



**WorldSpreads Limited
(in Special Administration)**

Joint Special Administrators' Progress Report
for the six month period
18 September 2015 to 17 March 2016

KPMG LLP
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Glossary

Act	The Insolvency Act 1986 (as amended)
Authorities	The FCA, the Treasury and the Bank of England
Brokers	Third party brokers (including affiliates)
Company/WorldSpreads	WorldSpreads Limited
Directors	Directors of the Company as at 18 March 2012 included: Dominic Bacon, Michael Foley, Roger Hynes, Geoffrey Langham, Lindsay McNeile and Polly Williams
FCA	The Financial Conduct Authority
FSCS	The Financial Services Compensation Scheme
KPMG	KPMG LLP
Proposals	Statement of Special Administrators' Proposals under Rule 59 of the Rules
ReedSmith	Reed Smith LLP
Regulations	The Investment Bank Special Administration Regulations 2011
Rules	The Investment Bank Special Administration (England and Wales) Rules 2011
Secured creditor	Royal Bank of Scotland Plc
Special Administrators	Samantha Bewick and David Standish (from 1 October 2015) of KPMG LLP (previously Samantha Bewick and Jane Moriarty of KPMG LLP)
Special Administration Order	The Special Administration Order granted by the High Court of Justice, Chancery Division, Companies Court No. 2505 of 2012

The references in this Report to sections, paragraphs or rules are to Schedule B1 of the Insolvency Act 1986, the Investment Bank Special Administration (England and Wales) Rules 2011 and The Investment Bank Special Administration Regulations 2011 respectively.

1 **Executive summary**

This Report has been prepared in accordance with Rule 122 and covers the period from 18 September 2015 to 17 March 2016. Form 2.24B is enclosed giving formal notice to this effect.

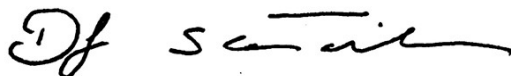
In the reporting period we distributed the third and final dividend to clients from the client estate.

We anticipate that there will be a further distribution to the secured creditor as well as a small dividend to unsecured creditors. Further information is set out in section 5.

More information on the above matters is set out in this Report.

A copy of this Report, as well as previous reports, is available on the website: www.kpmg.co.uk/worldspreads.

Statutory information is attached at Appendix 1, together with an abstract of the Special Administrators' receipts and payments account for the period 18 September 2015 to 17 March 2016 attached at Appendix 2. Details of costs incurred in the period but not yet paid are shown in Appendix 4. The figures are shown net of VAT, which is irrecoverable as the Company is not registered for VAT purposes.



David Standish
Special Administrator

2 Special Administrators' Proposals

As previously advised the Special Administrators' Proposals were approved, without modification, at a meeting of creditors and clients held on 23 May 2012. A creditors' committee was formed, see section 6.1.

A copy of the Proposals is available at www.kpmg.co.uk/worldspreads.

3 Special administration objectives and strategy

Regulation 10 sets out the statutory objectives of the special administration:

- a) Objective 1 is to ensure the return of client assets as soon as is reasonably practicable;
- b) Objective 2 is to ensure timely engagement with market infrastructure bodies and the Authorities pursuant to Regulation 13; and
- c) Objective 3 is either (i) to rescue the investment bank as a going concern or (ii) to wind it up in the best interests of the creditors.

The Special Administrators continue to pursue all three objectives simultaneously.

With regard to Objective 3, as there was no reasonable prospect of rescuing the Company as a going concern, the Special Administrators are pursuing Objective 3(c)(ii) to wind up the Company in the best interests of the creditors.

Once the objectives have been achieved, the Special Administrators will determine the most appropriate and cost effective exit route from special administration. The most likely scenarios are an application to Court seeking an order for the winding-up of the Company or exit via dissolution.

4 Progress of the special administration

4.1 Asset realisations

Realisations in the reporting period are minimal as set out on the attached receipts and payments account and relate to bank interest received on balances held in the special administration estate accounts as well as receipts from debtors.

4.2 Future realisations

4.2.1 Client assets

As previously advised, we have not received any instructions from the remaining two clients whose securities we hold. We intend to dispose of these securities in accordance with advice we have received and we will apply the proceeds, if any, to the house estate.

4.2.2 Debtors

As previously advised, the majority of the Company's remaining book debts are under dispute. We continue to realise modest amounts from two debtors on a monthly basis and we are close to reaching an agreement in relation to a further debtor.

4.2.3 IT equipment, software, office furniture

We retained some IT equipment to preserve certain Company data. We have confirmed that there is no realisable value in this equipment.

4.3 Investigations

We have carefully considered our position in relation to other pre-appointment investigation matters, the details of which remain confidential.

We have discussed these investigations with the creditors' committee throughout the special administration and confirm that we will not be pursuing any other potential causes of action.

4.4 Regulatory matters

4.4.1 The Financial Conduct Authority

We continue to liaise closely with the FCA (previously the Financial Services Authority) in relation to a number of matters which include our work relating to client money and assets, compliance with FCA rules and Know Your Client regulations.

We continue to co-operate with the FCA in all matters where it is necessary or desirable for the purposes of the special administration.

4.4.2 The Financial Services Compensation Scheme

The FSCS is a statutory compensation scheme which may, among other things, compensate eligible parties who have lost money as a result of the insolvency of a regulated entity.

Following the Court Order setting the bar date for client claims, we concluded our work with clients to agree their final balances. We passed on details of these final agreed balances to the FSCS. We worked closely with the FSCS to confirm which of those clients had assigned their claims and which had not. All clients that had not assigned their claim, i.e. had agreed their balance with the Special Administrators but had not received any compensation from the FSCS, as at 11 November 2015 were subsequently sent cheques for the amount of their unpaid dividends by the

Special Administrators.

Clients that have not yet received compensation from the FSCS but have agreed their claims with the Special Administrators remain entitled to make a claim to the FSCS for the remainder of their agreed account balance up to their limit of £50,000 per person. We therefore continue to receive queries from certain of these clients and are liaising with the FSCS as appropriate.

The FSCS is contactable on +44 (0) 20 7741 4100 should clients have any queries in this respect.

4.5 Costs of realisations

The payments made in the period of the Report are set out in the receipts and payments account attached as Appendix 2. The schedule of expenses attached at Appendix 4 details the costs incurred, whether paid or unpaid, in the reporting period. All figures are shown net of VAT.

Creditors and clients are advised that, within 21 days of receipt of this Report, a creditor or a client may request additional information about the Special Administrators' remuneration and expenses as set out in this Report. A request must be made in writing, and may be made either by a secured creditor or by an unsecured creditor with the concurrence of at least 5% in value of unsecured creditors (including himself), or by a client with the concurrence of at least 5% in value of the client assets (including himself) or the permission of the Court, in accordance with Rule 201.

In addition, under Rule 202, any secured creditor, any unsecured creditor or any client with either the concurrence of at least 10% in value of creditors or clients respectively, or with the permission of the Court, may apply to the Court to challenge the quantum of remuneration charged, the basis of remuneration or the expenses incurred by the Special Administrators. Any such application must be made no later than eight weeks after receipt of the first report which reports the charging of the remuneration or incurring of expenses in question.

The full text of Rules 201 and 202 can be provided on request by writing to the Special Administrators at KPMG LLP, 15 Canada Square, London E14 5GL.

4.5.1 Special Administrators' remuneration

The statutory provisions relating to remuneration are set out in Rule 196. Further information is given in the Association of Business Recovery Professionals' publication *A Creditors' Guide to Administrators' Fees*, a copy of which can be obtained at:

<https://www.r3.org.uk/what-we-do/publications/professional/fees>

However, if you are unable to access this guide and would like a copy please contact Deanna Shore on +44 (0) 207 3118993.

Attached as Appendix 3 is a detailed analysis of the Special Administrators' time spent, together with charge out rates, for each grade of staff for the various areas of work carried out for the period 18 September 2015 to 17 March 2016, as required by the Association of Business Recovery Professionals' Statement of Insolvency Practice No. 9.

In the period 18 September 2015 to 17 March 2016, the Special Administrators and their staff have incurred time costs, at rates agreed by the creditors' committee, of £132,046.25 representing 464 hours at an average hourly rate of £285. This includes work undertaken in respect of tax, VAT, forensic, health and safety and pension from KPMG in-house specialists.

It is for the creditors' committee to determine the basis on which the Special Administrators' remuneration is to be fixed. As reported, the creditors' committee passed a resolution fixing the basis of the Special Administrators' remuneration, in accordance with Rule 196, by reference to time properly given by them and their staff in attending to matters arising in the special administration at KPMG charge out rates that reflect the complexity of the assignment. These include the costs of KPMG in respect of tax, VAT, forensic, health and safety and pension advice provided to the Special Administrators.

In view of the nature of our ongoing work in this special administration, we subsequently reached a revised agreement with the creditors' committee in relation to remuneration. Full details were set out in our Report dated 22 March 2013, with a summary included in Appendix 3 of this Report.

As previously reported, we have since agreed our final fees with the creditors' committee in relation to this Special Administration, subject to any unforeseen matters arising. Based on previously agreed rates, other than for investigation related work, our final fees from January 2015 for this special administration will for each category of work undertaken be the lower of time costs or £40,000 for work undertaken in closing the client estate; £12,500 per quarter up to a total of £75,000 for work undertaken in relation to the house estate and £30,000 for costs incurred in relation to agreeing claims and distributing the prescribed part.

We have drawn fees, excluding expenses, of £50,295.15 from the house estate and fees of £40,000 from the client estate during the reporting period, relating to the period 1 January 2015 to 30 June 2015 for the house estate and to 18 September 2015 for the client estate.

4.5.2 Legal fees

During this period we paid legal costs including disbursements totalling £9,524 from the house estate. These also include liabilities incurred in the previous period and relate to advice received from ReedSmith in connection with ongoing matters as described in this and our previous Report.

4.5.3 Other costs

Other costs incurred in the period are detailed on the receipts and payments account attached and are self-explanatory. The figures are shown net of VAT. It should be noted that the Company is not registered for VAT purposes and therefore the VAT incurred across both house and client estates in the period of £23,226 is not recoverable.

5 Estimated outcome for clients and creditors

5.1 Clients

Agreed final client balances total £28.7 million.

Following the two interim dividend payments totalling 8p in the £, on 11 November 2015 we calculated and declared a third and final dividend to clients of 10.418p in the £. This brought the total distribution to clients to 18.418p in the £.

As at 11 November 2015, of those clients that had agreed their final balance, clients with claims totalling £27.5 million had assigned their claim to the FSCS and we paid the corresponding dividends to the FSCS, as we did with previous distributions. The remaining agreed clients that had not assigned their claims (totalling £1.2 million) were paid their dividends directly by the Special Administrators. At present clients with claims totalling £0.1 million are yet to bank their cheques and have not been in contact with us.

Clients should note that if they have received compensation from the FSCS, all rights to their claim in the special administration are legally transferred to the FSCS. The FSCS will claim in the special administration for the whole of the clients' loss (even if that is over £50,000). Dividends paid by the Special Administrators relating to clients' balances where their claim has been assigned to the FSCS were paid directly to the FSCS. For those clients who assigned a balance of more than £50,000 the FSCS will pay the dividend on to these clients, up to the client's account balance.

Although the frequency of client correspondence has reduced significantly, we continue to receive queries from clients. This has resulted in some new assignments to the FSCS since 11 November 2015, however, the rounded amount of assigned claims remains at £27.5 million.

Clients will have an unsecured claim against non-client money and assets for any shortfall in the return to them from client money. Accordingly clients will also receive any dividend available from this source as indicated in section 5.2 below.

5.2 Creditors

Based on present information, we anticipate that there will be a return to creditors, restricted to the prescribed part for unsecured creditors. An overview of the amounts owed to each type of creditor is set out below.

5.2.1 Secured creditor

The Secured creditor holds a valid fixed and floating charge over the Company's assets created on 20 June 2005. The Company's total indebtedness to the Secured creditor as at the date of appointment was £1.6 million.

As advised in our last report we distributed £325,000 to the Secured creditor in the reporting period. We envisage making a final distribution once the prescribed part has been determined. The secured creditor will suffer a shortfall in respect of its lending to the Company.

5.2.2 Preferential creditors

Preferential creditors at the date of appointment were made up of employee arrears of wages and holiday pay claims. We have agreed the preferential creditor claims which total some £121,000.

Preferential creditors have been paid in full.

5.2.3 Unsecured creditors

The Directors' Statement of Affairs shows that the Company has unsecured liabilities of some £32 million. This includes monies owed to the Company's clients. A more detailed breakdown has been provided in earlier Reports.

The prescribed part provisions of the Act apply, being a fund we are required to reserve for unsecured creditors (up to a maximum £600,000) from net floating charge realisations. We presently expect there to be a modest prescribed part distribution, amounting to less than 1p in the £, available to unsecured creditors.

Unsecured creditor claims are presently being adjudicated. As soon as the final assets have been realised we will be in a position to issue a notice of intended dividend to all unsecured creditors.

6 Other matters

6.1 Creditors' committee

As this is a special administration, the committee is made up of two classes of voters, namely creditors and clients. The committee has three members, with the current composition of the committee being one creditor and two client representatives, the latter including FSCS.

As the committee members have signed a non-disclosure agreement we are able to discuss the findings of our investigation into the Company's pre-appointment affairs in more detail with them.

Additionally, as set out in section 4.5.1 the committee has fixed the basis of the Special Administrators' remuneration and agreed the quantum.

6.2 Communication

The website, www.kpmg.co.uk/worldspreads, continues to be updated with information as well as circulars to clients and creditors.

The dedicated e-mail address for any enquiries is worldspreads-enquiries@kpmg.co.uk. Any clients with queries can also call Rebecca Lewin on 0207 3114878.

7 Future strategy

7.1 Ongoing matters

It is proposed that the Special Administrators will continue to manage the affairs, business and property of the Company in order to achieve the objectives of the special administration. This will include:

- dealing with the realisation of the remaining two client assets,;
- realising the remaining assets, predominantly debtors;
- co-operating with the FCA and other regulatory bodies;
- responding to client queries and supplying updated information on agreed client claims to the FSCS;
- agreeing creditor claims;
- finalisation of the tax affairs of the Company including corporation tax matters and settlement of any liabilities;
- distributions to the secured and unsecured creditors (all if and when appropriate);
- payment of administration expenses, including the Special Administrators' remuneration (as approved by the committee); and
- dealing with ongoing statutory and compliance obligations, including liaising with the creditors' committee as well as responding to queries raised.

7.2 Future reporting

In accordance with Rule 122, the Special Administrators will provide a further progress report within one month of 17 September 2016.

Appendix 1

Statutory information

Company name	WorldSpreads Limited		
Company number	04898762		
FCA registration	230730		
Special Administration Order	High Court of Justice, Chancery Division, Companies Court, Court case number 2505 of 2012		
Date of appointment	18 March 2012		
Special Administrators' details	Samantha Bewick is authorised to act as an insolvency practitioner by the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales.		
	David John Standish is authorised to act as an insolvency practitioner by the Insolvency Practitioners Association		
Former Special Administrator	Jane Moriarty is authorised to act as an insolvency practitioner by the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Ireland		
Para 100(2) statement	In accordance with Rule 8(3)(e), any acts required or authorised under all enactment to be done by either or all the Special Administrators may be done by any one or all of the persons for the time being holding that office		
EC regulations	The EC Regulation on insolvency proceedings does not apply		
Company Directors		<i>From:</i>	<i>To:</i>
	Dominic C. Bacon	08/02/10	Present
	Michael J. Foley	24/05/10	Present
	Conor M. Foley	15/09/03	13/03/2012
	Roger N. A. Hynes	08/02/10	Present
	Geoffrey J. Langham	08/02/10	Present
	Lindsay J. McNeile	15/09/03	Present
	Niall S. O'Kelly	01/06/08	21/02/12
	Michael I. O'Loan	24/04/10	30/09/11
	Polly A. Williams	07/01/11	Present
Company Secretary	Dominic Bacon	08/02/10	Present
	Quaysecco Limited	24/05/11	Present
Date of incorporation	15 September 2003		



Previous registered office	3 Minster Court, Mincing Lane, London EC3R 7DD And from 27 March 2012: KPMG LLP, 8 Salisbury Square, London, EC4Y 8BB
Present registered office	KPMG LLP, 15 Canada Square, London E14 5GL
Trading address	3 Minster Court, Mincing Lane, London EC3R 7DD
Trading styles/White label agreements	Agincourt Spreads, Alecto Spreads, Alexander David Spread Betting, Alpesh Patel Spreads, Alpha Markets, Aurora Global Markets, BetVictor Financials, Financialspreadbetting.co.uk, Fitzdares Financial Spreads, Guardian Trades, JN Spreads, Ladbrokes Financial Spreads, Oakleaf Markets, Spreads.gr, Squaremile, Star Financials, Sterling Markets, Tam Spreads, TM Fleming Spreads, Tower Spreads, TrendWatch Asset Management (TAM), TwoWaySpreads, Victor Chandler Financials, WorldSpreads Private Client Services



Appendix 2

Special Administrators' receipts and payments account **(All items are stated net of VAT)**



WorldSpreads Limited (in special administration)

Abstract of receipts and payments for the period from 18 September 2015 to 17 March 2016

Non segregated assets

Statement of Affairs, £	From 18/09/2015 To 17/03/2016, £	From 18/03/2012 To 17/03/2016, £	
ASSET REALISATIONS			
	Litigation settlement	NIL	2,000,000.00
NIL	Leasehold property	NIL	NIL
Uncertain	Computer Software	NIL	NIL
125.00	Office Equipment	NIL	NIL
786.00	Furniture & Fittings	NIL	NIL
1,469,949.00	Client Debtors	NIL	NIL
14,086.00	Computer Equipment	NIL	23,250.00
Uncertain	Prepayments and other Debtors	1,820.00	242,704.33
	Shares and investments	NIL	1.00
NIL	Intercompany	NIL	NIL
	Foreign Employment Award	NIL	56,977.94
	Security for Costs Return	NIL	41,745.93
	Tax refunds (pre-app'ent)	NIL	244,425.23
15,072,894.00	Cash at Bank - house	NIL	10,656,654.79
	Rent deposit refund	NIL	16,556.97
	Foreign exchange gain	NIL	2,222.84
		1,820.00	13,284,539.03
OTHER REALISATIONS			
	Bank interest, gross	1,115.03	79,970.59
	Season Ticket Loan Repayment	NIL	3,099.90
	Contribution towards legal fees	NIL	6,000.00
	Sundry refunds	28.53	8,527.33
	Subject Access Request	NIL	10.00
	Rates refund	NIL	13,719.38
	Funds received from South Africa	NIL	157,626.44
		1,143.56	268,953.64
COST OF REALISATIONS			
	Call Centre Fees	NIL	50,609.30
	Room Hire	NIL	21,723.20
	Funds Received In Error	NIL	1,138.04
	Confirmed Client Money	NIL	2,880,678.24
	Sundry Exps - Litigation	NIL	707.99
	Security for costs - litigation	NIL	41,681.00
	Administrators' fees - litigation	25,295.15	1,816,680.55
	Legal Pre-Administration Fees	NIL	84,340.09
	Administrators' expenses-Category2-KPMG	NIL	1,968.75
	Administrators Pre-Administration Fees	NIL	46,265.00
	Administrators' fees	25,000.00	3,148,872.56
	Administrators' Expenses - Category 1	291.86	26,413.20
	Administrators Expenses - Category 2	15,000.00	269,993.72
	Irrecoverable VAT	15,226.00	1,474,423.95
	Sundry Expenses	NIL	2,443.06
	Agents'/Valuers' fees	NIL	10,486.55
	Professional Fees	NIL	31,093.45
	Legal fees	7,959.50	827,232.70
	Legal Disbursements	1,564.33	94,366.76
	Legal fees - litigation	NIL	664,651.35
	Legal disbursements - litigation	NIL	106,096.16
	Payroll Costs	NIL	1,999.60
	IT Consumables	NIL	2,836.32
	Telephone/Telex/Fax	NIL	17,313.15
	Stationery, postage & photocopying.	NIL	1,571.50
	Heat & light	NIL	13,259.42
	Storage costs	955.26	12,071.11
	Re-direction of mail	NIL	81.72
	Statutory advertising	NIL	1,351.80
	Rent	NIL	25,829.64
	Rates	NIL	5,163.35
	Professional Fees - Investigation	NIL	130,637.50
	Insurance of assets	NIL	952.45
	Wages & salaries	NIL	127,107.60
	PAYE & NIC	NIL	58,246.32
	Bank charges	310.00	2,434.41
		(91,602.10)	(12,002,721.51)

**Non segregated assets (continued)**

Statement of Affairs, £		From 18/09/2015 To 17/03/2016, £	From 18/03/2012 To 17/03/2016, £
	PREFERENTIAL CREDITORS		
	Employees' wage arrears and holiday pay	120,870.28	177,848.22
(93,190.00)	Other	<u>NIL</u>	<u>NIL</u>
		(120,870.28)	(177,848.22)
	FLOATING CHARGE CREDITORS		
(1,600,000.00)	Floating charge	<u>325,000.00</u>	<u>825,000.00</u>
		(325,000.00)	(825,000.00)
	UNSECURED CREDITORS		
(32,318,192.00)	Trade & expense	NIL	NIL
(351,682.00)	Banks/Institutions	<u>NIL</u>	<u>NIL</u>
		NIL	NIL
	DISTRIBUTIONS		
(8,061,898.00)	Ordinary shareholders	<u>NIL</u>	<u>NIL</u>
		NIL	NIL
(25,867,122.00)		<u>(534,508.82)</u>	<u>547,922.94</u>
	REPRESENTED BY		
	Floating charge current		<u>547,922.94</u>
			<u>547,922.94</u>

Notes:

Figures shown are net of VAT. The Company was not VAT registered and accordingly VAT incurred is irrecoverable.



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Abstract of receipts and payments for the period from 18 September 2015 to 17 March 2016

Segregated assets

Statement of Affairs, £	From 18/09/2015 To 17/03/2016, £	From 18/03/2012 To 17/03/2016, £
OTHER REALISATIONS		
Bank interest, gross	4,097.71	19,624.68
Trust Money	<u>NIL</u>	<u>7,275,627.86</u>
	4,097.71	7,295,252.54
COST OF REALISATIONS		
Funds Received In Error	NIL	3,700.60
Administrators' Fees Relating to Client	40,000.00	1,410,319.89
Irrecoverable VAT	8,000.00	331,481.73
Legal fees	NIL	204,521.20
Legal fees (2)	NIL	61,489.00
Bank charges	NIL	420.00
Advertising	<u>NIL</u>	<u>3,653.55</u>
	(48,000.00)	(2,015,585.97)
UNSECURED CREDITORS		
Trade & expense	<u>1,315.32</u>	<u>1,315.32</u>
	(1,315.32)	(1,315.32)
DISTRIBUTIONS		
Client Money Distributions	<u>3,027,616.99</u>	<u>5,278,351.25</u>
	(3,027,616.99)	(5,278,351.25)
	<u>-3,072,834.60</u>	<u>0.00</u>
REPRESENTED BY		
		<u>0.00</u>

Notes:

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Appendix 3

Analysis of Special Administrators' time costs, overview of fee agreement and schedule of charge-out rates



WorldSpreads Limited (in special administration)
Special Administrators' time and costs analysis from 18 September 2015 to 17 March 2016

Insolvency related work

	Partner / Director	Manager	Administrator	Support	Total hours	Time cost	Average hourly rate
Administration & planning							
Cashiering							
General (Cashiering)		16.20	15.90	0.50	32.60	£9,672.50	£296.70
Reconciliations (& IPS accounting reviews)		1.10	5.80	0.70	7.60	£1,983.00	£260.92
General							
Books and records		0.30	2.30		2.60	£645.00	£248.08
Fees and WIP	0.40	3.60			4.00	£1,814.00	£453.50
Statutory and compliance							
Appointment and related formalities	0.20	0.50			0.70	£322.00	£460.00
Bonding and bordereau		0.30	0.90	0.50	1.70	£359.00	£211.18
Checklist & reviews	0.10	0.40	6.70	0.50	7.70	£1,525.50	£198.12
Closure and related formalities		1.30			1.30	£630.50	£485.00
Strategy documents	3.60	0.30	0.20		4.10	£2,206.00	£538.05
Tax							
Post appointment corporation tax	1.90	7.80	0.40		10.10	£3,987.50	£394.80
Post appointment VAT			1.25		1.25	£231.25	£185.00
Creditors							
Committees							
Meetings	3.10	8.50			11.60	£5,328.50	£459.35
Reports	1.00	0.20			1.20	£575.00	£479.17
Creditors and claims							
Agreement of preferential claims	0.70	2.20	31.00		33.90	£9,079.50	£267.83
Agreement of unsecured claims	0.80		31.50		32.30	£6,306.50	£195.25
General correspondence			21.80		21.80	£4,033.00	£185.00
Legal claims			0.20		0.20	£37.00	£185.00
Payment of dividends	1.10				1.10	£533.50	£485.00
Secured creditors		1.40			1.40	£630.00	£450.00
Statutory reports	4.20	10.30	12.20		26.70	£9,078.50	£340.02
Employees							
Correspondence	1.60		0.20		1.80	£826.00	£458.89
DTI redundancy payments service			0.80		0.80	£200.00	£250.00
General analysis							
Creditors and claims							
Clients - professional - general correspondence		0.30			0.30	£135.00	£450.00
Clients - retail - general correspondence	8.30		74.60		82.90	£21,245.50	£256.28
clients - retail - payment of dividend	2.10	0.90			3.00	£1,423.50	£474.50
Costs associated with prescribed part	1.00	18.40			19.40	£8,765.00	£451.80
Statutory and compliance							
FSA - CAS			110.50		110.50	£24,693.50	£223.47
FSA - investigation	2.40	2.60	8.00		13.00	£4,334.00	£333.38
FSA - regulatory		0.80	3.00		3.80	£1,110.00	£292.11
Investigation							
Mail redirection				1.40	1.40	£161.00	£115.00
Realisation of assets							
Asset Realisation							
Debtors	13.50	0.50			14.00	£6,772.50	£483.75
Office equipment, fixtures & fittings		0.30			0.30	£135.00	£450.00
Other assets	1.00	2.60			3.60	£1,442.50	£400.69
Purchases and trading costs	0.20				0.20	£97.00	£485.00
Total in period	48.50	79.50	327.25	3.60	458.85	£130,318.25	£284.01
Investigations/Litigation							
Auditor interaction			4.00		4.00	£1,220.00	£305.00
Review of pre-appt transactions	0.80				0.80	£508.00	£635.00
	0.8	0	4	0	4.8	£1,728.00	£360.00

Notes:

All staff who have worked on this assignment, including cashiers and secretarial staff, have charged time directly to the assignment and are included in the analysis of time spent.

The cost of staff employed in central administration functions is not charged directly to the assignment but is reflected in the general level of charge out rates.

All time shown in the above analysis is charged in units of six minutes.

The hourly rates for the costs incurred in dealing with investigations and litigation have been set by the creditors' committee.



WorldSpreads Limited (in special administration)
Summary of charge out rates - Normal insolvency related work

£/hour	From 18 March 2012 to 30 September 2012	From 1 October 2012 to 17 March 2016
Restructuring, Tax, Corporate Finance and Forensic		
Partner	535	565
Director	460	485
Senior Manager	425	450
Manager	345	365
Assistant Manager/ Senior administrator	240	250
Administrator	175	185
Support staff	110	115

Summary of charge out rates - Investigation / Litigation costs

£/hour	From 18 March 2012 to 17 March 2016
Restructuring, Tax, Corporate Finance and Forensic	
Partner	725
Director	635
Senior Manager	525
Manager	420
Assistant Manager/ Senior administrator	305
Administrator	230
Support staff	120

All staff who have worked on this assignment, including cashiers and secretarial staff, have charged time directly to the assignment and are included in the analysis of time spent.

The cost of staff employed in central administration functions is not charged directly to the assignment but is reflected in the level of charge out rates.

Time is charged in units of six minutes.



WorldSpreads Limited (in special administration)
Reporting period: 18 September 2015 to 17 March 2016

Summary of Disbursements

	£
Category 1	
Sundry expenses	315.42
Professional and legal	255.00
Travel	33.25
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	603.67
Category 2	
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Total for the period	<hr/> <hr/> 603.67

These disbursements have not been paid in this reporting period.

Appendix 3 continued

Overview of fee agreement reached with the creditors' committee

At the first creditors' committee meeting a resolution was passed fixing the basis of the Special Administrators' remuneration by reference to time properly given by them and their staff in attending to matters arising in the special administration.

In view of the nature of the Special Administrators' ongoing work, we subsequently reached a revised agreement with the creditors' committee in relation to remuneration. Our work has been split into two categories: normal insolvency related work and investigation/litigation costs. A change in the Insolvency Rules, with effect from April 2010, has allowed us to adopt this more flexible fee based structure, which, at the committees' request, in relation to our investigation/litigation costs, has resulted in an approach that ensures clients and creditors will share in any recoveries at an earlier stage than would be the case if the Special Administrators were paid on the basis purely of time costs at the agreed rates.

Further information on the agreement reached in relation to each of these two categories is set out below.

More information, together with an illustrative example of the agreement reached in relation to investigation/litigation costs was set out in our Report dated 22 March 2013.

Normal insolvency related work

We have agreed discounted rates to be applied to normal insolvency work from 1 September 2012 onwards. We have the creditors' committee's approval to draw our actual costs, at the discounted rate to November 2012 and the lower of actual and budgeted costs, monthly in arrears, for the period from December 2012 to December 2014.

Details of the fees agreed from January 2015 are set out in section 4.5.1 above.

To date we have drawn costs to June 2015 in relation to the house estate and September 2015 in relation to the client estate.

Normal insolvency related work includes the following work streams:

- agreement and payment of client and creditor claims;
- reporting and liaison with the FCA and Insolvency Service, including any investigations undertaken by them;
- realisation of remaining (non-investigation) assets;
- identification and recovery of client money;

- tax returns;
- control and maintenance of books and records;
- statutory obligations and reporting.

Investigation / Litigation costs

The committee requested that the proposal for our remuneration for this aspect of our work be structured such that the Special Administrators are incentivised to obtain the maximum recovery from litigation with the minimum of hours spent. The agreement reached is as follows:

- payment of 50% of the investigation time spent (see definition below);
- further payments in respect of time properly given to be a percentage of the value of recoveries from litigation (‘uplift payment’);

This approach means that clients and creditors will share in the recoveries at a much earlier stage than would be the case if the Special Administrators were paid on the basis purely of time costs at the agreed rates.

These costs will include time incurred in relation to:

- forensic work not related to 3rd party regulators;
- restructuring time relating to investigations.

Special Administrators’ fees	Recovery bands	
On amounts recovered	Clients’/Creditors’ share of recovery	Special Administrators’ share of recovery
if no recovery	0%	0%
up to time costs	80%	20%
up to next 1 million	82.5%	17.5%
up to next 2 million	85%	15%
up to next 2 million	87.5%	12.5%
up to next 5 million	90%	10%
above time costs plus £10 million	92.5%	7.5%

We have drawn 50% of investigation/litigation costs to 30 April 2015.

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Appendix 3 continued

KPMG Restructuring policy for the recovery of disbursements

Where funds permit the officeholder will look to recover both category 1 and category 2 disbursements from the estate. For the avoidance of doubt, such expenses are defined within SIP 9 as follows:

Category 1 disbursements: These are costs where there is specific expenditure directly referable both to the appointment in question and a payment to an independent third party. These may include, for example, advertising, room hire, storage, postage, telephone charges, travel expenses, and equivalent costs reimbursed to the officeholder or his or her staff.

Category 2 disbursements: These are costs that are directly referable to the appointment in question but not to a payment to an independent third party. They may include shared or allocated costs that can be allocated to the appointment on a proper and reasonable basis, for example, business mileage. Any disbursements paid from the estate are disclosed within the attached summary of disbursements.

Category 2 disbursements that KPMG Restructuring currently charges includes mileage, which is calculated as follows:

Mileage claims fall into three categories:

Use of privately-owned vehicle or car cash alternative – 45p per

mile Use of company car – 60p per mile

Use of partner's car – 60p per mile

For all of the above car types, when carrying KPMG passengers an additional 5p per mile per passenger will also be charged where appropriate.

Clearwell e-review system:

The software licence fees relate to the usage of commercially available systems used by KPMG to enable the Special Administrators to efficiently search and review WorldSpreads data, whilst maintaining an audit trail of review activity. The costs are based upon the quantum of data processed but also include associated charges to cover secure web based hosting and secure access to the review system.



Appendix 4

Schedule of expenses



WorldSpreads Limited (in special administration)
Expenses schedule from 18 September 2015 to 17 March 2016

	Paid (£)	Accrued (£)	Total for period (£)
Costs of realisation			
Legal fees inc disbursements	4,049	0	4,049
Administrators' fees	0	132,046	132,046
Administrators' expenses	15,292	0	15,292
Other realisation costs	1,265	0	1,265
Irrecoverable VAT	23,226	0	23,226
	43,832	132,046	175,878

Notes

The figures included in the "paid" column above relate to costs incurred and paid in the period. Accordingly, these figures do not include payments made in the period that relate to accruals notified in our previous reports.

Special Administrators' remuneration and expenses

The Special Administrators' remuneration has been agreed with the creditors' committee, in accordance with Rule 196, as detailed in the Report. Details of the Special Administrators' time costs incurred in this period are set out in the attached Report, supported by an analysis of time costs and expenses also included at Appendix 3. The accrued figure includes all time costs incurred in the period, however, fees drawn will be in line with the agreement reached with the creditors' committee.

Creditors' request for further information

Any additional information regarding other expenses charged for the period is available from the Special Administrators upon request by any Secured creditor, any unsecured creditor(s) and any client(s) with at least 5% in value of the unsecured debt in accordance with Rule 201. This request must be made within 21 days of receipt of the Report. In addition creditors and clients are reminded that the quantum can be challenged by any Secured creditor, any unsecured creditor(s) or any client(s) with at least 10% in value (including that creditor's claim/client's assets) of the unsecured debt by making an application to Court in accordance with Rule 202 of the Rules within 8 weeks of receipt of this Report. The full text of these rules can be provided upon request.