## **Annual Progress Report**

## TRULY HOLDINGS LIMITED IN CREDITORS' VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION

## 30 January 2023

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#### **COMPANY INFORMATION**

REGISTERED NAME, ADDRESS AND NUMBER

Truly Holdings Limited (In Liquidation), ("the Company")

Company Number: 10001603

**Date of Incorporation:** 12 February 2016

Nature of Business: Holding Company

Registered Office: Formerly:

192/198 Vauxhall Bridge Road, London, SW1V 1DX

Changed to:

c/o Edge Recovery Ltd, 5/7 Ravensbourne Road, Bromley,

Kent, BR1 1HN

Trading address: 192/198 Vauxhall Bridge Road, London, SW1V 1DX

Current Directors at the date of Liquidation:

Name Date Appointed

Sridhar Kumar EDARA 12 February 2016

Prior Directors in previous three years:

NameDate AppointedDate ResignedRichard David FRANCIS16 July 201931 May 2020Petrakis PANTELI16 July 201930 November 2020

**Share Capital:** The authorised share capital is 200 ordinary shares of class A and 50

ordinary of Class B of £1.00 each, of which all have been issued and

fully paid as follows:

NameNumber of SharesClassKrishna Veni Edara66ASridhar Kumar Edara134APallmall Business Ltd50B

Date of Liquidation 1 December 2021

Liquidators Bijal Shah and Rob Cundy

Edge Recovery Limited

Address 5/7 Ravensbourne Road, Bromley, Kent, BR1 1HN

**IP Numbers** 8717, 9495

#### RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

Our Receipts & Payments Account for the period from 1 December 2021 to 30 November 2022 is attached at Appendix 1. The balance of funds are held in a non-interest bearing estate bank account.

#### LIQUIDATORS' ACTIONS SINCE APPOINTMENT

#### Assets

According to the statement of affairs lodged in these proceedings, the assets of the company had a total estimated to realise value of £770 which comprised of:

- Assets subject to fixed charge:
  - Investments in subsidiaries with a book value of £5,066,000 and estimated to realise value of NIL
  - o Intangible assets with a book value of £140,250 and estimated to realise value of NIL
  - o Cash at Bank of £52,775
- Assets subject to floating charge:
  - Fixtures and Fittings with a book value of £182,007 and estimated to realise of NIL
  - o Book Debts with a book value of £48,124 and estimated to realise of NIL
  - o Cash at bank with estimated to realise £770
  - Intercompany accounts with a book value of £9,509,221 and estimated to realise NIL
  - Prepayments with a book value of £63,212 and estimated to realise of NIL
  - o Loans & Advances with a book value of £866,097 and estimate to realise of NIL.

#### Investments in subsidiaries

The book value of investments in subsidiaries was £5,066,000 in the company's last accounts for year ending 31 October 2019. These have been valued by the Director at NIL for the purpose of the Statement of Affairs as all the subsidiaries have ceased trading and are also subject to creditors' voluntary liquidation procedures. It is not expected that there will be any surpluses from those investments and no value is anticipated to be realised.

#### Intangible Assets

The book value of the company's Intangible Assets consisting of domain names and registered trademarks was £140,250. Following our appointment as liquidators, we instructed Asset Valuation and Sales Ltd, independent Valuation Agents to value and sell the domains. They have been liaising with interested parties. However, the brands owned by the company did not attract a lot of interest and only two offers were received. The higher of those offers was accepted resulting in realisations of £7,000 plus VAT.

#### Cash at Bank - subject to Fixed charge

According to the Statement of Affairs the cash at bank held in the company's bank account held with Santander Bank Plc was £52,775. Following our appointment, we formally asked the company's bankers to close the account and remit any credit balance. The balance on the date of our appointment was £11,753.23 and the bank has applied its right of set off against a debt of £4,583,333 due to the bank.

#### **Fixtures and Fittings**

The book value of £182,007 in respect of Fixtures and Fittings has been taken from the last accounts for year ending 31 October 2019 without taking into account any depreciation since then. Following our appointment, we have reviewed company's accounts and this value largely represented fit out and improvement of the office premises, which could not be removed and sold. We instructed Asset Valuation and Sales Limited, who advised that the remaining items, consisting of furniture and older computers had no realisable value, due to their location and costs involved in extracting the items by a buyer.

Accordingly, we negotiated a sale of the furniture and contents to be left on site, for the benefit of the Landlord, for £1,000. This was fully realised during the reporting period and no further recovery is possible.

#### **Book Debts**

According to the Statement of Affairs, book debts with a book value of £48,124. Following our appointment, we have reviewed the company's accounting records and these amounts represented historical balances that the director advised should have been written off in the past. There was no basis or support for the debts and accordingly, they have been written off and no realisations are expected.

#### Cash at Bank

On the Statement of Affairs, it was estimated that a credit balance of £770 was being held in the company's bank account. Following our appointment, we formally asked the company's bankers to close the accounts and remit any credit balances. The sum of £1,099.47 was received from Investec Bank, the sum of £60.00 was received from NatWest Bank and various balances in different currencies, amounting to £90.40 were received from Barclays Bank.

#### Inter Company accounts

According to the Statement of Affairs, there were amounts owed on Inter- Company Accounts with a book value of £9,509,221 and estimated to realise NIL. This relates to monies owed by other group companies, each of which is subject to concurrent insolvency proceedings. At present, there have been no dividends paid by those companies, although it is possible that dividends may be paid. Accordingly, there may be some realisations from this source, although the amount and timing is not yet known. Claims were lodged in the subsidiary insolvent companies and Truly Holdings Limited's interest is registered if a dividend become available at the other entities.

#### **Prepayments**

According to Director's Statement of Affairs the company made prepayments of £63,212. Following our appointment, we reviewed the company's accounting records and concluded that these are irrecoverable as they relate to prepayments allocated to creditors whose claims are greater than the prepayments made as at the liquidation date, such that set off will apply.

#### Loans & Advances

According to Director's Statement of Affairs the company made loans and advances of £866,097 in respect of advance payments for hotel accommodation. This sum is irrecoverable as there is a cross guarantee from other companies in the group where the entity is a significant creditor. Accordingly, this debtor has set off the amounts owed against the credit balances in other group companies.

## Leasehold property

The company had a lease in respect of their office premises at 192/198 Vauxhall Bridge Road, London, SW1V 1DX. Following our appointed we instructed Asset Valuation and Sales Limited to value the lease. They valued the lease at NIL. Accordingly, the lease was disclaimed on 28 January 2022.

#### CREDITORS' CLAIMS & DIVIDEND PROSPECTS

## **Secured Creditors**

An examination of the Company's mortgage register held by the Registrar of Companies, showed that the Company has granted fixed and floating charges to Santander UK Plc, created on 28 November 2019.

The legislation requires that if the Company has created a floating charge after 15 September 2003, a prescribed part of the Company's net property (i.e. the money that would otherwise be available to the charge holder) should be ring-fenced for distribution to unsecured creditors. In this case there were no assets caught by a floating charge as such that the prescribed part is valued at Nil.

A claim in the sum of £4,583,333.35 has been received from Santander UK Plc.

### **Primary Preferential creditors**

The statement of affairs anticipated £24,455 in respect of preferential creditors relating to employees' claims. Employees have submitted their claims to the Redundancy Payments Service ("the RPS"). The final claim has not yet been received from the RPS and we have not yet adjudicated claims in respect of residual preferential claims of employees as at present a dividend distribution to preferential creditors is uncertain.

#### **Secondary Preferential Creditors**

The statement of affairs did not anticipate any secondary preferential creditors relating to HM Revenue & Customs' (HMRC) claim. HMRC's final claim has not been received.

#### **Non-Preferential Unsecured Creditors**

The Statement of Affairs included 24 non-preferential unsecured creditors with an estimated total liability of £4,453,187. I have received claims from 8 creditors at a total of £403,028. I have not received claims from 17 creditors with original estimated claims in the Statement of Affairs of £4,175,632, largely consisting of connected creditor amounts. We have not yet adjudicated on creditors' claims as it is currently uncertain if a dividend will become payable to unsecured creditors in this matter.

At present we are unable to quantify the likelihood or timing of any dividend to any class of creditors.

#### Consumers

The Statements of Affairs did not anticipate any consumer creditors as all travel bookings were made with the subsidiary companies. Although some consumers have made enquiries to us in respect of their refunds relating to travel bookings, these consumers were referred to make their claim for a refund through the Travel Trust Association (TTA), as no refunds will be paid from the liquidations. Unfortunately, we have no involvement or visibility of the TTA's internal procedures so we have no ability to comment on individual claims or how the TTA are handling them. All consumers claims were allocated accordingly as per the consumers lists available in the other group companies.

Consumers who registered their interest against the other insolvent companies may get a dividend of a very low amount although the timing and quantum of any payment is very uncertain.

#### **ENQUIRES AND INVESTIGATIONS**

During the Review Period, the Joint Liquidators carried out an initial review of the Company's affairs in the period prior to appointment. This included seeking information and explanations from the directors by means of questionnaires; making enquiries of the Company's accountants; reviewing information received from creditors; and collecting and examining the Company's bank statements, accounts and other records.

The directors provided the books and records and a completed questionnaire as well as a Statement of Affairs.

The information gleaned from this process enabled the Joint Liquidators to meet their statutory duty to submit a confidential report on the conduct of the directors (past and present) to the Insolvency Service.

This work was also carried out with the objective of making an initial assessment of whether there were any matters that may lead to any recoveries for the benefit of creditors. This would typically include any potential claims which may be brought against parties either connected to or who have past dealings with the Company.

This initial assessment has been completed and the Joint Liquidators did not identify any further assets or actions which might lead to a recovery for creditors.

Although this work did not generate any financial benefit to creditors, it was necessary to meet the statutory duties as well as conduct appropriate enquiries and investigations into potential rights of actions to enhance realisations.

#### **FEES AND EXPENSES**

## Pre-Appointment Fees & Expenses Paid by Company prior to appointment

A fixed fee of £10,000 plus VAT was agreed by directors on 22 November 2021 and paid by Company prior to the decision procedure. Fees have been paid in connection to the preparation of the Statement of Affairs, calling the relevant decision procedure and a court case with the CMA including Court applications in respect of how to deal with the claims of consumer creditors.

#### Liquidators' Remuneration

The basis of Liquidators' remuneration has not yet been approved and therefore no remuneration has been drawn to date. A decision procedure with liquidators' fee resolutions will be sought from creditors at a later date.

Our total time costs to 30 November 2022 amount to £19,278, representing 81.8 hours work at a blended charge out rate of £235.67 per hour. A detailed schedule of our time costs incurred to date is enclosed in Appendix 3.

#### **Expenses**

We have incurred expenses to 30 November 2022 of £531.65 which represents the simple reimbursement of actual out of pocket payments made on behalf of the assignment. This is made up as follows:

Statutory Advertising	£1	66.00
Bordereau	£	20.00
Case Management Fee	£1	10.00
Professional fees	£2:	25.00
Land Registry fees	£	3.00
Postage costs	£	7.65

We have not been able to draw any expenses in this matter.

Information about this insolvency process may be found on the R3 website at <a href="http://www.creditorinsolvencyguide.co.uk/">http://www.creditorinsolvencyguide.co.uk/</a>. A copy of 'A Creditors' Guide to Fees' may be found at <a href="http://www.edgerecovery.com/links-and-downloads/document-downloads/">http://www.edgerecovery.com/links-and-downloads/document-downloads/</a>. The firm's charge-out rate and disbursement policy may be found at <a href="http://www.edgerecovery.com/links-and-downloads/document-downloads/">http://www.edgerecovery.com/links-and-downloads/</a>.

#### Other professional costs

#### **Subcontractors**

Subcontractors have been engaged where we believe greater efficiencies will be created for the estate where the sub-contractor works alongside the office holders to assist with the tasks in hand. Care is taken to ensure there is no duplication of work and all work is overseen and reviewed by the Joint Liquidators. We considered that increased costs would be incurred if the work were undertaken by our staff directly.

The following subcontractors have been used in this case:

Service (s)	Provider	Work to be done	Basis of fee arrangement	Anticipated cost	Total cost
Employees' claims processing	ERA Solutions Limited	Employee claims support, assisting with the submission of employee claims to the Redundancy Payments Service and agreement of employee claims with the office holders.	Fixed fee 1-5 Employees	225.00	225.00

#### Solicitors

Trowers & Hamlins LLP were instructed as legal advisors in relation to Court applications around consumer claims and actions being taken by the CMA in the pre-appointment period. These matters continued into the post-liquidation period as consent Orders were concluded. The Court ordered that such costs were to rank as an expense of the liquidation. Accordingly, there is an amount of £1,088.38 owed, none of which has been paid. Their costs have been agreed on the basis of their standard hourly charge out rates, plus disbursements and VAT. There has been limited further work regarded by solicitors in this estate, although matters will be referred, if and when necessary. Minimal further costs are expected at this stage.

#### Agents and valuers

Asset Valuation and Sales Limited were instructed as agents and valuers in relation to assistance with professional valuation and realisation of the Fixtures & Fittings, the Intangible Assets and the leasehold interest of the company. Their costs have been agreed on the basis of their standard sales commission rate on realisation plus disbursements and VAT for the sale and time costs for other aspects, including valuation advice where no realisation was achieved. The agents' fees for the period 1 December 2021 to 30 November 2022 amount to £1,200 plus VAT, which has been drawn against the sale proceeds. The agents are currently holding the balance of the sale proceeds pending finalisation of their costs. The balance will then be remitted to us. Future costs are estimated to be no more than £1,000 plus VAT

#### **CREDITORS' RIGHTS**

Within 21 days of the receipt of this report, a secured creditor, or an unsecured creditor (with the concurrence of at least 5% in value of the unsecured creditors), may request in writing that the Liquidator provides further information about his remuneration or expenses which have been itemised in this progress report.

Any secured creditor, or an unsecured creditor (with the concurrence of at least 10% in value of the unsecured creditors), may within 8 weeks of receipt of this progress report make an application to court on the grounds that, in all the circumstances, the basis fixed for the Liquidator's remuneration is inappropriate and/or the remuneration charged or the expenses incurred by the Liquidator, as set out in this progress report, are excessive.

We would inform you that when carrying out all professional work relating to an insolvency appointment, Insolvency Practitioners are bound by the Insolvency Code of Ethics. To comply with the Provision of Services Regulations, some general information about Edge Recovery Limited can be found at <a href="http://www.edgerecovery.com/links-and-downloads/document-downloads/">http://www.edgerecovery.com/links-and-downloads/document-downloads/</a>.

Edge Recovery Limited uses personal information in order to fulfil the legal obligations of our Insolvency Practitioners under the Insolvency Act and other relevant legislation, and also to fulfil the legitimate interests of keeping creditors and others informed about the insolvency proceedings. You can find more information on how Edge Recovery Limited uses your personal information on our website at <a href="http://www.edgerecovery.com/links-and-downloads/document-downloads/external-privacy-statement">http://www.edgerecovery.com/links-and-downloads/document-downloads/external-privacy-statement</a>.

A hard copy of all documents available on line through the above links may be obtained free of charge on request

#### WHAT REMAINS TO BE DONE

The administration of the case will be continuing to finalise the following outstanding matters that are preventing this case from being closed:

- Possible realisations from the intercompany accounts, through dividends from liquidations of other group companies
- If possible, dividends to creditors payable from such realisations

We are required to provide a further report on the progress of the liquidation within two months of the next anniversary of the liquidation, unless we have concluded matters prior to this, in which case we will write to all creditors with our final account.

If you require any further information, please contact us on 0208 315 7430 or send your enquiry to <a href="mailto:info@edgerecovery.com">info@edgerecovery.com</a>.

Rob Cundy Joint Liquidator

30 January 2023

## Truly Holdings Limited - In Creditors Voluntary Liquidation Joint Liquidators' Abstract of Receipts & Payments

## From 1 December 2021 to 30 November 2022

S of A £		£
	RECEIPTS	
52,775	Cash at bank	NIL
NIL	Fixtures & Fittings	1,000.00
770	Cash at Bank	150.40
NIL	Cash Balances	1,099.47
NIL	Vat Payable	200.00
53,545		2,449.87
	PAYMENTS	
	Intangible assets	(9.99)
	Vat Receivable	(2.00)
		(11.99)
	CASH IN HAND	2,437.88

## Appendix 2

# Detailed list of work undertaken for Truly Holdings Limited in Creditors' Voluntary Liquidation for the review period 1 December 2021 to 30 November 2022

Below is detailed information about the tasks undertaken by the Joint Liquidators.

General Description	Includes					
Administration and planning	This represents the work that is involved in the routine administrative functions of the case by the office holder and his staff, together with the control and supervision of the work done on the case by the office holder and his managers. It does not give direct financial benefit to the creditors, but has to be undertaken by the office holder to meet their requirements under the insolvency legislation and the Statements of Insolvency Practice, which set out required practice that office holders must follow.					
Statutory/advertising	Filing of documents to meet statutory requirements including annual receipts and payments accounts Annual corporation tax returns Advertising in accordance with statutory requirements Bonding the case for the value of the assets					
Document maintenance/file review/checklist	Periodic file reviews documenting strategy Periodic reviews of the application of ethical, anti-money laundering and anti-bribery safeguards Maintenance of statutory and case progression task lists/diaries Updating checklists					
Bank account administration	Preparing correspondence opening and closing accounts Requesting bank statements Bank account reconciliations Correspondence with bank regarding specific transfers Maintenance of the estate cash book Banking remittances and issuing BACS payments					
Planning / Review	Discussions regarding strategies to be pursued  Meetings with team members and independent advisers to consider practical, technical and legal aspects of the case					
Reporting	Statutory reporting is a requirement under the insolvency legislation.  Circulating initial report to creditors upon appointment					
Realisation of Assets	This is the work that needs to be undertaken to protect and then realise the known assets in the					
Fixtures and fittings	case.  Liaising with valuers, auctioneers and interested parties Reviewing asset listings Liaising with landlord					
Freehold/Leasehold Property	Liaising with valuers and agents on value Liaising with landlord Agreeing assignment, surrender or disclaiming property					
Debtors	Collecting supporting documentation Correspondence with debtors					
Leasing	Reviewing leasing documents Liaising with owners/lessors					
Other assets: motor vehicles, intangibles, intellectual property, VAT/corporation tax refunds, Insurance claims	Liaising with agents to agree disposal strategy Dealing with potential purchasers Negotiating sales Exchanges with government departments					
Creditors and Distributions	Employees - The office holder needs to deal with the ex-employees in order to ensure that their claims are processed appropriately by the Redundancy Payments Office (RPO). That work will include dealing with queries received from both the ex-employees and the RPO to facilitate the processing of the claims. The office holder is required to undertake this work as part of his statutory functions.  Claims of creditors - the office holder needs to maintain up to date records of the names and addresses of creditors, together with the amounts of their claims as part of the management of the case, and to ensure that notices and reports can be issued to the creditors. The office holder will also have to deal with correspondence and queries received from creditors regarding their claims and dividend prospects as they are received. The office holder is required to undertake this work as part of his statutory functions.					
Creditor Communication	Receive and follow up creditor enquiries via telephone Review and prepare correspondence to creditors and their representatives via email and post Assisting employees to pursue claims via the RPO Corresponding with the PPF and the Pensions Regulator					

General Description	Includes
Dealing with proofs of debt	Receipting and filing POD when not related to a dividend
Processing proofs of debt	Preparation of correspondence to potential creditors inviting submission of POD Receipt of POD Request further information from claimants regarding POD
Pension scheme	Identifying whether there is a pension scheme Submitting the relevant notices if a pension scheme is identified Liaising and providing information to be able to finalise winding up the pension scheme
Investigations	The insolvency legislation gives the office holder powers to take recovery action in respect of what are known as antecedent transactions, where assets have been disposed of prior to the commencement of the insolvency procedure and also in respect of matters such as misfeasance and wrongful trading. The office holder is required by the Statements of Insolvency Practice to undertake an initial investigation in all cases to determine whether there are potential recovery actions for the benefit of creditors. If potential recoveries or matters for further investigation are identified then the office holder will need to incur additional time to investigate them in detail and to bring recovery actions where necessary, and further information will be provided to creditors and approval for an increase in fees will be made as necessary. Such recovery actions will be for the benefit of the creditors and the office holder will provide an estimate of that benefit if an increase in fees is necessary. The office holder is also required by legislation to report to the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills on the conduct of the directors and the work to enable them to comply with this statutory obligation is of no direct benefit to the creditors, although it may identify potential recovery actions.
SIP 2 Review	Collection and making an inventory of company books and records Correspondence to request information on the company's dealings, making further enquiries of third parties Reviewing questionnaires submitted by creditors and directors Review of financial affairs of the company Reviewing company's books and records Review of specific transactions and liaising with directors regarding certain transactions
Statutory reporting on conduct of director(s)	Preparing statutory investigation reports Liaising with Insolvency Service Submission of report with the Insolvency Service Preparation and submission of supplementary report if required Assisting the Insolvency Service with its investigations

## Joint Liquidators' Remuneration Schedule Truly Holdings Limited Between 01 December 2021 and 30 November 2022

Classification of work function	Partner/ Director	Manager	Other Senior Professionals	Assistants & Support Staff	Total Hours	Time Cost	Average Hourly Rate
Administration and Planning	2.90	0.50	0.00	31.60	35.00	6,774.00	193.54
Enquiries & Investigations	2.40	0.70	0.00	16.70	19.80	5,095.00	257.32
Realisation of Assets	3.50	0.00	0.00	8.50	12.00	3,366.00	280.50
Trading	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Creditors (inc Employee Matters)	3.00	0.00	0.00	10.60	13.60	3,680.00	270.59
Case Specific Matters	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Statutory and compliance	0.50	0.00	0.00	0.90	1.40	363.00	259.29
Reporting	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Pre-appointment	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total hours	12.30	1.20	0.00	68.30	81.80		
Time costs	5,931.00	456.00	0.00	12,891.00		19,278.00	
Average hourly rate	482.20	380.00	0.00	188.74			235.67

Description	Total Incurred £	Total Recovered £
Statutory Advertising	166.00	0.00
Bordereaux	20.00	0.00
Insolv System Set Up	110.00	0.00
Land Registry fees	3.00	0.00
Postage costs	7.65	0.00
Professional fees	225.00	0.00
Totals	531.65	0.00

## **Summary of Fees**

Time spent in administering the Assignment	Hours	81.80
Total value of time spent to 30 November 2022	£	19,278.00
Total Joint Liquidators' fees charged to 30 November	£	0.00
2022		0.00