

TO ALL KNOWN CREDITORS

4 May 2023

Ref: SW/ CGJK/ BL/ AP
Email:
spicersadministration@uk.ey.com

Dear Sirs

Spicers Limited (in Administration) (“the Company”)

I write to advise you that S J Woodward and I will shortly be in a position to conclude the Administration of the Company and that the Company is now moving to Creditors’ Voluntary Liquidation pursuant to paragraph 83 of Schedule B1 to the Insolvency Act 1986.

I last reported to you on 7 December 2022. I enclose, for your information a copy of our receipts and payments to 4 May 2023.

It is now appropriate for us to seek a decision from creditors on our discharge from liability as Joint Administrators, in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 98 of Schedule B1 to the Insolvency Act 1986. Discharge will take effect only after the Administration has ended.

We intend to seek a decision by deemed consent. I enclose formal notice of a decision by deemed consent, for your attention.

Should you have any queries relating to the enclosed documents or any other aspect of the administration, please do not hesitate to contact the email address above.

Yours faithfully
for the Company



C G J King
Joint Administrator

Enc: Receipts and Payments account
Notice of decision by deemed consent

S J Woodward and C G J King are licensed in the United Kingdom to act as an insolvency practitioner by The Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales.

The affairs, business and property of the Company are being managed by the Joint Administrators, S J Woodward 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 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.

Spicers Limited (in Administration)

Joint Administrators' Receipts and Payments from 14 November 2022 to 4 May 2023

Statement of Affairs Estimated to Realise Values (£)	1, 2	Period from		Total	
		14 May 2020 to 13 November 2022 (£)	14 November 22 to 4 May 2023 (£)		
Fixed charge receipts (excludes debts assigned to LBG)					
70,000		Intellectual Property	120,000	-	120,000
13,000,000		Freehold Property	15,005,000	-	15,005,000
12,659,015	3	Debtors to be transferred to IDF account	60,367.15	-	60,367
		Debtors received in the Administration account	906,483	-	1,102,321
	4	Bank interest	811	18,550	23,466
			<u>16,092,662</u>	<u>18,550</u>	<u>16,311,154</u>
Fixed charge payments					
		Property Agent Fees	112,538	-	112,538
	3	Debtor Collection Agent Commission	655,113	5,000	723,716
		Erroneous Debtor Receipts Returned	510	-	510
		Transfer to Debtor Collection Account	60,367	-	60,367
		Agents fees - Intellectual Property Sale	10,200	-	10,200
		Legal fees settled for OTT and Other Co-Guarantors	2,604	-	8,604
		Bank charges	1	-	1
			<u>841,333</u>	<u>5,000</u>	<u>915,936</u>
Payments to Secured Creditors					
		Secured Creditor Distribution to LBG (Property Loan)	1,915,028	-	1,915,028
		Secured Creditor Distribution to BECAP12	8,901,521	-	9,106,998
		Withholding Tax on BECAP12 Distribution	258,437	-	258,437
			<u>11,074,986</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>11,280,463</u>
Net fixed charge realisations					
			<u>4,176,342</u>	<u>13,550</u>	<u>4,114,755</u>
Floating charge receipts					
Asset realisations					
		Stock	821,521	-	821,521
125,000		Fixtures and Fittings	150,700	-	150,700
412,220		Cash at bank at date of appointment	440,246	-	440,246
		Freehold Property Rent	807,876	-	807,876
111,169		Apportionments	110,391	-	110,391
12,449		Deposits and Prepayments	318,853	-	353,048
Transfer receipts					
		HMRC Furlough Receipt	128,869	-	128,869
		Employee Costs Funded by OTG	302,281	-	295,887
		Property Costs Funded by OTG (LTO Property)	47,674	-	47,674
		Property Costs Funded by OTG (Non-LTO Properties)	161,520	-	161,520
	3	Transfer From Debtor Collection Account for Commission	629,869	-	629,869
Other receipts					
	4	Bank Interest	821	1,548	2,690
			<u>3,920,622</u>	<u>1,548</u>	<u>3,950,292</u>
Floating charge payments					
		Pre-Administration Costs	107,794	-	107,794
Costs of realisations:					
		Purchase Ledger Update Cost	6,250	-	6,250
		Contractor Costs (Debtors, Rebates and Customer Contrac	20,532	-	28,812
		Other Costs	1,949	-	1,949
Expenses:					
		Bank Charges	217	63	284
		Insurance	6,928	286	7,594
		Storage Charges	10,468	1,637	14,151
		Statutory Costs	95	-	95
Employees:					
		Employee Costs (Property Exit)	140,367	-	140,367
		Employee Costs (Debtor Realisation)	87,250	-	87,250
		Employee Costs (Furlough)	131,875	-	131,875
		Employee Costs (Other)	68,269	-	68,269
Property:					
		Property Payments (LTO Properties)	44,167	-	44,167
		Property Payments (Non-LTO Properties)	161,520	-	161,520
Professional Fees:					
		Legal Fees	289,490	4,801	301,139
		Other Professional Fees	34,748	-	34,748
Administrators' Expenses:					
		Administrators' Remuneration	1,737,684	-	1,737,684
		Administrators' Disbursements	2,773	-	2,773
			<u>2,852,377</u>	<u>6,787</u>	<u>2,876,722</u>
Net floating charge realisations					
			<u>1,068,245</u>	<u>(5,238)</u>	<u>1,073,570</u>
Payments to Preferential Creditors					
		Preferential creditor distributions	-	273,085	273,085
Total net realisations					
			<u>5,244,587</u>	<u>(264,773)</u>	<u>4,915,240</u>
Funds in Hand					
		Cash at bank	5,069,143	(267,061)	4,913,778
		VAT Receivable / (Payable)	175,444	2,288	1,462
			<u>5,244,587</u>	<u>(264,773)</u>	<u>4,915,240</u>

Notice to creditors of deemed consent

Paragraph 98 of Schedule B1 to the Insolvency Act 1986 and Rules 15.7 and 15.8 of the Insolvency (England and Wales) Rules 2016

Name of court: High Court of Justice, Business and Property Courts in Birmingham, Insolvency and Companies List (ChD)

Case number: CR-2020-BHM-000302

Registered name of the company: Spicers Limited

Other trading name(s) or style(s) of the company: n/a

Any other registered name in the 12 months prior to administration: n/a

Registered number: 00425809

Registered office address: c/o Ernst & Young LLP, 1 Bridgewater Place, Water Lane, Leeds, LS11 5QR

Principal trading address (if different from above): Unit 4, 500 Purley Way, Croydon, Surrey, CR0 4NZ

Date on which the company entered administration: 14 May 2020

Date of appointment of joint administrators: 14 May 2020

Details of the joint administrators

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LS11 5QR

Office holder number:

12030 and 8985

Telephone number:

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Name of alternative person to contact about the administration: Ben Leach

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Joint Administrators of the above-named Company are seeking their discharge from liability, to take effect from the date on which notice of the end of the administration is registered with Companies House, by deemed consent.

Creditors will be deemed to have consented to the administrators' discharge from liability unless by the end of 26 May 2023 (**the decision date**) at least 10% in value of creditors who would be entitled to vote in a qualifying decision procedure have objected to approval and their objections have been made in accordance with the procedure set out below.

Objections

Any creditor wishing to object to the proposed decision on discharge including any creditor who has opted out from receiving notices about the administration - must deliver to me, at the above address, a notice stating that the creditor so objects. The notice must be delivered to me at the above address not later than the end of 26 May 2023 (**the decision date**) together with a proof in respect of the creditor's claim which complies with the requirements of Rules 15.28 to 15.35 of the Insolvency (England and Wales) Rules 2016 failing which the objection will be disregarded.

Please note that 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 proof of claim if they wish to object.

It is my responsibility, as Joint Administrator convening the deemed consent procedure, to aggregate any objections to see if the threshold is met for the decision to be taken as not having been made.

If the threshold is met the deemed consent procedure will terminate without a decision being made on the request for discharge and if a decision is sought again on the same matter it will be sought by a decision procedure.

Requests for a physical meeting to be held

Creditors who meet the thresholds in s.246ZE(7) 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, make a request to me in writing for a physical meeting of creditors to be held to consider the request for discharge from liability.

Signed



C G J King
Joint Administrator

Date 4 May 2023