Date 6 June 2024

Muji Europe Holdings Limited (in Administration)

Voting form

Resolutions

1. That the Joint Administrators' remuneration be fixed on the basis of time properly given by them and their staff in dealing with matters arising in the Administration as set out in the fee estimate dated 12 April 2024

FOR/AGAINST

2. That, in accordance with the provisions of Rule 3.52 of the Insolvency (England and Wales) Rules 2016, the payment of unpaid pre-administration costs as disclosed in the Joint Administrators' statement of expenses and Proposals to creditors can be met as an expense of the Administration.

FOR/AGAINST

3. That the category 2 expenses disclosed in the Joint Administrators' statement of expenses and Proposals are permitted to be drawn by the Joint Administrators.

FOR/AGAINST

Signature _____

Name of signatory _____

On behalf of
(name of creditor) _____

Date _____

The Insolvency Act 1986 and the Insolvency (England and Wales) Rules 2016

Administration Notice of Claim for Voting Purposes

Muji Europe Holdings Limited (In Administration)

Date of Administration: 8 April 2024

PLEASE NOTE: Once completed, this form will be used by the Joint Administrators ONLY for the purposes of voting in a creditors' decision procedure or a requisitioned meeting of creditors. The form will not constitute admission of the claim to rank for dividend in this or any subsequent procedure. For further information see Rules 15.28 to 15.35 of the Insolvency (England and Wales) Rules 2016.

Name of creditor

Address

Amount claimed, after deductions for payments made post-Administration or adjustments for set off (see notes overleaf)

Is the claim preferential or secured?

If secured, value of security

If you have made a retention of title claim against the company please attach details (see over)

Signature on behalf of creditor

Date

File with Ayse Hassan at MEHadministration@uk.ey.com

Reviewed by _____

Notes to Administration Notice of Claim for Voting Purposes:

1. Please attach a detailed statement of your account as at the date on which the Company entered administration.
2. If you have claimed retention of title please provide details, including the value of any payments made, or goods returned, to you in respect of your claim.
3. If your claim is preferential (e.g. for wages, holiday pay or certain pension arrears) or secured please give details and attach supporting documentation.
4. VAT bad debt relief may usually be claimed six months after the date of supply.

Extracts from the Insolvency (England and Wales) Rules 2016:

15.31 Calculation of voting rights

- (1) Votes are calculated according to the amount of each creditor's claim -
 - (a) in an Administration, as at the date on which the Company entered Administration, less -
 - (i) any payments that have been made to the creditor after that date in respect of the claim, and
 - (ii) any adjustment by way of set-off which has been made in accordance with rule 14.24 or would have been made if that rule were applied on the date on which the votes are counted; ...
- (4) Where a debt is wholly secured its value for voting purposes is nil.
- (5) Where a debt is partly secured its value for voting purposes is the value of the unsecured part.
- (6) However, the value of the debt for voting purposes is its full value without deduction of the value of the security in the following cases -
 - (a) where the Administrator has made a statement under paragraph 52(1)(b) of Schedule B1 and the administrator has been requested to seek a decision under paragraph 52(2); ...
- (7) No vote may be cast in respect of a claim more than once on any resolution put to the meeting; and for this purpose (where relevant), the claim of a creditor and of any member State liquidator in relation to the same debt are a single claim.
- (8) A vote cast in a decision procedure which is not a meeting may not be changed.
- (9) Paragraph (7) does not prevent a creditor or member State liquidator from -
 - (a) voting in respect of less than the full value of an entitlement to vote; or
 - (b) casting a vote one way in respect of part of the value of an entitlement and another way in respect of some or all of the balance of that value.

15.32 Calculation of voting rights: special cases

- (1) In an Administration, a creditor under a hire-purchase agreement is entitled to vote in respect of the amount of the debt due and payable by the Company on the date on which the Company entered Administration.
- (2) In calculating the amount of any debt for the purpose of paragraph (1), no account is to be taken of any amount attributable to the exercise of any right under the relevant agreement so far as the right has become exercisable solely by virtue of -
 - (a) the making of an Administration application;
 - (b) a notice of intention to appoint an Administrator or any matter arising as a consequence of the notice; or
 - (c) the Company entering Administration.

Notice to creditors – invitation to form a creditors’ committee

Rule 3.39, Insolvency (England and Wales) Rules 2016

Name of court: The High Court of Justice Business and Property Courts of England & Wales Insolvency and Companies List (ChD)

Case number: 001928 of 2024

Registered name of the Company: Muji Europe Holdings Limited (in Administration)

Other trading name(s) or style(s) of the Company: None

Registered number: 05997094

Registered office address: c/o Ernst & Young LLP
1 More London Place
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Formerly:
Bedford House
21a John Street
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Principal trading address (if different from above): Bedford House
21a John Street
London
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Date on which the company entered Administration: 8 April 2024

Date of appointment of Joint Administrators: 8 April 2024

Details of the Joint Administrators

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Office holder number: 9810 / 22270

Email: MEHadministration@uk.ey.com

Name of alternative person to contact about the Administration: Ayse Hassan

Invitation to form a creditors' committee

Creditors are invited to decide whether a creditors' committee should be formed if sufficient creditors are willing to be members of the committee. Information on the role of committees can be found at <https://www.r3.org.uk/media/documents/publications/professional/R3-Guide-to-Creditors-Committees.pdf>

To be validly established, a committee must have at least three and not more than five members, who must have agreed to act.

Should you wish to form a committee, please follow the instructions in the nomination form attached to this notice and return the completed nomination form, with written agreements to act where appropriate, to me by email to MEHadministration@uk.ey.com to arrive no later than 20 June 2024. Nominations can only be accepted if I am satisfied as to the creditor's eligibility under Rule 17.4 of the Insolvency (England and Wales) Rules 2016.

Signed



Simon J Edel
Joint Administrator

Date 6 June 2024

Muji Europe Holdings Limited (in Administration) (“the Company”)

Nominations for creditors’ committee

You may nominate up to five creditors of the Company. Please note that before a person can act as a member of a creditors’ committee that person must agree to do so.

In the event that more than five valid nominations are received, the five receiving the most votes will be appointed.

When you have completed this form, please return it with the creditor’s written agreement to act (unless you are nominating yourself or your own organisation) to Simon J Edel and Alexander P Williams at 1 More London Place, London, SE1 2AF or MEHadministration@uk.ey.com to arrive no later than the closing date stated on the notice of invitation to form a committee.

I nominate:

(Name of creditor) _____ of

(Address) _____

(Name of creditor) _____ of

(Address) _____

(Name of creditor) _____ of

(Address) _____

(Name of creditor) _____ of

(Address) _____

(Name of creditor) _____ of

(Address) _____

to be appointed as (a) member(s) of the creditors' committee.

Signature _____

Name of signatory _____

On behalf of
(name of creditor) _____

Date _____