
Progress Report to Creditors

24 June 2025

Business Loan Network Limited (In Liquidation)

Liquidators' Progress Report for the period from 25 April 2024 to 24 April
2025

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1. Introduction

Geoffrey Bouchier and Robert Armstrong were appointed Liquidators on 25 April 2023, following the end of the Administration of the Company.

This progress report covers the Reporting Period and provides an update on the Liquidation of the Company. It should be read in conjunction with the Previous Reports.

You will find other important information in this progress report such as the costs the Liquidators have incurred.

A glossary of the abbreviations and definitions used throughout this document is attached at Appendix 7.

Please also note that an important legal notice about this progress report to creditors is attached at Appendix 8.

2. Creditor Summary

This progress report provides creditors with an account of the progress of the Liquidation of the Company in the Reporting Period. Paper copies can be provided free of charge by writing to the BLN Case Team at BLN@kroll.com.

Unless otherwise stated, all amounts in this progress report and appendices are stated net of VAT.

3. Progress of the Liquidation

This section provides an update on the Liquidators' strategy for the Liquidation and progress to date.

3.1 Strategy and Progress to Date

The Liquidators' strategy follows on from the strategy during the Administration, being:

- Continue with the wind-down of the remaining Loans during the Liquidation process for the benefit of Lenders and the Company;
- Distribute Client Money to Lenders; and
- Realise the Company Assets for the benefit of the Company's creditors.

Pursuant to the permissions granted by the Court to utilise Client Assets, the Liquidators' current methodology is to retain 25% of Client Assets, being the 25% Retention, retained following the appointment of the former Administrators, and the 75% balance to which Lenders are entitled, will be allocated to relevant Lenders' accounts and made available for distribution, subject to appropriate Anti Money Laundering and Know Your Client checks being completed. The 25% Retention is and will be utilised by the Liquidators to meet the necessary costs of dealing with Client Assets.

3.2 Loans

At the Administration Appointment Date, there were 163 outstanding loans to 73 Borrowers. The outstanding principal loan value was c.£49m.

During the Reporting Period, the Liquidators together with their legal advisors and appointed servicers have continued to manage and progress the loan book recoveries.

In the Reporting Period, principal and interest of £541,564.58 was collected and allocated to Lenders' accounts. Further information is detailed below within the Client Asset section of this report where the Liquidators set out the amounts allocated to Lenders' accounts.

At the end of the Reporting Period, there are 38 loans left with outstanding principal balances totaling c.£9.9m.

The Liquidators continue their efforts in order to maximise the realisations of the remaining Loans, which can include legal recovery action against the corporate borrower and where applicable, enforcing personal guarantees. The Liquidators will provide a further update in their next report.

Lenders will continue to receive syndicate updates on active Loans for which they are invested by email in the usual way, and it is recommended Lenders continue to review these when received for further information.

3.3 Client Estate

This section deals with assets which are subject to the proprietary rights of Lenders, predominately being Client Money and Client Assets as well as other associated matters.

Assets within the Client Estate do not form part of the Insolvency Estate but are included here for reference given the close relationship between them.

Client Assets

Client Assets are amounts from Loan Recoveries received after the Administration Appointment Date to which Lenders are entitled. Client Assets are held by the Company in a client account specifically for this purpose.

As at the end of the Reporting Period and from Loan Recoveries, the Liquidators report that:

- £17,474,040.58 of Client Assets have been collected and allocated to Lenders' accounts; and
- £463,116.83 has been received and allocated to the Company's client account, the overriding majority of which will shortly be allocated to Lenders' accounts.

During the Reporting Period, the Liquidators continued to process and pay Lender withdrawals on a periodic basis for Client Assets. At the end of the Reporting Period, a total of £11,768,026 had been paid to Lenders from the Client Assets.

As noted above, the 25% Retention will be retained by the Liquidators as a provision to meet the necessary costs of dealing with Client Assets as ordered by the Court. At the end of the Reporting Period, £4,274,693 had been collected and allocated to the 25% Retention account to meet approved costs.

Based on current information and forecasted Loan Recoveries, its currently estimated that the 25% Retention will just be sufficient to meet the anticipated necessary costs of dealing with Client Assets notwithstanding the decline in the ERV of Loans from initial projections at the outset of the Administration. It is considered unlikely that there will be material surplus funds necessitating allocation and return to Lenders, however the position is being continually reviewed and an update will be provided in the next report.

Change of Servicing Provider

As Lenders are aware, in January 2024 Thincats provided the Joint Liquidators with formal notice that they would no longer provide services to the Company with respect to the Client Estate. For completeness, the services provided by Thincats included:

- Loan services, being the activities associated with the collection of outstanding Loans; and
- Lender services, being activities including the administration of the Client Estate, the provision of the electronic peer-to-peer platform currently in use, record keeping, processing of Lender distributions, answering Lender queries, performing reconciliation of Client Estate funds and banking matters, performing necessary Anti Money Laundering and Know Your Customer checks ("AML & KYC") and other necessary tasks.

Thincats services ceased on 28 August 2024 following which Loan and Lender servicing activities were continued by the Liquidators. In respect of Lender servicing activity, the Liquidators have instructed White Label Crowdfunding Limited ("WLCF") to provide the replacement electronic peer-to-peer platform ("Replacement Platform") and provide certain other services in this regard. All Lenders were provided formal notice of this change in servicing provider via email on 22 August 2024.

AML / KYC and Client Asset Lender Withdrawals

This applies to Lender withdrawals from Client Assets.

By way of reminder, the Liquidators are required to ensure that appropriate Anti Money Laundering and Know Your Customer checks have been performed prior to permitting Lender withdrawals ("AML & KYC").

During the Reporting Period, the Liquidators have continued to make attempts to engage Lenders to submit necessary AML/KYC information so that Lender withdrawal requests can be processed.

The Liquidators will continue to process and pay Lender withdrawal requests on a periodic basis.

Client Money

In accordance with the FCA's Client Assets Sourcebook (CASS), Client Money held by the Company at the Administration Appointment Date (i.e. monies held in Lenders' accounts with the Company), are to be reconciled and notionally pooled, forming a Client Money Pool ("CMP").

The CMP balance at the Administration Appointment Date totaled £2,799,793. Following payments made to clients, this figure had reduced to £218,392 at the commencement of the Reporting Period. Further payments of £62,310 were paid during the Reporting Period, leaving a balance of £155,339.

In relation to Amounts available for withdrawal by Lenders' of £155,539, contact continues to be made to the respective Lenders with requests to withdraw their funds. The Liquidators will continue to chase this information from Lenders.

Request to Lenders to submit Lender Withdrawal Requests

As previously advised, the Liquidators wish to pay to Lenders all their uninvested client monies allocated to their accounts at the earliest opportunity.

In this regard, please can Lenders review their account with the Company by logging onto the Replacement Platform at <https://www.businessloannetwork.co.uk/> to check whether they hold uninvested client monies.

If Lenders do hold uninvested client monies in their accounts, the Liquidators ask Lenders to submit a Lender Withdrawal Request as soon as reasonably practicable to request withdrawal of funds.

3.4 Insolvency Estate

This section deals with Company Assets.

Company Assets are assets included with the insolvency estate and are available for distribution to creditors after the costs and expenses of the Administration and Liquidation have been deducted.

Realisations during the Reporting Period are set out in the Liquidators' Receipts and Payments Account at Appendix 2.

Funds Transferred from Administration

The Liquidators received £601,475 from the Administration upon its conclusion.

BLN Fees and Costs

The Company derives its income from fees charged to Borrowers included within Loan Recoveries from Loans for the Company's own account, as well as reimbursement of other costs it has incurred on behalf of Lenders, being defined as BLN Fees and Costs.

During the Reporting Period, the Liquidators have collected, as shown on the Receipts and Payments Account at Appendix 2, £28,423 of BLN Fees and Costs, bringing total realisations for the Administration and Liquidation to £1,516,931 in this regard.

Additionally, the Company has received £36,408 for reimbursement of third-party recovery costs.

Buy Back Loans

The Company bought certain loan parts relating to the Gould Loans from Lenders prior to the Administration Appointment Date. Any Loan Recoveries in respect of those loan parts will be for the Insolvency Estate. During the Reporting Period, funds totaling £104,594 were received in this regard.

Intellectual Property

As previously reported, the Company previously traded as ThinCats and was the registered owner of the trademark "ThinCats", up to October 2020. Following receipt of an independent valuation, the Company sold the registered trademark and any other intellectual property associated with the ThinCats brand to ESF in October 2020, prior to the Administration Appointment Date. Subsequently, ESF changed its name to ThinCats Limited in October 2022.

As previously reported, the Administrators undertook a review of this transaction, which included consulting an independent valuation agent and discussing this matter with our solicitors.

The Liquidators, following receipt of the finalised valuation and following legal advice, asserted a claim that the sale of the trademark was at an undervalue. ThinCats rejected the Liquidators claim entirely.

Following a period of correspondence the Liquidators entered into dialogue with ThinCats with a view to resolving the dispute.

The Liquidators can report that they settled the claim against ThinCats for a sum of £174,816. Additionally, ThinCats has waived its unsecured claim of c.£382k against the Company (in the Insolvency Estate). Further details cannot not be provided due to confidentiality provisions.

The Liquidation Committee (who are subject to strict confidentiality obligations) has been separately updated on this matter.

Other

Bank interest of £13,018 was received in the Reporting Period. In addition, £277 was received from HMRC in respect of the late payment of VAT refunds due to the Company.

3.5 Investigations

The Liquidators reviewed the affairs of the Company to ascertain if there were any actions which could be taken against third parties to increase recoveries for Creditors. This review included a detailed analysis of the Company's bank statements, financial records, minutes of board meetings, other company records as well as engaging with parties formally engaged by the Company.

During the Reporting Period, the Liquidators finalised their review into the sale of the intellectual property as noted above. It has been concluded that no further investigatory work is required.

4. Outcome for Creditors

Creditors should note that the Liquidators have not yet adjudicated on the merits of these claims and will not do so until it is known whether there will be sufficient funds to enable a distribution to non-preferential unsecured creditors.

Please note, this progress report provides creditors with an account of the progress of the Liquidation of the Company for the Reporting Period. The previous reports issued to the Company's creditors are available to view at www.ips-docs.com and paper copies can be provided free of charge by writing to BLN Case Team, Kroll Advisory Ltd., The Shard, 32 London Bridge Street, London, SE1 9SG.

4.1 Secured Creditors

The Company has no secured creditors.

4.2 Preferential Creditors

The Company has no Preferential Creditors.

4.3 Unsecured Creditors

As noted in the Proposals, according to the SOA there are non-preferential unsecured creditors of the Company with claims of £783,251 as at the Administration Appointment Date, summarised as follows:

Creditor	£
HMRC	-
Trade and Expense Creditors	2,601
Employees (unsecured element)	-
ThinCats (Formerly ESF) [now waived against the Company]	382,710
Lenders (see below note)	388,929
Other non-preferential unsecured creditors	9,011
Total	783,251

As previously advised, it is important to note that the amount owed to lenders in the table above and as per the SOA, relates solely to the principal liabilities owed to those Lenders specifically in relation to the complaint upheld by the Company on 22 January 2021 as detailed in the Proposals.

The SOA also does not quantify the amounts potentially owed to other Lenders, including upheld FOS determinations - see below for further information.

The figures provided in the above table and in the SOA do not affect creditors' rights to submit a claim for a different amount.

Claims received from non-preferential unsecured creditors (including all contingent lender creditors) since the Administration Appointment Date total £5,314,836, with no further claims received during the Liquidation. The majority of the non-preferential unsecured creditor claims received are from Lenders and are therefore contingent. A summary is provided below:

Non-preferential unsecured creditor claims received	£
Contingent lender creditors	5,304,936
Trade and expense creditors	5,395
Other non-preferential unsecured creditors	4,505
Total	5,314,836

Based on the current information available to the Liquidators, it is possible that there may be sufficient realisations to enable a distribution. However, this remains heavily contingent on future asset realisations and recoveries and as such, the timing of any future distribution is uncertain.

A further update on the likelihood of any dividend will be included in the Liquidators next report.

4.4 Lenders

As noted in the Previous Reports, the essence of a P2P platform is that the proceeds of loans the Company facilitates are not its property. The Lenders to those loans are those who chose, via the Company's platform, to invest in them. Any shortfall suffered by Lenders on any particular loan, does not in itself give rise to a claim against the Company.

In the circumstances of this matter, for the purposes of the approval process of the Proposals and the establishment of a Creditors' Committee, the Liquidators have decided to treat all Lenders as contingent creditors in this regard. In doing so, the Liquidators are not admitting any Lender's claim as to validity or value.

Lenders who have complained to FOS

The Company continues to be regulated by the FCA and relevant regulatory provisions still apply. The Liquidators are continuing to discuss this with their legal advisers but are aware that by s.228(5) of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (which provides "If the complainant notifies the ombudsman that he accepts the determination, it is binding on the respondent and the complainant and final").

Absent any grounds on which to challenge the determination as being one which no reasonable authority could have made, the Liquidators appear to be bound to accept any such award as an unsecured liability of the Company.

The Liquidators are also aware of the provisions of DISP 1.3.2(AG) which provides that the results of an Ombudsman's finding should be "effectively applied in future complaint handling" and "where appropriate upheld".

These and other relevant provisions will be taken into account when the Lender's claims against the Company are adjudicated by the Liquidators in due course.

How to Submit a claim in the Liquidation

If not already done so, Lenders or creditors who wish to claim should ensure that they have submitted details of their claim via the Creditors' Portal which can be accessed at www.ips-docs.com (see

earlier communications from the Administration regarding how to access same). Should you have any questions regarding accessing the Creditors' Portal, please contact Harry Wilding of this office.

For clarity, any claims submitted during the Administration of the Company are automatically transferred to the Liquidation.

4.5 Prescribed Part

The Company is not subject to any floating charges and therefore, the Prescribed Part provisions do not apply.

5. Other Matters

5.1 Liquidation Committee

Establishment of the Liquidation Committee

The Liquidation Committee members consist:

- Kevin Singleton
- Andrew Selkirk
- Windsor Estates Finance Limited
- Glencar Investments XII Designated Activity Company

Each member of the Liquidation Committee signed a Non-Disclosure Agreement during the Administration. Consequently, each of the Liquidation Committee are privy to confidential information but are required to keep this information and other dealings in respect of the Liquidation Committee confidential. They are not permitted to share any information with creditors or Lenders.

Role of a Liquidation Committee

A Liquidation Committee represents the interest of the creditors as a whole, rather than the interests of individual creditors.

The main function of the Liquidation Committee is to assist the Liquidators in discharging their duties as well as approve the Liquidators' remuneration. This may include assisting the Liquidators in key decisions, representing the main body of unsecured creditors, or providing information relating to the Company, its business and affairs.

Liquidation Committee Meetings

The Liquidators have convened regular meetings with the Liquidation Committee where the Liquidators have provided a comprehensive update on the progress of the Insolvency Estate as well as the Client Estate, including ongoing strategy and next steps. Additional emails updates have been provided throughout.

The Liquidation Committee engaged with the Liquidators both in terms of providing their opinions on the information and updates provided as well as by providing information to assist with the conduct of the Liquidation.

How to Communicate with the Liquidation Committee

The Liquidation Committee have set up a dedicated email address should any Lenders wish to contact them about matters concerning the Liquidation of the Company. Their email address is blncreditors@gmail.com.

Please note and as mentioned above, each member of the Liquidation Committee has signed a Non-Disclosure Agreement and consequently is prevented from divulging the content of Liquidation Committee meetings or information received in their capacity as a member of the Liquidation Committee to other Lenders or any other parties outside of the Liquidation Committee. This measure is important and is ultimately designed to protect the best interests of the Company and its creditors.

5.2 Liquidators' Receipts and Payments Account

A detailed Receipts and Payments Account for the Reporting Period is shown in Appendix 2.

5.3 Creditors' Rights

Further information regarding the remuneration and expenses of the Liquidators, including creditors' rights to challenge such costs is provided at Appendix 7, Statement of Creditors' Rights.

6. Fees and Expenses

6.1 Insolvency Estate

This section deals with the Liquidators' remuneration and the costs and expenses of the Liquidation in accordance with the Act and Rules, as appropriate.

Basis of the Liquidators' Remuneration

The Liquidation Committee approved the basis of the Liquidators' remuneration (time costs) on 30 May 2023, at the first meeting during the Liquidation.

Liquidators' Time Costs

The Liquidators proposed that the Insolvency Estate fee estimate included in the former Administrators' Proposals report totaling £1,532,880 would be carried over to the Liquidation, with the balance of the original fee estimate of £619,688 being apportioned to the Liquidation. The Liquidation Committee approved the continuation of this fee estimate on 30 May 2023.

The Liquidators' total time costs incurred for the Reporting Period total £175,505, which represents 379 hours at an average hourly rate of £464. Time costs in the Cumulative Period total £444,061, representing 942 hours at an average hourly rate of £472.

Time has been charged in six-minute units.

A breakdown of the Liquidators' time costs can be found at Appendix 4.

Attached at Appendix 5 is the Fees Narrative, a summary of key issues, to assist creditors in understanding the strategy of the Liquidators, the associated costs and expenses of the related activities and the financial benefit to creditors.

Liquidators' Remuneration

During the Reporting Period, remuneration totalling £266,239 has been drawn in relation to the Insolvency Estate, with no further fees drawn in the Cumulative Period during Liquidation.

Liquidators' Expenses

Expenses are any payments from the Liquidation which are neither Liquidator's remuneration nor a distribution to a creditor or member. Expenses also include disbursements. Disbursements are payments which are first met by the Liquidator and then reimbursed to the Liquidator from the Liquidation.

Expenses are divided into those that do not need approval before they are charged to the Liquidation (Category 1) and those that do (Category 2).

Category 1 Expenses are payments to persons providing the service to which the expense relates who are not an associate of the Liquidator.

Category 2 Expenses are payments to associates or which have an element of shared costs and require approval from creditors in the same manner as the Liquidators' remuneration, whether paid directly from the estate or as a disbursement.

Appendix 3 details the expenses incurred and paid during the Reporting Period.

In the Reporting Period, Category 1 Expenses of £23,230 were incurred, all of which have been paid. There have been no Category 2 Expenses incurred during the Reporting Period.

The former Administrators provided in the Proposals report to creditors an estimate of expenses for the Administration, totaling £166,374, which was for information purposes only and could possibly change over the course of the Administration. For completeness, the Liquidators have provided details of any variances from this estimate against the actual expenses incurred in the Administration at Appendix 3.

The Liquidators anticipate total expenses during the Liquidation will be £161,409.

6.2 Client Estate and Client Money Pool

This section deals with the Liquidators' remuneration and the costs and expenses in relation to the Client Estate and Client Money Pool.

Basis of Fee Approval

As mentioned earlier in this report, the application to Court was made because in the circumstances permissions of the Court were required to assist the Liquidators in carrying out their functions, to include retaining 25% of Client Assets to meet costs. A copy of the sealed Court Order together with the Report has been made available to Lenders via the Company's website.

The Court Order stipulates that the former Administrators be permitted to pay for the following categories of work from the Client Estate:

- 1) The post-Administration costs and expenses incurred by the Company, acting by the Administrators, engaging ThinCats (Formerly ESF) to provide future Loan Book Servicing (or of such alternative service provider should the Administrators so determine);
- 2) The remuneration of the Administrators for:
 - a) The Loan Book Servicing supervision tasks;
 - b) Dealing with Lender related matters, in particular dealing with enquiries from Lenders;
 - c) Dealing with issues concerning the Financial Conduct Authority;
 - d) Court applications relating to Client Assets, CMP and/or Lender matters;
 - e) Collecting BLN Fees and Costs payable from the Client Assets to the Company;
- 3) Legal costs incurred by the Administrators dealing with Client Assets and the CMP; and
- 4) One-half of the costs incurred (including the remuneration of the Administrators) in establishing and conducting the affairs of the creditors' committee.

As previously advised, the Court directed that, if the remuneration for work done by the Administrators and subsequent Liquidators in respect of the Client Estate and Client Money Pool, exceeds the £950,000 estimate as detailed in the Report as considered by the Court, then the Administrators and/or subsequent Liquidators were obliged to notify the Lenders who shall have liberty to apply to the Court within 28 days of such notification for the determination as to whether the remuneration that exceeds the estimates or any part thereof that exceeds the estimates should be paid out of the monies comprising the Client Estate.

The Administrators wrote to all Lenders in accordance with the Court Order in November 2022 to notify them that the Administrators' remuneration in dealing with the Client Estate would exceed £950,000 by an estimated £486,074. No applications were made within the above mentioned 28-day period and, accordingly, the approved figure increased to £1,436,074.

The Liquidators detailed in their first Progress Report in June 2024 that their time costs in dealing with the Client Estate had exceeded the revised fee estimate of £1,436,074 as above. As such, the Liquidators prepared a revised fee estimate to 31 December 2024, which took into consideration the then current time costs of £1,853,300 as of 24 April 2024, together with an estimate for the remainder of the year to 31 December 2024, which equated to an additional fee of £730,875.

A notice was sent to all known BLN Lenders via Mailchimp on 18 December 2024, providing Lenders with 28 days to make an application Court should they wish to do so.

The Liquidators corresponded with Lenders regarding certain queries, however, no applications were made within the above mentioned 28-day period and, accordingly, the approved figure increased to £2,166,949 (the revised fee estimate of £1,436,074, plus the additional £730,875 outlined above).

Time Costs Incurred

The Liquidators' time costs incurred in respect of the Client Estate for the Reporting Period total £483,540, which represents 785 hours at an average hourly rate of £616. Time has been charged in six-minute units. Total time costs in respect of the Client Estate as at the end of the Reporting Period total £2,289,458 (as detailed in appendix 4), which has therefore exceeded the 2nd revised fee estimate of £2,166,949.

It is noted that the 2nd revised fee estimate of £2,166,949 was an estimate to 31 December 2024 and, therefore, it was anticipated that the Liquidators' time costs would exceed this amount given they have been incurred to 24 April 2025. The Liquidators are not proposing a further fee estimate at this stage.

A breakdown of those time costs and summary of the tasks undertaken can be found at Appendix 4 and Appendix 5.

Liquidators' Remuneration

During the Reporting Period, the Liquidators were paid £269,451 from the Client Estate, bringing the total amounts paid in respect of Officeholders Remuneration from the Client Estate during both the Administration and Liquidation periods to £1,636,074 (excl. VAT).

ThinCats (formerly ESF)

During the Reporting Period, the Liquidators have paid servicer fees of £292,259 (excl. VAT) to ThinCats (formerly ESF) in accordance with the terms of their engagement. No further amounts will be paid given the servicing agreement ceased in August 2024.

White Label Crown Funding Limited ("WLCF")

As detailed at Section 3.3, WLCF are now providing Lender servicing activities to the Company. In this regard, WCLF have been paid £59,800 (excl. VAT) during the Reporting Period. This included initial setup/onboarding and data migration activities.

Legal Costs

The Liquidators have retained gunnercooke for the Liquidation to assist them in dealing with matters relating to the Client Estate. gunnercooke's fee arrangement is on a time cost basis. During the Reporting Period, the Liquidators have paid £1,468 (excl. VAT) to gunnercooke for services rendered in relation to the Client Estate.

7. Future Strategy

7.1 Future Conduct of the Liquidation

The Liquidators will continue to manage the affairs and the business of the Company. This will include but is not limited to:

- Finalising the recovery of Loans and BLN Costs and Fees and associated matters;
- Collecting the assets of the Insolvent Estate as detailed in this report;
- Conclusion of the ongoing investigations;
- Continuing to oversee the Client Estate, to include distributing funds to Lenders;
- Paying outstanding costs of the Liquidation; and
- Dealing with other statutory matters and duties of the Insolvent Estate including accounting for VAT and completing corporation tax returns.

7.2 Future Reporting

Creditors will receive annual progress reports within two months of the anniversary date of the Liquidation, until the conclusion of the Liquidation. It is currently uncertain when the Liquidation will be able to conclude, as this is dependent on finalising the recovery of Loans and associated matters.

If you require further information or assistance, please do not hesitate to contact the case team at BLN@kroll.com.



Geoffrey Bouchier
Joint Liquidator

Appendix 1 – Statutory Information

Company Information

Company and Trading Name	Business Loan Network Limited	
Date of Incorporation	10 May 2010	
Registered Number	07248014	
Company Director(s)	Jill Sandford, Peter Brown, Kevin Caley, Quentin Baer	
Shareholders	ThinCats Limited (Formerly ESF Capital Limited) Thomas Francis Moore Stuart Le Cornu Rupert Cottrell Anthony Taylor Peter Brown Kevin Caley	
Trading Address	2-3 Charter Point Way, Ashby-De-La-Zouch, Leicestershire, England, LE65 1NF	
Registered Office	Current: C/O Kroll Advisory Ltd., The Shard 32 London Bridge Street London	Former: 2-3 Charter Point Way, Ashby-De-La-Zouch, Leicestershire, England, LE65 1NF

Liquidation Information

Liquidation Appointment	The Liquidation appointment granted by creditors
Appointor	Creditors
Date of Appointment	25 April 2023
Liquidators	Geoffrey Bouchier and Robert Armstrong
Application of EC Regulations	These proceedings have been defined as the Main Proceedings under Article 3 of the EC Regulations

Appendix 2 – Receipts and Payments Account

Business Loan Network Limited (In Liquidation)

Analysis of the Joint Administrators' Receipts and Payments Account

Statement of Affairs (£)*	For the Reporting Period from 25 April 2024 to 24 April 2025 (£)	For the Cumulative Period from 25 April 2023 to 24 April 2025 (£)
Asset Realisations		
Bank Interest Gross	13,018.29	25,304.12
BLN Buy Back Loans - Debtors	104,594.23	104,594.23
Cash at Bank	0.00	6,631.74
Debtors	928.80	224,262.51
Funds Transferred from ADM Estate	0.00	601,474.64
Legal Claim Recoveries - Intellectual Property	174,816.08	174,816.08
BLN Fees	28,423.16	159,168.21
Third Party Costs - Receipt Client Estate	36,408.03	45,049.70
VAT Interest from HMRC	277.12	296.46
	358,465.71	1,341,597.69
Cost of Realisations		
Bank Charges - Trading Account	(121.00)	(215.00)
Third Party Costs - Due to be Recharged	(36,408.03)	(98,367.04)
Contractor Costs	0.00	(3,187.50)
Accountants Fees	(825.00)	(1,525.00)
Agents/ Valuers Fees	0.00	(5,000.00)
Joint Liquidators' Remuneration	(266,239.00)	(266,239.00)
Legal Disbursements	0.00	(22,000.00)
Legal Fees	(21,295.00)	(78,482.00)
Statutory Advertising	0.00	(109.08)
Storage Costs	(988.69)	(2,192.36)
	(325,876.72)	(477,316.98)
	32,588.99	864,280.71
Represented by		
Floating / Main Current Account		842,300.52
General VAT Control Account		2,563.39
VAT Receivable		19,416.80
		864,280.71

Appendix 3 – Analysis of Expenses Incurred

Business Loan Network Limited (In Liquidation)											
Liquidators' Expenses for the Liquidation											
Notes	Company	Type of Expense	Activity	Fee Basis	Reporting Period		Cumulative Period		Estimated Total Cost in Liquidation	Variance in CVL	Final Administration Expense Variance (Note 14) (£)
					Amount Paid	Amount Incurred	Amount Paid	Amount Incurred			
					(£)	(£)	(£)	(£)	(£)	(£)	
1	Category 1 Expenses										
2	Professional Advisors										
3	gunnercooke LLP	Legal Fees and Disbursements	Legal advice in relation to asset realisations and ad hoc legal advice	Time costs and disbursements	19,855.00	19,855.00	61,182.50	61,182.50	90,000.00	70,145.00	(3,912.78)
4	Addleshaw Goddard LLP	Legal Fees and Disbursements	Legal advice in relation to Loan recoveries. Funds are being reimbursed.	Time costs and disbursements	0.00	0.00	24,800.00	24,800.00	24,800.00	24,800.00	-
5	LB Group Ltd	Accountants	Preparation of corporation tax returns and ad-hoc accountancy advice	Fixed Fee Per Return	825.00	825.00	1,525.00	1,525.00	(825.00)	(825.00)	3,500.00
6	Mathys & Squire Consulting Limited	Valuation Agents	Valuation reports relating to the Company's assets	Fixed Fee Per Report	0.00	0.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	-
7	Excello Law	Legal Fees and Disbursements	Legal advice in relation to asset realisations and ad hoc legal advice	Time costs and disbursements	1,440.00	1,440.00	15,707.00	15,707.00	25,000.00	23,560.00	-
8	Bridgford Advisory	Consultancy services	External consultancy advice in relation to the Company	Time costs and disbursements	0.00	0.00	3,187.50	3,187.50	5,000.00	5,000.00	-
	Other Costs										
9	Courts Advertising	Statutory	Statutory Advertising of the appointment in the London Gazette	As incurred	0.00	0.00	109.08	109.08	0.00	-	-
10	Total Data Management	Statutory	Collection and storage of the Company's books and records	As incurred	988.69	988.69	2,192.36	2,192.36	5,000.00	4,011.31	2,642.15
11	Accurate Mailing	Mailing	Stationary and Postage	As incurred	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
12	Bank Charges	Charges		As incurred	121.00	121.00	215.00	215.00	500.00	379.00	-
	Total Category 1 Expenses				23,229.69	23,229.69	113,918.44	113,918.44	161,300.00	138,070.31	3,229.37
13	Category 2 Expenses										
					-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Total Expenses				23,229.69	23,229.69	113,918.44	113,918.44	161,300.00	138,070.31	3,229.37
Notes to Expenses Schedule											
1	Category 1 Expenses are payments to independent third parties where there is specific expenditure directly referable to the Administration.										
2	The Liquidators' choice of professional advisors is based on their perception of the experience and ability of the respective firms / individuals to perform the work, the complexity and nature of the assignment and the basis of their fee.										
3	Legal advice and disbursements for the provision of legal advice anticipated to be in relation to claims from lenders, specific asset recoveries and the interaction between the Client Estate and the Insolvency Estate.										
4	Legal advice and disbursements in relation to Loan recoveries. These funds are due to be reimbursed in the next reporting period.										
5	The Liquidators have instructed LB Group to perform corporation tax services.										
6	The Liquidators instructed agents to undertake asset valuation reports.										
7	Legal advice and disbursements for the provision of legal advice anticipated to be in relation to claims from lenders, specific asset recoveries and the interaction between the Client Estate and the Insolvency Estate.										
8	Consultancy services in relation to the Company's operations prior to the Administration.										
9	Statutory advertising of the Notice of Appointment in the London Gazette as required under insolvency legislation.										
10	The Liquidators are required to store the Company's books and records for 12 months after the end of the Administration. The Joint Administrators working papers must be stored for 6 years after the end of the Administration.										
11	It is usually more cost effective to employ an external agent to print and mail circulars to creditors and members, as required by statute.										
12	Bank charges incurred in dealing with Insolvency Estate.										
13	Category 2 Expenses are costs that are directly referable to the Joint Administrators, or are a payment to an associate. All Category 2 Expenses need approval before payment from the Administration estate.										
14	The Liquidators have shown the Final Administration Expense Variance in the expenses estimate above. The Liquidators have also produced a revised estimate for anticipated expenses and a corresponding variance for the Liquidation, when compared to actual expenses incurred during the Liquidation.										

Appendix 4 – Analysis of Time Charged

Analysis of the Joint Liquidators' time costs for the Reporting Period

BUSINESS LOAN NETWORK LIMITED

Analysis of the time costs for the period 25/04/2024 to 24/04/2025

Classification of Work Function	Managing Director	Manager	Hours Senior	Analyst/Project Administrators	Total Hours	Time Cost (£)	Average Hourly Rate (£)
CVL-Creditors Vol Liquidation - Post Appt							
Administration and Planning							
Case Review & Case Diary Management	0.40	2.30	10.10	0.40	13.20	5,998.50	454.43
Cashiering & Accounting	0.00	41.10	36.50	46.10	123.70	43,749.00	353.67
Dealings with Directors & Management	0.40	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.40	314.00	785.00
IPS Set-up & Maintenance	0.30	0.80	0.00	0.00	1.10	795.50	723.18
Statement of Affairs	0.00	0.20	0.00	0.00	0.20	79.00	395.00
Statutory Matters (Meetings, Reports & Notices)	1.60	20.70	45.60	5.20	73.10	34,549.50	472.63
Strategy, Planning & Control (Incl. Engagement Financial Control)	0.90	12.20	4.40	10.70	28.20	13,032.00	462.13
Tax Compliance / Planning	2.60	2.30	3.10	2.70	10.70	5,347.00	499.72
					250.60	103,864.50	414.46
Creditors							
Communications with Creditors / Employees	0.00	27.00	10.00	10.90	47.90	22,897.00	478.02
Creditors' Committee	3.50	15.70	9.20	0.00	28.40	17,192.50	605.37
Non-Preferential Creditor Claims Adjudication & Distribution	0.00	1.10	0.00	0.30	1.40	741.50	529.64
Non-Preferential Creditors / Employee Claims Handling	0.00	2.70	0.00	6.10	8.80	2,785.50	316.53
Secured Creditors	0.00	0.60	0.00	0.00	0.60	420.00	700.00
					87.10	44,036.50	505.59
Investigations							
CDDA Reports & Communication	0.00	1.40	0.00	0.00	1.40	980.00	700.00
Financial Review & Investigations (S238/239 etc.)	2.30	4.90	0.00	0.00	7.20	5,145.50	714.65
Forensic Sales Ledger Investigation	0.00	3.20	0.00	0.00	3.20	2,000.00	625.00
					11.80	8,125.50	688.60
Realisation of Assets							
Book Debts	0.00	0.80	0.40	0.00	1.20	720.00	600.00
Goodwill & Intellectual Property Rights	8.80	7.50	0.00	0.00	16.30	12,158.00	745.89
Other Intangible Assets	0.00	6.80	2.50	0.00	9.30	5,272.50	566.94
Other Tangible Assets	0.00	0.30	0.00	0.00	0.30	187.50	625.00
Stock & Work in Progress	0.00	1.20	0.00	0.50	1.70	930.00	547.06
					28.80	19,268.00	669.03
Trading							
Trading - Accounting	0.00	0.30	0.00	0.00	0.30	210.00	700.00
					0.30	210.00	700.00
Total Hours	20.80	153.10	121.80	82.90	378.60		463.56
Total Time Costs (£)	16,328.00	93,520.50	48,760.00	16,896.00		175,504.50	

Analysis of the Joint Liquidators' time costs for the Cumulative Period

BUSINESS LOAN NETWORK LIMITED
Analysis of the time costs for the period 25/04/2023 to 24/04/2025

Classification of Work Function	Managing Director	Manager	Hours Senior	Analyst/Project Administrators	Total Hours	Time Cost (£)	Average Hourly Rate (£)
CVL-Creditors Vol Liquidation - Post Appt							
Administration and Planning							
Case Review & Case Diary Management	1.00	7.10	12.50	15.25	35.85	15,585.50	434.74
Cashiering & Accounting	0.00	99.40	44.30	167.90	311.60	113,193.00	363.26
Dealings with Directors & Management	0.40	0.00	0.00	0.90	1.30	602.00	463.08
IPS Set-up & Maintenance	0.30	0.90	0.00	1.10	2.30	1,207.50	525.00
Statement of Affairs	0.00	0.20	0.00	0.40	0.60	151.00	251.67
Statutory Matters (Meetings, Reports & Notices)	1.60	27.70	46.30	24.10	99.70	43,908.00	440.40
Strategy, Planning & Control (Incl. Engagement Financial Control)	0.90	59.80	6.90	55.55	123.15	58,029.50	471.21
Tax Compliance / Planning	2.60	3.40	4.50	9.90	20.40	8,714.00	427.16
					594.90	241,390.50	405.77
Creditors							
Communications with Creditors / Employees	0.00	33.90	10.50	17.05	61.45	29,160.50	474.54
Creditors' Committee	13.50	71.50	9.20	35.10	129.30	72,683.50	562.13
Non-Preferential Creditor Claims Adjudication & Distribution	0.00	1.70	0.00	0.30	2.00	1,161.50	580.75
Non-Preferential Creditors / Employee Claims Handling	0.00	5.60	0.00	6.10	11.70	4,763.00	407.09
Secured Creditors	0.00	0.60	0.00	0.00	0.60	420.00	700.00
					205.05	108,188.50	527.62
Investigations							
CDDA Reports & Communication	0.00	4.40	0.00	0.00	4.40	3,080.00	700.00
Financial Review & Investigations (S238/239 etc.)	7.40	31.10	0.00	0.00	38.50	26,244.00	681.66
Forensic Sales Ledger Investigation	0.00	37.30	0.00	0.00	37.30	23,312.50	625.00
					80.20	52,636.50	656.32
Realisation of Assets							
Book Debts	0.00	0.80	0.40	0.60	1.80	928.00	515.56
Goodwill & Intellectual Property Rights	25.40	7.50	0.00	0.00	32.90	25,189.00	765.62
Other Intangible Assets	0.30	16.80	2.50	3.40	23.00	12,956.00	563.30
Other Tangible Assets	0.00	0.30	0.00	0.00	0.30	187.50	625.00
Pre-Appointment Tax Reclaims	0.00	0.10	0.00	0.00	0.10	70.00	700.00
Sale of Business	0.00	2.00	0.00	0.00	2.00	1,250.00	625.00
Stock & Work in Progress	0.00	1.20	0.00	0.50	1.70	930.00	547.06
					61.80	41,510.50	671.69
Trading							
Trading - Accounting	0.00	0.50	0.00	0.00	0.50	335.00	670.00
					0.50	335.00	670.00
Total Hours	53.40	413.80	137.10	338.15	942.45		471.18
Total Time Costs (£)	41,919.00	256,068.00	54,880.00	91,194.00		444,061.00	

Analysis of the Joint Liquidators' time costs for the Reporting Period in relation to the Client Estate

BUSINESS LOAN NETWORK LIMITED

Analysis of the time costs for the period 25/04/2024 to 24/04/2025

Classification of Work Function	Managing Director	Manager	Hours Senior	Analyst/Project Administrators	Total Hours	Time Cost (£)	Average Hourly Rate (£)
Client Assets							
Trading							
AML / KYC Review	0.00	1.40	0.00	0.00	1.40	897.50	641.07
CASS - Review & Future Operations	4.90	52.90	0.60	1.50	59.90	39,094.00	652.65
Compelling Claims over CASS Monies	0.20	0.50	0.00	0.00	0.70	490.00	700.00
Dealing with Unclaimed CASS Monies / Distributing Client Monies	0.60	0.00	10.80	0.00	11.40	4,791.00	420.26
Future Court Application / Directions (Re Fees & Other)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.30	0.30	54.00	180.00
Issuing Syndicate Updates / Comms. (Monitoring)	0.00	3.50	5.90	3.60	13.00	5,383.00	414.08
Lender Servicing - Variable Costs	0.40	268.20	12.60	2.10	283.30	173,357.00	611.92
Loan Book Servicing - Oversight & Monitoring	61.00	254.00	40.20	5.30	360.50	230,899.00	640.50
Retail Lender - Inbound Queries (Phone, Email & Post)	0.00	0.40	11.50	0.00	11.90	4,850.00	407.56
Retail Lender - Outbound Queries (Website Updates, FAQs)	0.00	6.50	10.70	0.00	17.20	8,830.00	513.37
Updating and Reporting to FCA	3.10	12.80	0.70	0.00	16.60	11,418.50	687.86
					776.20	480,064.00	618.48
Client Money Pool							
Trading							
Distribution / Payments	0.00	0.20	7.00	1.20	8.40	3,156.00	375.71
KYC / AML	0.00	0.00	0.80	0.00	0.80	320.00	400.00
					9.20	3,476.00	377.83
Total Hours	70.20	600.40	100.80	14.00	785.40		615.66
Total Time Costs (£)	55,047.50	385,547.50	40,320.00	2,625.00		483,540.00	

Analysis of the time costs for the Cumulative Period (including the Administration) in relation to the Client Estate

BUSINESS LOAN NETWORK LIMITED

Analysis of the time costs for the period 15/04/2021 to 24/04/2025

Classification of Work Function	Managing Director	Manager	Hours Senior	Analyst/Project Administrators	Total Hours	Time Cost (£)	Average Hourly Rate (£)
Client Assets							
Trading							
AML / KYC Review	5.50	99.00	0.00	1.70	106.20	51,649.00	486.34
CASS - Review & Future Operations	14.90	433.50	0.60	5.80	454.80	254,301.00	559.15
Compelling Claims over CASS Monies	1.40	153.80	1.50	22.60	179.30	90,559.00	505.07
Compelling Claims over CASS Monies - Court Directions	0.00	11.20	0.00	0.00	11.20	5,664.50	505.76
Dealing with Unclaimed CASS Monies / Distributing Client Monies	0.60	70.30	11.80	82.70	165.40	60,442.00	365.43
Fixed Costs	0.60	12.90	5.00	0.80	19.30	10,738.50	556.40
Future Court Application / Directions (Re Fees & Other)	0.50	8.30	0.00	1.30	10.10	6,228.50	616.68
Issuing Syndicate Updates / Comms. (Monitoring)	7.10	142.10	5.90	3.80	158.90	99,014.50	623.12
Lender Servicing - Variable Costs	14.40	372.30	14.10	11.30	412.10	244,343.41	592.92
Loan Book Servicing - Oversight & Monitoring	359.10	1,396.95	62.80	149.90	1,968.75	1,204,568.00	611.84
Retail Lender - Inbound Queries (Phone, Email & Post)	5.90	40.70	59.00	82.80	188.40	65,908.00	349.83
Retail Lender - Outbound Queries (Website Updates, FAQs)	3.90	47.20	10.70	7.20	69.00	37,779.50	547.53
Updating and Reporting to FCA	14.70	71.10	0.70	7.20	93.70	56,625.00	604.32
					3,837.15	2,187,820.91	570.17
Client Money Pool							
Trading							
Compelling Claims re CMP	6.70	41.90	0.00	0.40	49.00	24,963.50	509.46
Distribution / Payments	3.10	31.20	33.60	88.00	155.90	52,614.50	337.49
KYC / AML	0.40	8.30	1.40	4.10	14.20	5,785.50	407.43
Reconciliation	0.70	34.20	0.00	1.00	35.90	18,274.00	509.03
					255.00	101,637.50	398.58
Total Hours	439.50	2,974.95	207.10	470.60	4,092.15		559.48
Total Time Costs (£)	332,213.00	1,766,495.91	80,912.50	109,837.00		2,289,458.41	

Appendix 5 – Narrative of Work Carried Out for the Reporting Period

The key areas of work in relation to the Insolvency Estate have been:

Introduction

This summary should be read in conjunction with the content of this report, together with Appendix 5.

The Liquidators proposed that the Insolvency Estate fee estimate included in the former Administrators' Proposals report totaling £1,532,880 would be carried over to the Liquidation, with the balance of the original fee estimate of £619,688 being apportioned to the Liquidation. The Liquidation Committee approved the continuation of this fee estimate on 30 May 2023.

The Liquidators' time costs incurred in the Reporting Period total £175,505, which represents 379 hours at an average hourly rate of £464. Therefore, the Joint Liquidators' time costs incurred during the Liquidation total £444,061 and, as such, the continued fee estimate of £619,688 has not been exceeded in the Reporting Period for the Liquidation.

The Liquidators provide the following supporting narrative in relation to the time costs incurred in the Reporting Period:

Strategy

Administration and Planning

During the Reporting Period, the Liquidators have incurred £103,865 in respect of Administration and Planning, representing 251 hours at an average charge out rate of £414.

Time costs incurred in relation to Administration and Planning have included, but are not limited to, the following tasks:

- Monitoring and reviewing Liquidation strategy, including completing case reviews every six months;
- Companies House and Court filings;
- Undertaking treasury functions in respect of receipts and payments of the Liquidation;
- Dealing with the interaction and co-ordination between the Client Estate and the Insolvency Estate;
- Completing internal compliance reviews and checklists;
- Preparing updates to the Financial Conduct Authority ("FCA") on the status of the Liquidation;
- Internal discussions and meetings regarding strategy and planning;
- Preparing and issuing the Liquidators' progress report to creditors;
- Preparing and filing HMRC statutory notifications.

The fee estimate for Administration and Planning was exceeded in the Administration and therefore continues to be exceeded during the Liquidation. This is largely due to complexities encountered during the Administration and Liquidation which has resulted in more time being spent dealing with these matters, including statutory reporting.

Further work to be undertaken during the course of the Liquidation will include the following tasks:

- Internal strategic discussions and meetings and completing case reviews at regular intervals;
- General case oversight by senior team members over key issues, including statutory matters;
- Ongoing interaction and co-ordination between the Client Estate and the Insolvency Estate,
- Filing notices with Companies House as required;
- Dealing with tax compliance and corporation tax returns;
- Preparing and issuing the Liquidators' progress report to creditors;
- Dealing with cashing matters including making payments and preparing VAT returns as required;
- Regularly reconciling the Liquidation bank accounts;
- Dealing with queries arising during the appointment;
- Reviewing matters affecting the outcome of the Liquidation; and
- Complying with internal filing and information recording practices, including documenting strategy decisions.

These time costs, and the expenses of Total Data Management and LB Group as detailed at Appendix 4, do not provide a direct benefit to creditors, but are required by statute, in accordance with insolvency legislation, or are necessary to ensure compliance with best practice and to ensure the case is dealt with efficiently.

Creditors

Time costs incurred in relation to creditors during the Reporting Period total £44,037 representing 87 hours at an average charge out rate of £506.

Time costs incurred in relation to creditors have included, but are not limited to, the following tasks:

- Updating the non-preferential unsecured creditor and Lender details on our internal systems;
- Considering and dealing with Lenders as creditors/contingent creditors;
- Preparing and sending communications to creditors/contingent creditors;
- Corresponding with the Liquidation Committee, including formal written updates periodically; and
- Issuing statutory communications to the general body of creditors and Lenders notifying them of the Liquidation.

The time costs incurred to date in this regard do not exceed the fee estimate in the Liquidation and it is currently not anticipated that this will be exceeded.

Further work to be undertaken during the course of the Liquidation is likely to include the following:

- Continuing to deal with creditor claims and queries from creditors and Lenders (up to c.1700 creditors/contingent creditors);
- Continue to deal with Lenders as creditors/contingent creditors;
- Provide regular updates and reports to the Liquidation Committee;
- Convene and hold Liquidation Committee meetings;
- Providing updates to creditors and Lenders, as necessary; and

- Adjudicating and agreeing creditor claims if there are sufficient funds to enable a dividend to be paid to creditors.

Time costs in this category do not have a direct benefit for creditors except where they relate to dealing with distributions, however these time costs are necessary to keep creditors informed about the Liquidation and deal with their queries.

Investigations

Time costs incurred in relation to investigations of £8,126 have been incurred during the Reporting Period, representing 12 hours at an average hourly rate of £689.

Time costs incurred in relation to Investigations have included, but are not limited to, the following tasks:

- Identified and reviewed available information regarding the transfer of certain trademarks;
- Prepared correspondence to directors and legal advisors requesting information on the transfer of certain trademarks; and
- Liaised with the directors in relation to understanding the nature of certain transactions identified during the course of their investigations.

Time costs incurred in relation to investigations has exceeded the continued fee estimate during the Liquidation, principally due to further time being incurred investigating certain matters.

Further work to be undertaken during the course of the Liquidation is likely to be limited.

Time costs in this category do not have a direct financial benefit for creditors unless net recoveries are achieved.

Realisation of Assets

Time costs incurred in relation to the realisation of assets total £19,268 during the Reporting Period, representing 29 hours at an average charge out rate of £669.

Time costs incurred in relation to realisation of assets have included, but not limited to, the following tasks:

- Time dealing with recovering BLN's Fees and Costs;
- Collating information from the Company's records regarding assets;
- Negotiating with ThinCats (formerly ESF) in regard to the settlement agreement for the Company's intellectual property; and
- Conducting a review of the Company's financial records to understand the nature of the debtor ledger, which predominantly relates to BLN Fees and Costs; and recovery of the same.

The continued fee estimate has not been exceeded in respect of the realisation of assets during the Liquidation and it is not anticipated that this will be exceeded.

Future work to be undertaken during the course of the Liquidation is likely to include:

- Monitor collection of the Company's debtor ledger; and
- Monitor and recover BLN Fees and Costs due to the Company from the managed wind-down of the loan book and ensure that this is recovered for the benefit of the Liquidation estate.

The work to be conducted in this regard, and the expenses of gunnercooke, Addleshaw Goddard LLP, Excello Law and Mathys & Squire Consulting Limited as detailed at Appendix 4, will be of direct benefit to the creditors of the Company as it will result in improved asset recoveries to the Liquidation estate which may result in a distribution to creditors.

The key areas of work in relation to the Client Estate for the Cumulative Period (including Administration) have been:

SIP 9 Narrative for the Reporting Period in relation to the Client Estate	
Client Money Pool	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review and consider lender entitlement at appointment of Lenders' investment in DLP and TLC loans Review of Company records to identify Lenders impacted by competing claims over proceeds of security Review and consider AML / KYC compliance and consider further documentary requirements for Lenders with Client Money Pool balances Facilitate communication with lenders requesting the provision of further documents in accordance with AML regulations The raising, processing and payment of Lender Withdrawals from the Client Money Pool
Retail Lender – Inbound Queries (Phone and Email)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monitoring the Kroll inbox and responding to any incoming queries from Lenders Taking telephone calls from Lenders and arranging calls with any Lenders seeking further information, including the strategy regarding the wind-down of the loan book Engaging with ThinCats (Formerly ESF) to understand the nature of the enquiries being received from Lenders and how these are being responded to with a view to ensuring consistency in responses Correspondence with Lenders on more contentious loans
Retail Lender – Outbound Queries (Website Updates)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preparing notices to Lenders Ensuring that the Company's website is kept up to date and provides Lenders with copies of documents relevant to the Liquidation, including the general lender updates
AML / KYC Review	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Liaise with ThinCats (Formerly ESF) staff to ensure compliance with legislation and CASS rules prior to distributing any lender funds
CASS – Review and Future Operations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review existing procedures for dealing with client funds Maintaining controls and procedures surrounding daily account reconciliations Liaise with RBSI and Barclays regarding the continued operation of client monies accounts Review of daily reconciliations Instructions to banks regarding transfer of monies Review of weekly and cumulative reconciliations Lender distribution matters
Issuing Syndicate/Lender Updates/Communications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review and approve lender updates and communications to Lenders

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Checking consistency with previous updates • Ensuring level of detail is provided
Lender Servicing – Variable Costs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Variety of tasks associated with lender queries and servicing • Time spent dealing with the migration of data and ensuring a smooth transition in relation to the change of lender servicer • The raising, processing and payment of lender Withdrawals from the Client Assets • Dealing with Lender tax statements
Loan Book Servicing – Oversight and Monitoring	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continued review of all Loans, estimated to realise value, timescales for realisations, potential enforcement options • Routine discussions with ThinCats (formerly ESF) and Liquidators' staff re strategy and background • Detailed monthly provision reviews – ERV and recovery dates • Proactive monitoring of PG action – including a review of assets and liabilities statements alongside income and expenditure accounts to ensure no further assets or recovery action is available • Reviewing Loans which have been extended to ensure appropriate interest has been applied • Working alongside ThinCats (Formerly ESF) staff to ensure any loan extensions are in Lenders best interests • Reviewing of information packs for detail to ensure loan security and loan priority status are correctly reported • Working alongside ThinCats (Formerly ESF) and legal professionals to reconcile any uncertainties within the Loans • Review of previous Lender Updates for historic detail • Loan collection activity, including meetings and communications with solicitors engaged • Liaising with respective officeholders of Borrowers where formal appointments have been made • Maintenance of records
Updating and Reporting to the FCA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Telephone calls and emails with the FCA
Competing Claims over CASS Monies and Dealing with Unclaimed CASS Monies/Distributing Client Monies and Future Court Application / Directions (Re Fees and Other)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of financial and non-financial information regarding loan proceeds where there is legal uncertainty as to the priority of distribution between loan syndicates • Conduct detailed analysis of financial and non-financial information • Preparation and instruction of gunnercooke to conduct legal review • Telephone calls and emails concerning same

Appendix 6 – Statement of Creditors' Rights

Rule numbers refer to *Insolvency (England & Wales) Rules 2016* (as amended)

Section or paragraph numbers refer to *Insolvency Act 1986*

If you require a copy of any relevant rule or section, please contact Harry Wilding at BLN@kroll.com.

Notice is given that it appears to the Liquidators that the Company's affairs are fully wound up.

Information for creditors on remuneration and expenses of liquidators

Information regarding the fees and expenses of Liquidators, including details of Kroll's expense policy and hourly charge out rates for each grade of staff that may undertake work on this case, can be viewed and downloaded from the Kroll website at:

<https://www.kroll.com/en-gb/services/restructuring-advisory/creditor-guides-and-employee-fact-sheets>

Click on the document - Creditor Guides (amended for changes introduced by the *Insolvency (England & Wales) Rules 2016* from 6 April 2017) – Liquidations.

Should you require a copy (at no cost), please contact this office.

Creditors have the right to request information from the Liquidator under rule 18.9

A secured creditor, an unsecured creditor with the concurrence of at least 5% in value of the unsecured creditors (including the creditor in question) or any unsecured creditor with the permission of the court may make a written request to the Liquidator for further information concerning remuneration or expenses. Such a request must be made within 21 days of receipt of this final account and a response will be provided within 14 days of receipt of the request.

Creditors have recourse to court, application to be made within 21 days of the Liquidator giving reasons for not providing all the information requested or the expiry of the 14 days within which a Liquidator must respond to a request.

Creditors have the right to challenge the Liquidator's remuneration and expenses under rule 18.34

A secured creditor, an unsecured creditor with the concurrence of at least 10% in value of the unsecured creditors (including that creditor) or any unsecured creditor with the permission of the court, may make an application to court on the grounds that the remuneration charged or expenses incurred are excessive and/or that the basis fixed for the Liquidator's remuneration is inappropriate. The application to court must be made no later than eight weeks after receipt of the report or account which first reports the charging of the remuneration or the incurring of expenses in question.

Creditors may object to the Liquidator's release (rule 7.71(2)(d) and (e))

Where the Liquidator has his release, he is discharged from all liability both in respect of acts or omissions of his in the winding up and otherwise in relation to his conduct as Liquidator.

Objection to the Liquidator's release must be given in writing to the Liquidator before the end of the later of eight weeks after receipt of this final account or any final determination concerning the challenge of the Liquidator's remuneration and expenses and request for information as detailed above.

Vacation of office as Liquidator (section 172 Insolvency Act 1986)

The Liquidator will vacate office on delivering to the Court and Registrar of Companies the final account and notice saying whether any creditor has objected to his release

The Liquidator will be released at the same time as vacating office unless any of the Company's creditors objected to the Liquidator's release (section 174 Insolvency Act 1986)

Therefore, if there are no objections to the Liquidator's release or requests for further information, the Liquidator will vacate office and be released no less than 8 weeks from the date of this final report.

The Secretary of State will determine the Liquidators' release (on the Liquidators' application) where creditors have objected to such release.

Appendix 7 – Definitions

Word or Phrase	Definition
the Act	The Insolvency Act 1986 (as amended)
the Administration Appointment Date	15 April 2021 being the date of appointment of the Administrators
the Appointment Date	25 April 2023 being the date of appointment of the Liquidators
Barclays	Barclays Bank plc, 15 Colmore Road, Birmingham, B3 2BH, with whom the Company banked
BLN Fees and Costs	Amounts payable to the Company derived from its entitlement from Loan Recoveries to the extent that Lenders have agreed to the deduction by the Company from any part of those proceeds.
BEIS	Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy
Borrowers	Those entities which borrowed monies from Lenders facilitated by the Company.
Category 1 Expenses	The Liquidators' expenses, in dealing with the Liquidation, to persons providing the service to which the expense relates and who are not an associate of the Liquidator. These expenses can be paid without prior approval
Category 2 Expenses	The Liquidators' expenses, in dealing with the Liquidation, to associates or where there is an element of shared costs. Such expenses require approval by creditors before payment
CASS	FCA's Client Assets Sourcebook
Client Money	Monies held in Lenders' accounts with the Company upon the appointment of the Administrators
Client Assets	Loan Recoveries received after the Liquidators' appointment which include amounts to which Lenders are entitled
25% Retention	Being 25% of Client Assets
Client Estate	Matters and assets that relate to the proprietary rights of Lenders, being Client Money and Client Assets, and the associated costs and expenses, and specifically excluding the Insolvency Estate.
the Company	Business Loan Network Limited (In Liquidation) (Company Number: 07248014)

Word or Phrase	Definition
Company Assets	Assets which belong to the Company or to which its entitled, to include BLN Fees and Costs
the Directors	Jill Sandford, Peter Brown, Kevin Caley and Quentin Baer, the directors of the Company
EC Regulation	EC Regulation on Insolvency Proceedings 2000
ThinCats (Formerly ESF)	ThinCats Limited (Formerly ESF Capital Limited), 2nd Floor Newlands House, 40 Berners Street, London, United Kingdom, W1T 3NA, the Company's parent company
The FCA	Financial Conduct Authority, 12 Endeavour Square, London, E20 1JN
FOS	Financial Ombudsman Service, being a service that settles complaints between consumers and businesses that provide financial services
gunnercooke	gunnercooke LLP, 1 Cornhill, London, EC3V 3ND, a limited liability partnership (registered number OC355375)
HMRC	HM Revenue and Customs
Insolvency Estate	Matters in relation to the Liquidation of the Company, to include Company Assets and the associated costs and expenses, and specifically excluding Client Estate.
the former Administrators / the Liquidators	Geoffrey Bouchier and Robert Armstrong of Kroll Advisory Ltd., The Shard, 32 London Bridge Street, London, SE1 9SG
Lenders	Includes both Retail Investors and Institutional Investors
Loans	Loans made to Borrowers facilitated by the Company.
Loan Recoveries	Proceeds of loans collected or recovered from Borrowers.
Loan Book Servicing	The tasks which are inherent in working out the Loans (borrower redemptions, analysis and assessing options on default, negotiations or legal recovery action) and distributing Client Assets to the relevant Lenders.
P2P	Peer-to-Peer

Word or Phrase	Definition
Preferential Creditor/s	A creditor with a claim that ranks in priority to other unsecured creditors, to floating charge holders and the prescribed part. Preferential debts are either 'ordinary', such as certain employee claims, or 'secondary', such as HMRC's claims for VAT and PAYE income tax, which will rank for payment after the ordinary preferential claims are paid in full.
the Prescribed Part	Pursuant to Section 176A of the Act where a floating charge is created after 15 September 2003 a designated amount of the Company's net property (floating charge assets less costs of realisation) shall be made available to unsecured creditors
the Previous Reports	The Administrators' Proposals dated 8 June 2021, and the Administrators' Progress Reports dated 11 November 2021, 13 May 2022, 11 November 2022 and 13 April 2023. The Liquidators' Progress Reports dated 24 June 2024.
the Proposals	The Administrators' Report to Creditors and Statement of Proposals issued on 8 June 2021
RBSI	Royal Bank of Scotland International, 280 Bishopsgate, London, EC2M 4RB, with whom the Company banked.
the Reporting Period	The period from 25 April 2024 to 24 April 2025
Retail Investors	Being individuals who predominately make the decisions to invest into Loans on their own behalf.
the Report	Report of Proposed Administrators dated 9 April 2021, which was submitted to Court with the proposed application to place the Company into Administration and which has been made available to Lenders on the Company's website.
the Rules	The Insolvency (England & Wales) Rules 2016 (as amended)
the Secured Creditor	The holder of a fixed and floating charge over the Company's assets. The Company has no secured creditors.
SIP 9	Statement of Insolvency Practice 9 – Industry best practice for Insolvency Practitioners in relation to disclosure of remuneration and expenses
SOA	Statement of Affairs, documentation to be supplied by the Director outlining the Company's financial position as at the Administration Appointment Date
Sponsors or Introducers	Being those who introduced Loans to the P2P platform

Word or Phrase	Definition
TAL	ThinCats Australia Group Holding Pty Limited, a company incorporated in Australia of which the Company owns 25.48%
Terms & Conditions	Being the Terms & Conditions published on the Company's website and available to Lenders.
TLSL	ThinCats Loan Syndicates Limited, acting as agents of the Lenders and perform roles described as "Lender Agent", Facility Agent" and "Security Trustee"
TPL	ThinCats Participations Limited, acting as agents of the Lenders and perform roles described as "Lender Agent", Facility Agent" and "Security Trustee"

Appendix 8 – Notice About This Report

This report has been prepared by Geoffrey Bouchier and Robert Armstrong, the Liquidators of the Company, solely to comply with their statutory duty to report to creditors under the Insolvency (England and Wales) Rules 2016 on the progress of the Liquidation, and for no other purpose. It is not suitable to be relied upon by any other person, or for any other purposes, or in any other context.

This report has not been prepared in contemplation of it being used, and is not suitable to be used, to inform any investment decision in relation to the debt of any financial interest in the Company or any other company in the same group.

Any estimated outcomes for creditors included in this report are illustrative only and cannot be relied upon as guidance as to the actual outcomes for creditors.

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Geoffrey Bouchier and Robert Armstrong are authorised to act as insolvency practitioners by the Insolvency Practitioners Association.

The Liquidators are bound by the Insolvency Code of Ethics.

The Liquidators act as agents for the Company and contract without personal liability. The appointments of the Liquidators are personal to them and, to the fullest extent permitted by law, Kroll Advisory Ltd does not assume any responsibility and will not accept any liability to any person in respect of this Progress Report or the conduct of the Liquidation.