# CONFIRMATION SCHNEIDER "Legal Fees" (£10,553 pcm) are NOT A DUE DEBT and were an attempt at goodwill only.

# George Eaton-Busfield <george@g-cv.com>

Tue 21/11/2017 15:39

**To:** Albie Turner <ast@pjmarksandco.com>; 'Stephen Potter (sp@pjmarksandco.com)' <sp@pjmarksandco.com> **Cc:** George Eaton-Busfield <george@g-cv.com>; Aubrey Hayward <aubrey@quaestusfinancial.com>; Adam Linton <adam.linton@aragonfinancial.co.uk>; Adam Voce <adam@g-cv.com>

Albie, Steve,

This is the affirmation that this was not a due debt as always stated and affirmed by James Wilkes. Merely agreed by RAN to try and demonstrate goodwill and bring an end to the fights from last year. Clearly unsuccessfully. And as you know there is a huge amount of evidence to substantiate Schneider Wrongdoings now. Hence as discussed – both you ad James advised not due so I understand no further payments will be made unless Aubrey or Adam Linton direct you otherwise in response to this email. Main point being that no debt to RAN now confirmed in this regard. (For yourselves or Richard Rones (Proposed Insolvency Practioner) as may be become relevant.

I have just had an hour chat with Richard as to the process and will update / discuss with others / Aubrey and Adam etc as soon as time allows. BUT ultimately he advised that a voluntary liquidation with unanimous shareholder and director support he can have the papers with you / all within 24 hours once you / RAND decide green light on the basis that there is no realistic future prosperity for the business of RAN going forward and that all debts paid. (Hence the below being of potential relevance).

Please include the invoices in your VAT claims. Aubrey is getting the legal fees paid asap.

Think that covers this point for now. And I will try and chase Michael Edwards and David Bailey on your earlier emails regarding invoices and statements you have requested.

Kind Regards George

Ps. CAN ALL SHAREHOLDERS AND DIRECTORS TAKE THIS AS A "HEADS UP" THAT RAN MAY BE WOUND UP IN THE NEAR FUTURE 2-7 days. AND IF SO YOUR AGREEMENT / APPROVAL WILL BE SOUGHT (as I understand from conversations / learnings today).

Please ensure you have IDs and proof of address etc to hand (May be needed).

Aubrey / Adam L / Albie will direct further in due course or amend points I have raised herein as they see fit.

From: George Eaton-Busfield
Sent: 21 November 2017 15:24
To: James Wilkes <jwilkes@setfords.co.uk>; Adam Voce <adam@g-cv.com>
Cc: Aubrey Hayward <aubrey@quaestusfinancial.com>; George Eaton-Busfield <george@g-cv.com>
Subject: RE: James Wilkes Balance - To Settle AND SCHNEIDER NON ADVISORY OF OUTSTANDING BALANCE

Hi James,

- 1. Can you clarify why they may not be replying (potentially to try and establish a 'creditor position' if the company is shortly wound up / put into administration?
- 2. Also please can you advise if / how RAN could go about recovering the funds paid given that thy were

not lawfully due and / or that they were due on the basis of goodwill to avoid further conflict / dispute yet clearly (evidence available) this has not been honoured. Is there a way?

3. Relatedly, can you please advise how RAN limited can assign / retain all rights to litigate post winding up.

Appreciated. Thanks. Your Invoice has been passed for payment I understand.

Thanks G

From: James Wilkes [mailto:jwilkes@setfords.co.uk]
Sent: 21 November 2017 08:55
To: George Eaton-Busfield <george@g-cv.com
; Adam Voce <a dam@g-cv.com
Cc: Aubrey Hayward <a ubrey@quaestusfinancial.com
Subject: RE: James Wilkes Balance - To Settle AND SCHNEIDER NON ADVISORY OF OUTSTANDING BALANCE</pre>

Good morning,

Thank you for the emails and the prompt response.

The attached email has a summary on this matter and the copy invoices to accompany, if as you say this can be settled asap that would be very much appreciated.

Regarding the other items -

You are correct that the payments to SHL are not a legal obligation and were effectively an 'ex-gratia' or goodwill peacekeeping payment.

I would need to go back and look at the correspondence to see if SHL provided the VAT invoices to allow RAN to recover – Adam and I did speak about this quite a while ago and my recollection was that they had. I am happy to follow up with Leanne Moore by phone today/ tomorrow if this is not the case.

Best,

James

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From: George Eaton-Busfield [mailto:george@g-cv.com]
Sent: 20 November 2017 21:01
To: James Wilkes; Adam Voce
Cc: Albie Turner; 'Stephen Potter (sp@pjmarksandco.com)'; Aubrey Hayward; Jason, The JET Group; Michael Edwards; Adam Linton; George Eaton-Busfield
Subject: James Wilkes Balance - To Settle AND SCHNEIDER NON ADVISORY OF OUTSTANDING BALANCE Importance: High

# Albie / Steve,

FYI – to make sure "offlist" for your current accounting etc.

#### Hi James,

I was unaware there was anything left on your account as I think were the others at the company. But not to worry, I herein ask Aubrey to kindly raise this for payment now.

(Jason / Aubrey / Adam V – please could you raise this and approve this payment to James so that his / Set fords account is settled in full asap – thanks)

(It is being settled on behalf of RAN but I think JET can make the payment on RAN's behalf if simpler).

James / all – this is important given the potential winding up of RAN potentially being imminent I understand – so my advise / suggestion is that it is settled asap.

James please can you send the relevant INVOICES (ASAP) to cover all the below and recent payments please so they can be included in the RAN limited VAT claim as there are significant funds due back in to RAN limited in this regard I understand.

James – aside – as per previous discussions - I / we would also (noting the above) appreciate your advice / insight on some other matters that are related but I will pick this up with you separately and will need to discuss / think through which may be your client(s) going forward etc.

(And will set up to be paid by such client going forward etc – so that no more fees are due to RAN given the points raised above).

#### **ONE POINT re: SCHNEIDER PAYMENTS - IMPORTANT**

- 1. I will forward more detail in due course BUT summary of it is Adam and I have resigned from RAN (myself for health reasons / Adam for other) and Aubrey Hayward is leading ship as RAN likely to be voluntarily wound up in next week or so potentially. (My understanding of the potential situation at least but subject to change / assumptive etc).
- 2. In any event, I suggested to Aubrey that it is worth while double validating / checking the situation with regards to the voluntary "goodwill" payments that RAN has historically been making to SHL for fees it

incurred last year in 'demanding / negotiating' its buyout from RAN Limited.

- 3. There are three key points to be aware of and that RAN limited would appreciate your advice on (To Aubrey and to Albie Turner the companies accountant). These are:
  - a. Please reconfirm your previous advice that in law these payments were not due to Schneider or SHL whatsoever, and that RAN only agreed to make them in order to try appeal to good will and to try and avoid further conflict with Schneider / SHL so people could get on with there lives. THerfore it does NOT represent a creditor to the business in your legal opinion. <u>PLEASE</u>
     <u>CONFIRM THERFORE NO CREDITOR EXISTS</u>. (Sadly you are aware that this is now evidently been unsuccessful as Schneider has continued to act unlawfully and cause and direct further harm and damage to the company).
  - b. Despite the above and despite Aubrey Hayward's repeated requests to Leanne Moore below (*Blue italics*). Leanne nor Sonny Schneider have replied to confirm the / any outstanding balance as they feel is due. WHY? WHY WOULD THEY NOT CONFIRM FUNDS DUE? (my own opinion is that they are doing purposefully in order to enable them to take action in due course, OR to add to a new or further **Vexatious litigation** that I fear MR Schneider may be drumming up given evidence of his (and others) further misfeasances have come to light. (All such evidence available and extensive will address is separate correspondence).

Do you have a view on why Leanne Moore / Sonny Schneider are not responding despite repeated requests to identify the monthly number they assumedly would like paying? Please could you contact them directly and ask them on RAN's behalf (simply by following up on Aubrey email today).

c. Lastly, given that my / our attempts to avoid further conflict / dispute with Schneider and his accomplices last year has clearly failed – is there any case by which RAN limited and / or a shareholder action group and / or a newco can seek to recover these funds (as you previously advised were not due.

Look forward to your confirmation, thoughts and advice / direction on the above for RAN Limited. I will aim to follow with further details on SHL payments and also with substantive email requesting thoughts / advice potential solutions as to the "New Legal Worlds 2018" for RAN / JET and related officers and enties into 2018 (As time allows) – there are a number of matters that I would advise the directors and shareholders to consider in the best interests of themselves AND the companies / shareholders ... oh and integrity.

Sincere thanks George

From: Aubrey Hayward [mailto:aubrey.hayward@ransquawk.com]
Fent: 20 November 2017 11:49
To: leanne.moore@schneidertrading.com
Cc: James Wilkes <jwilkes@setfords.co.uk>; sonny.schneider@schneidertrading.com
Subject: Fwd: RAN payments to SHL
Dear Leanne
Just to confirm that I'm still trying to get hold of you with regards to answering the below, from emails 14th and 15th
November. We as a company were/are making monthly payments in goodwill in regard to Mr Schneiders share sale in
September 2016. I'm picking this up now from Mr Voce and wanted to know if there's any outstanding balance and/or
therefore monthly payments expected and if so what outstanding balance there is?
I look forward to hearing back from you in due course

Regards Aubrey Hayward ----- Forwarded message ------From: Aubrey Hayward < aubrey.hayward@ransquawk.com> Date: 15 November 2017 at 21:39 Subject: Re: RAN payments to SHL To: leanne.moore@schneidertrading.com Cc: Adam Voce <<u>adam@g-cv.com</u>> Hi Leanne I just want to check for good orders sake that you have in fact received this email? Please advise. Regards Aubrey Hayward On Tue, 14 Nov 2017 at 14:51, Aubrey Hayward <aubrey.hayward@ransquawk.com> wrote: Dear Leanne I understand Adam Voce was handling / ensuring payments were being made to reimburse SHL / Schneider for Legal fees that were incurred in relation to Mr Schneider's share sale last September 2016. Please can you confirm by return if any outstanding balance remains and if so what the balance is or if any monthly payments are still due. Much Appreciated Aubrey Hayward

From: James Wilkes [mailto:jwilkes@setfords.co.uk] Sent: 20 November 2017 19:52 To: Adam Voce <adam@g-cv.com>; George Eaton-Busfield <george@g-cv.com> Subject: RE: SHL Payment - Please raise ASAP today Good afternoon, I hope all is well. Thank you again for the payment in October, received £7,500 on 18<sup>th</sup> October. There is a residual balance owing of £5,620.56 VAT inclusive -i.e. £4,683.80 net of VAT to clear the account – can you advise when payment can be made. Many thanks, James James Wilkes Director | Setfords Solicitors

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From: Adam Voce [mailto:adam@g-cv.com] Sent: 09 October 2017 00:45 To: James Wilkes; Pierce Dimmick; Albie TurnerCc: George Eaton-Busfield; Adam Voce; Jason, The JET GroupSubject: FW: SHL Payment - Please raise ASAP today

#### Pierce,

Please can you raise this payment from RAN Lloyds... It will not be released until approved or rejected later today but if wanted to release it needs to be on the system.

Mr Linton, Mr Hayward, Please can you approve.

In addition please can you raise a £7500 payment to James Wilkes of Setfords.

Both should be on the system already.

Many Thanks

Adam

James,

Please can you advise to me directly if we still need to make these payments and / what rights to recovery do we have to stop (perhaps after this one) given that the good faithnand aim to avoid conflict has ob NOT been honoured by Schneiedr and there is evidence to support such.

I understand you touched on this with George last week so hopefully if you can indicate options at this point we can then move forward on all these matters Vs Schneider as I understand have also been indicated to you...?

Please share thoughts ... many thanks

G

From: Leanne Moore <<u>leanne.moore@schneidertrading.com</u>>

#### Subject: SHL Payment

Date: 8 September 2017 16:39:44 BST

To: Adam Voce <<u>adam@g-cv.com</u>>

Hi Adam

I hope you are well.

I just thought I would mention that SHL has not yet received the £10,533 for the September payment.

Can you please let me know if this has been sent, and if not, when this will be so I can ask our accounts team to look out for it?

Many thanks and kind regards Leanne

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